

PLEA OF GUILTY/WAIVER OF RIGHTS

(Plea Entered Before Magistrate Scheduled Non-Traffic Offenses)

Case Number _____

IN THE _____ COURT OF _____, ALABAMA
(District or Municipal) (County or Municipality)

THE STATE OF ALABAMA v. _____, Defendant

or
CITY/TOWN OF: _____

NOTICE TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are charged with the offense of _____.

In accordance with the Rules of Judicial Administration, you may elect to plead guilty to this offense before a magistrate and pay a fine of \$ _____ plus court costs of \$ _____, for a total of \$ _____.

PLEA OF GUILTY - WAIVER OF RIGHTS

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED OF YOUR RIGHTS AS A DEFENDANT IN THIS CRIMINAL CASE.

Please Read Carefully

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint for the offense cited above. I understand that I have certain constitutional rights which I will waive if I plead guilty, namely: the right to a trial before this court and to appeal de novo to the circuit court for trial before a judge or jury; the right to an attorney of my choice, or one appointed by the court at no charge if I cannot afford one; the right at trial to subpoena witnesses on my behalf, confront and cross-examine witnesses against me and to argue and make objections; and the right to testify in my own behalf. I also understand that I cannot be forced to testify against myself and that I am presumed innocent and that this presumption can be overcome only if the prosecution convinces the judge or jury of my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

I understand my constitutional rights set out above and the punishment that will be imposed if I elect to plead guilty before a magistrate. I also understand that my plea of guilty will have the same force and effect as a judgment of conviction by the court, which may result in enhanced penalties for subsequent convictions. I further understand that such conviction will be noted on the court's records, which are open to public inspection. I understand my rights and the matters set out above and hereby voluntarily and knowingly waive such rights by pleading guilty, as evidenced by my signature below.

Defendant's Signature Date

Defendants's Name (Print of Type)