

**IN THE STATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

STATE OF GEORGIA v. _____ ACCUSATION NO. _____

DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL

I have been advised of the nature of the charge(s) against me, the maximum possible jail sentence and/or fines provided by law, my right to be represented by an attorney and my right to a jury or bench trial.

I understand that I may hire an attorney of my own choosing.

I understand that I have the right to a court-appointed lawyer if I cannot afford to hire one and if there is a real possibility that I would be incarcerated if convicted, or if I fail to comply with any conditions of any sentence if convicted.

I understand that I also have the right to represent myself if I so choose, but I understand there may be dangers involved in representing myself, for example:

- Unfamiliarity with the rules of evidence, trial strategies, and criminal procedure, including questioning and striking jurors.
- Making my own objections and cross-examining the State's witnesses on my own.
- Calling witnesses on my behalf and whether to remain silent or testify on my own behalf.
- Presenting defenses and mitigating circumstances, and preserving issues for appeal.

I freely and voluntarily waive the right to assistance of counsel.

Defendant Date

DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL

I understand that I have the right to a jury trial; that is to have my case heard by a jury who will determine the facts of my case and return a unanimous verdict.

I waive the right to a trial by jury and choose to proceed with a bench trial and let the trial judge determine the facts.

Defendant Date

After inquiring into the background, experience, and conduct of the accused, I have satisfied myself that this Defendant's waiver is freely, voluntarily and intelligently made, and that he/she understands the nature and consequences of this waiver.

This ___ day of _____, 20__.

Judge, State Court of Fulton County