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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	
vs.	CC NO
	Charge(s):
	OF JURY TRIAL
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AND NOW comes, t	the defendant, and pleads not guilty, and with the
consent of his attorney waives his/her right to a	jury trial and elects to be tried by a judge without a jury.
SIGNATURE DEFENDANT	DATE
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT	DATE
l,, the	attorney for the Commonwealth, hereby waive the
	ct to elect to have a judge try the case without
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR THE COMMONW	ZEALTH DATE
The Court, having ascertained on the record	that the Defendant knowingly and intelligently
waives his/her right to a jury trial, hereby do	es APPROVE DISAPPROVE this waive
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EXPLANATION	OF DEFENDANT'S RIGHTS
<u>NO</u>	N-JURY TRIAL
the Constitution of Pennsylvania, to a trial by ju 2. Do you understand that you w district attorney assigned to prosecute your of	citled, under the Constitution of the United States and ury on these charges? ould participate, along with your attorney and the case, under supervision of this Court, in the selection of of this community, that being Allegheny County?
3. You would have the right to challe	enge members of the jury panel. This means that you
would have the right to keep certain persons	s on the jury panel from being a member of the jury in
your case. You would have as many challenge	s for cause as the Court would approve. A challenge for
cause is some good reason why a member of t	hat jury panel could not sit as a fair and impartial juror in
you case. You would also have (5 if misdeme	anor, 7 if felony) peremptory challenges. A peremptory
challenge is one in which you do not have to	give any reason at all to prevent a member of the jury
panel from being a member of the jury in your	case. Do you understand this?

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4. Do you understand that all twelve members of the jury so selected would have to find
and vote for your guilt before you could be adjudicated guilty, that is, their verdict for your
conviction would have to be unanimous?
5. Do you understand that in a non-jury or bench trial before a judge, the judge would sit as
a trier of fact, just as a jury does, bound by the same rules of evidence and therefore it would be the
judge rather that a jury who would decide whether you are guilty or not guilty from the evidence
presented in court?
6. Do you understand that in a jury trial as in a non-jury trial before a judge, you would enter
the courtroom clothed with the presumption of innocence and that presumption would remain with
you until such time, if ever, that the jury should find you guilty?
7. Have you discussed with your attorney your intention to waive your constitutional right to
a trial by jury and proceed in what we call a non-jury or bench trial before a judge only, who will
decide your guilt or innocence from the evidence presented?
8. Knowing all of this and having discussed your rights with your attorney, it is the Court's un-
derstanding that you voluntarily wish to waive your constitutional right to a jury trial and proceed
to trial before a judge without a jury, is that correct?
9. Do you completely understand these proceedings today?
10. Have you ever had any physical or mental illness that would disturb your thinking in
any way whatsoever here today or affect the voluntariness of your waiver of rights to
a jury trial?
11. Are you completely satisfied with the representation and legal advice of your
attorney?
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12. Has anybody forced you, or attempted to force you, in your decision to waive your
constitu-tional right to a trial by jury?
13. Has anybody promised you anything for waiving your constitutional right to a trial by
jury?
14. Are there any further questions concerning your right to a jury trial, your waiver of
that right, or the charges against you, which you would like to ask of this Court?
Signature
Defendant
As attorney for the defendant, I hereby certify that I have advised my client of his rights and of
the meaning of the questions contained in this form and it is my belief that the defendant understands
these rights and that it is his voluntary decision to proceed non-jury.
Attorney for Defendant