

**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