

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

vs.

No. CC _____

WAIVER OF COUNSEL

1. Do you understand that you have a right to be represented by legal counsel? Yes No

2. Do you understand that if you cannot afford counsel, the Court will appoint counsel for you?
Yes No

3. You have been charged at the above referenced criminal case with criminal offenses and provided criminal information listing those offenses. Do you understand the nature of those charges? Yes No

4. Do you understand the elements of each of those charges? Yes No

5. Do you understand that if you waive your right to counsel, you will still be bound by all the Rules of Criminal and Court Procedures and that you are, therefore, placing yourself at an immediate disadvantage because a lawyer would be familiar with these Rules and you are probably not familiar with the Rules? Yes No

6. Do you understand that there may be possible defenses to these charges that a lawyer would be aware of and that if these defenses were not raised at trial they may be lost permanently?
Yes No

7. Do you understand that in addition to any possible defenses, you may have many other rights that if not timely asserted may be lost permanently? Yes No

8. Do you understand that if any errors occur throughout the trial that are not timely objected to or otherwise raised by you, as a defendant, said objections cannot later be raised upon appeal?

Yes No

9. Do you understand that you do not have to disclose your immigration or citizenship status to the Court, but if you are not a citizen of the United States, you have the right to receive advice from a lawyer about the specific consequences and risk that your case may have on your immigration status. You are not entitled to an immigration lawyer at public expense. Depending on the facts of your case, a plea of guilty or a conviction at trial can result in your deportation and may have other negative immigration consequences, such as preventing you from gaining citizenship or lawful status to remain in the United States. In some cases, if you are convicted, detention and deportation will be required. This is a complicated area of law and, if applicable, it is strongly advised that you talk with an attorney. Do you wish to consult with an attorney regarding your immigration or citizenship status? Yes No

10. How old are you? _____ What is your date of birth? _____

11. How far did you go in school? _____ Do you read, write and understand the English Language? Yes No

12. Have you had any narcotics or alcohol in the last 48 hours? Yes No

13. Have you ever suffered from any mental or physical illness that would disturb your thinking here today or in any way influence your waiver of the right to counsel? Yes No

14. Do you completely understand these proceedings? Yes No

15. Has anybody forced you to waive your right to counsel? Yes No

16. Are you doing this of your own free will? Yes No

17. Have any threats been made to you to waive your right to counsel? Yes No

18. Has anyone promised you anything in exchange for your waiver of your right to counsel?

Yes No

19. Is your waiver of your right to counsel knowing, intelligent and voluntary? Yes No

I affirm that I have read the above document in its entirety and I understand its full meaning. I further affirm that my signature and initials are true and correct.

Date

Defendant