

CAUSE NO. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT

v.

PRECINCT NO. THREE

LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS

DEFENDANT'S PLEA

DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY/NO CONTEST

Charged Misdemeanor Offense: _____

The Court admonishes the Defendant as follows:

If this plea is entered pursuant to a plea bargain, the plea bargain is not binding on the court. In the event that the court does not approve the plea bargain, you will be given the opportunity to withdraw your plea.

If you are convicted of a misdemeanor offense involving violence where you are or were a spouse, intimate partner, parent, or guardian of the victim or are or were involved in another, similar relationship with the victim, it may be unlawful for you to possess or purchase a firearm, including a handgun or long gun, or ammunition, pursuant to federal law under 18 U.S.C. Section 922(g)(9) or Section 46.04(b), Texas Penal Code. If you have any questions whether these laws make it illegal for you to possess or purchase a firearm, you should consult an attorney.

If you are not a citizen of the United States, entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to the charged offense may result in deportation, the exclusion from admission to this country, or the denial of naturalization under federal law. If you have questions or concerns regarding this issue, you should contact an attorney.

Entering a plea of guilty or no contest may result in a conviction appearing on your criminal record or driving record. If you have questions or concerns regarding this issue, you should contact an attorney.

The Transportation Code provides that the Texas Department of Public Safety may suspend the Defendant's driver's license and/or require the payment of surcharges following a conviction for certain offenses. If you have questions or concerns regarding this issue, you should contact an attorney.

You have the right to be represented by an attorney. You have the right to a public trial. You have the right to a jury trial. You have the right to a speedy trial. You have the right to pre-trial discovery, including any evidence that may aid your defense at trial. You have the right to confront the witnesses against you. You have the right to subpoena witnesses to testify on your behalf. You have the right to remain silent and not incriminate yourself.

Do not complete this form unless you understand the form and wish to freely and voluntarily enter a plea of guilty or no contest. If you do not understand this form, you should contact an attorney. If you wish to enter a plea of not guilty or the special plea of double jeopardy, do not complete the remainder of this form.

I, the Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause, waive my right to a jury trial and the other rights described above and I hereby enter the following plea to the charged offense:

- Guilty

- Nolo Contendere ("No Contest")

I understand that entering the plea indicated above may result in any or all of the following: 1) a criminal conviction; and 2) the assessment of a fine and court costs. I further understand that I will be obligated by law to satisfy the Court's judgment in this cause.

Defendant's Signature

Date Signed

DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

Charged Misdemeanor Offense: _____

The Court admonishes the Defendant as follows:

You have the right to be represented by an attorney. You have the right to a public trial. You have the right to a jury trial. You have the right to a speedy trial. You have the right to pre-trial discovery, including any evidence that may aid your defense at trial.

I, the Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause, hereby enter a plea of Not Guilty to the charged offense.

I choose to:

- Exercise my right to a jury trial.

- Waive my right to a jury trial. By waiving this right, I understand that I am electing to have the Court hear the evidence in this case and determine whether I am guilty or not guilty of the charged offense.

I understand that I am required to appear on the date of trial. I acknowledge that my failure to appear as ordered by the Court may result in additional criminal charges and the issuance of a warrant for my arrest, the issuance of an order requiring me to pay the costs of impaneling a jury, or the Department of Public Safety denying the renewal of my Texas driver's license.

Defendant's Signature

Date Signed