

STATEMENT OF DEFENDANT'S RIGHTS AT ARRAIGNMENT

**I am charged with a criminal offense that carries a possible jail sentence.
I understand I have the following rights:**

1. I have the right to be represented by an attorney of my own choosing at all proceedings. If, after I am screened, it is determined that I cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to me. Even if I do not have an attorney at arraignment I do not waive my right to an attorney at any later proceeding;
2. I am presumed innocent of any charge until the charge is proven beyond a reasonable doubt;
3. I have the right to a speedy trial. If I am held in jail before trial I must be brought to trial within 60 days after the date of my arraignment. If I am released from jail before trial I must be brought to trial within 90 days after the date of my arraignment;
4. I have a constitutional right to a jury trial unless I specifically give up that right by signing a jury trial waiver. If I waive my right to jury trial at arraignment I have ten days to change my mind and request a jury trial;
5. I have the right to see, hear and question all witnesses who testify against me;
6. I have the right to call witnesses on my behalf; I may have the court subpoena witnesses to appear and testify at no prior expense to me;
7. I have the right to testify on my own behalf. I also have the right to remain silent and not give testimony or present any evidence in my defense. My silence cannot be used against me;
8. If I feel I cannot have a fair trial because of the bias or prejudice of a particular Judge, I have the right to ask for a different Judge within 10 days of actual notice of assignment to that Judge. I am only entitled to one change of Judge;
9. I have the right to appeal from any finding of Guilty following a trial by jury or judge. To begin the appeal I must file a written Notice of Appeal in this court within 30 days of judgment;
10. If I plead Guilty, I give up or waive all of the rights listed above except the right of representation by an attorney, unless I sign a written waiver of my right to an attorney;
11. If I am not a US citizen, a conviction of a crime may result in deportation or exclusion from admission to the United States or denial of naturalization. I understand I have the right to consult with an immigration attorney prior to being arraigned.

I have read the above rights and understand them.

Defendant's Signature

Served on Defendant

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____

I authorize courtesy text/email reminders of court dates payment due dates