

PLEA FORM

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT

VS

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PRECINCT 1

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HILL COUNTY, TEXAS

You have the right to be represented by an attorney. You have the right to a public trial. You have the right to a jury trial. You have the right to a speedy trial. You have the right to pre-trial discovery, including any evidence that may aid your defense at trial. You have the right to confront the witnesses against you. You have the right to subpoena witnesses to testify on your behalf. You have the right to remain silent and not incriminate yourself.

I am charged with: _____

1. Plea of Guilty / No Contest

Entering a plea of guilty or no contest may result in a conviction appearing on your criminal record or driving record. You should contact an attorney if you have questions or concerns regarding this issue. Additionally, the Transportation Code provides that the Texas Department of Public Safety may suspend Defendant's driver's license following a conviction for certain offenses. ***You can contact an attorney if you have questions or concerns regarding this issue.***

Do not complete this section unless you understand the section and wish to freely and voluntarily enter a guilty or no-contest plea. If you do not understand this form, you should contact an attorney. If you want to enter a plea of not guilty or the special plea of double jeopardy, Skip to number 2.

I, Defendant, in this case, waive my right to a jury trial and the other rights described above. I understand my plea may result in a criminal conviction and that a fine and court costs may be assessed. I further understand that I will be obligated by law to satisfy court's judgment.

☐ Guilty

☐ Nolo Contendere ("No Contest")

2. Plea of Not Guilty: (SKIP THIS SECTION IF YOU ARE PLEADING GUILTY OR NO CONTEST)

Entering a plea of "not guilty" means that you deny guilt and require the State to prove the offense filed against you and does not waive your rights. It does not prevent a plea of "guilty" or "no contest" at a later time.

I, Defendant, in this case, plead not guilty to the above offense and choose to:

☐ Exercise my right to a jury trial.

☐ Waive my right to a jury trial. By waiving this right, I understand that I am electing to have the Court hear the evidence in this case and determine whether I am guilty or not guilty of the charged offense.

I understand that I am required to appear on the date of trial. I acknowledge that my failure to appear as ordered by the Court may result in additional criminal charges and the issuance of a warrant for my arrest, the issuance of an order requiring me to pay the costs of impaneling a jury, or the Department of Public Safety denying the renewal of my Texas driver's license.

Defendant's Signature

Date Signed

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Driver's License / ID Number: _____ State Issued: _____ Date Of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____