

**PLEA OF GUILTY TO A MISDEMEANOR**

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1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old. I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ years of schooling.
2. I am represented by counsel whose name is \_\_\_\_\_,  
and I am completely satisfied with his/her service as my lawyer in this matter.
3. I have received a copy of the warrant, indictment, or summons before being called upon to plead, and have read and discussed it with my attorney, and believe that I understand the charge(s) against me in this case. I am the person named in the indictment, warrant, or summons. I understand the nature of the charge and any possible defense I might have in this case. I have had enough time to discuss the case and all possible defenses with my attorney or have waived my right to an attorney.
4. I understand that the punishment which the law provides is as follows: A maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ months in jail, of which \_\_\_\_\_ is a minimum mandatory sentence, and a fine of up to \$ \_\_\_\_\_; also that probation may or may not be granted; and that if I plead guilty to more than one offense, the Court may order the sentences to be served consecutively, that is, one after another.
5. I understand that I may, if I so choose, plead "NOT GUILTY" to any charge against me, and if I do plead "NOT GUILTY" the Constitution guarantees me (a) the right to a speedy and public trial by jury; (b) the process of the Court to compel the production of evidence and the attendance of witnesses on my behalf; (c) the right to have the assistance of a lawyer at all stages of the proceedings; (d) the right against self-incrimination; (e) the right to confront and cross-examine all witnesses against me; and (f) the right to appeal if convicted.
6. I have discussed with my lawyer whether I should plead guilty or not guilty. After that discussion, I have decided for myself that I should plead guilty. I am entering this plea of guilty freely and voluntarily. I am entering a plea of guilty because I am in fact guilty of the crime charged. I understand that by pleading guilty that I am admitting that I committed the offense as charged. I further understand that upon my plea of guilty, I will be found guilty and that the only issue to be decided by the Court is punishment.
7. The parties recommend the following to the Court:  
  
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8. I understand that notwithstanding any recommendation as to punishment, the Court may or may not follow the recommendation, and may impose any sentence within the limits set forth above in Paragraph 4. In the event that the Court does not accept such recommendation, I have been advised and understand that I have no right to withdraw my plea of guilty.
9. I declare no officer or employee of any government or County or Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, or anyone else, has made any promises to me that I would receive a lighter sentence or probation if I would plead guilty.

10. I understand that by pleading guilty I am giving up or waiving the following rights: (a) the right to a speedy and public trial by jury; (b) the process of the Court to compel the production of any evidence and the attendance of witnesses on my behalf; (c) the right against self-incrimination; (d) the right to confront and cross-examine all witnesses against me; and (e) any grounds I may have to appeal my conviction and resulting sentence.
11. I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States and that if I plead guilty or I am found to be guilty, there may be consequences of deportation, exclusion of admission into the United States, or denial of naturalization according to the laws of the United States.
12. I do freely and voluntarily plead guilty to the offense \_\_\_\_\_, Criminal Case No. \_\_\_\_\_, and waive my right to a trial by jury and request the Court to hear all matters of law and fact.

Signed by me \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL

The undersigned attorney for the above-named defendant, after having made a thorough investigation of the facts relating to this case, do certify that I have explained to the defendant the charges in this case; that the defendant's plea of guilty is freely, voluntarily and understandingly made.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for the Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

The above accords with my understanding of the facts in the case.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

The Court, having made inquiry and being of the opinion that the defendant fully understands the nature and consequences of the plea, of the penalties that may be imposed upon conviction, of the waiver of trial by jury, and having determined that the plea of guilty and waiver of right to trial by jury were given knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily, accepts said plea and waiver and finds the defendant guilty.

Filed and made part of the record this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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JUDGE