

CAUSE NO. CR-

THE STATE OF TEXAS

VS.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT

OF

REFUGIO COUNTY, TEXAS

WAIVER OF ATTORNEY

Comes now the above-named Defendant in the above-styled and numbered cause, in open court, and advises the Court as follows:

I understand and have been advised by the Court as to the nature of the criminal charge against me and the range of punishment for such offense. I have been advised by the Court that:

1. I have a Constitutional right to have counsel represent me in this matter and that I may be given sufficient time to employ counsel to represent me;
2. If I am indigent and cannot employ legal counsel, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent me and I have been advised as to the procedure for requesting court appointed counsel and I have been given a reasonable opportunity to request appointed counsel;
3. There are dangers and disadvantages of representing myself, primarily;
 - a. there are technical rules of evidence and courtroom procedure and I will not be granted any special consideration solely because I choose to represent myself and I will be held to the same courtroom standards as a licensed attorney, and;
 - b. in the event that I am convicted, I will be prohibited from claiming ineffective assistance of counsel on appeal.

I have been advised this date by the Court in the County Court at Law of my right to representation by counsel in the case pending against me. I have been further advised that if I am unable to afford counsel, one will be appointed for me free of charge. Understanding my right to have counsel appointed for me free of charge, if I am not financially able to employ counsel, I wish to waive that right and request the Court to proceed with my case without an attorney being appointed for me. I hereby waive my right to counsel. Also, I know that I am entitled to 10 days before disposition of my case. I give up my right to 10 days notice before disposition and agree that my case be heard today, including the disposition. I also understand if I am in the country illegally, a conviction in this case may result in deportation.

I acknowledge that this waiver is made voluntarily and intelligently.

I am _____ years of age and the highest grade I completed in school was _____.

Signed on _____, 2017

Defendants Signature

Defendants Printed Name