

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MANATEE, DESOTO, AND SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF:)
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A Child _____)

CASE NO.:

PLEA AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I _____ submit my plea of GUILTY/NO CONTEST/ADMIT to the following charge(s):

I am _____ years of age and I have completed _____ years of school. I do, do not read, write and understand the English language. I understand the nature of these charges and the possible disposition I may receive from the Judge for violating the law. The judge decides what the consequences will be for violating the law in a written order called a "disposition."

I understand that I have the following rights:

1. To have my own lawyer, and if I cannot afford to pay for a lawyer, to have the Judge appoint one at a small cost.
2. To enter one of the following pleas: a plea of **guilty** admitting the truth of a charge, a plea of **not guilty** denying a charge, a plea of **no contest** neither admitting nor denying a charge but allowing the Judge to sentence me, or, if I am facing a violation of probation, a plea of **admit**, which means I did violate my probation, or a plea of **deny**, which means I did not violate my probation.
3. To speak with the Judge before I receive the disposition of my case and to have my conversation in court with the Judge recorded.
4. To have a Pre-Disposition report (PDR) or background report prepared on me, and to have a commitment staffing or meeting with probation officers, if a commitment is being recommended.

I understand that if the Judge accepts a plea of guilty, no contest, or admit I give up the following additional rights:

1. My right to a trial before the Judge.
2. My right to see and hear the witnesses testify, and to have a lawyer question them for me.
3. My right to subpoena and present witnesses and items of evidence in my defense, and to present any defense I might have to the Judge.
4. My right to testify or to remain silent.
5. My right to require the State to prove my guilt beyond and to the exclusion of any reasonable doubt.
6. My right to appeal the judgment and disposition imposed within thirty (30) days, with the right to have a lawyer appointed for the appeal if I cannot afford hire one.

I understand that this plea may result in the following consequences:

1. I may be required to pay restitution if ordered by the Judge, and that my driver's license may be suspended or revoked.
2. That if I am not a United States citizen, this plea and the resulting disposition may lead to my deportation.
3. That if the Judge withholds adjudication of delinquency, I could be placed on probation up until my 19th birthday.
4. That if the Judge adjudicates me delinquent, I could be placed on probation or sent to a commitment program for a period of time.
5. That if I am on probation, this plea may revoke that status and result in a resentencing for those charges.

I enter my plea freely, knowingly, and after careful consideration. No promises, threats, or representations (other than by this Judge and as discussed above) have been made to me. I am not under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medicine at this time. I am not physically or mentally ill or impaired.

I request permission of the Judge to enter a plea of: Guilty No Contest Admit

Parent/Lawyer's signature

Juvenile's signature

This plea was entered before me on _____, 20__ . I find that the plea was entered by a Child who appears alert and intelligent, and who understands the nature of the charge(s) and the consequences of the plea of guilty or no contest. The Child does not appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages. I find that there is a factual basis for the plea based upon in court representations and the court file.

CIRCUIT JUDGE