

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**vs.**

**Case no.** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Please Print Name)**

I have appeared on the below listed date in County Court, Lake County, Florida, have been advised by the Judge of the criminal charge(s) against me, and desire to give up the following rights and enter a plea of ( ) GUILTY because I am guilty OR ( ) NO CONTEST because I believe the plea is in my best interests.

**By pleading Guilty or No Contest, I swear under oath that I have read and understand the rights and consequences of entering a plea of Guilty or No Contest contained on this form, and I wish to give up the below listed rights and have the Judge impose the sentence to which I agree to in open court:**

**I UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The nature of the charge(s);
2. The difference between the pleas of Guilty, No Contest, and Not Guilty, and the effect of each plea;
3. The right to trial before a jury;
4. The right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt;
5. The right to confront and cross examine the witness and evidence at trial;
6. The right to call witnesses of my own at trial and have those witnesses subpoenaed by the Court;
7. The right to remain silent and not to have that fact considered by the Judge or jury at trial;
8. The right to testify at trial and have my testimony considered by the same standards as the other witnesses;
9. The right to have a court reporter make a complete record of the court proceedings;
10. The right to appeal any harmful error to a higher court; and
11. The maximum and minimum sentences. (A First Degree Misdemeanor is punishable by up to 1 year in jail, 1 year of probation, and \$1,000 in fines, and a Second Degree Misdemeanor is punishable by up to 60 days in jail, 6 months of probation and \$500 in fines.)

**I ADDITIONALLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT:**

12. I am not under the influence of any alcohol or drugs at this time and fully understand the Judge's instructions, and what my rights are. I am entering my plea free of any promises or threats other than any plea offers made in open Court.
13. By entering this plea of Guilty or No Contest here today, I understand I may be subject to greater penalties if I am ever convicted again. If the current offense is a traffic offense, I understand I may be declared a Habitual Traffic Offender.
14. If I am not a U.S. citizen, I understand that as a result of entering a plea of Guilty or No Contest here today, I will be subject to deportation proceedings.
15. If I am on probation in another case, by entering a plea of Guilty or No Contest in the current case, the current plea will be used to prove a violation of probation against me.
16. By entering a plea of Guilty or No Contest prior to trial, I am giving up the opportunity to challenge the admissibility of any evidence against me and any opportunity to have the case dismissed.
17. If the charge to which I am pleading is a sexually violent or sexually motivated offense or if I have been previously convicted of such an offense, my plea may subject me to involuntary civil commitment as a sexually violent predator upon the completion of my sentence.
18. My attorney has explained to me the maximum penalty for the charge(s), the essential element(s) of the crime(s), and possible defense(s) to the crime(s). I understand these things. I understand that if I am put on

probation, my probation can be revoked, and I can be returned to Court and sentenced up to the maximum penalty for my charge(s). No one has pressured or forced to me enter the plea or made any promises to me, other than those contained in this agreement. I am fully satisfied with the way my lawyer has handled the case for me.

And I will be sentenced to: (please print legibly)

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DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Defendant's Counsel of Record, certify that I have discussed this case with the Defendant, including the nature of the charge(s) and essential elements thereof, the evidence against the Defendant, the possible defenses, the maximum penalty for the charge(s), and the Defendant's right to appeal. I have discussed this plea form and the mandatory court costs with the Defendant. No promises have been made to the Defendant other than as set forth in this plea agreement or on the record. I believe the Defendant fully understands this written plea and the consequences of entering it, and that the Defendant does so of the Defendant's own free will. The Defendant did not appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs and appeared to be competent at the time of entering this plea.

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Attorney for Defendant  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fla. Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant State Attorney  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fla. Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to by the above-named Defendant before me on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.  
I find this plea to be by a Defendant who appears alert and intelligent, who understands the nature of the charge(s) and the consequences of entering a plea of Guilty or No Contest, and who has hereby made an informed and voluntary waiver of the rights described above.

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COUNTY JUDGE