

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF THE FIFTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

\* COUNTY BRANCH: [ ]ELK [ ]CAMERON

\*

Vs.

\* CRIMINAL

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DEFENDANT

\* No. CP-\_\_\_\_\_-CR-\_\_\_\_\_-20\_\_\_\_

**DEFENDANT'S WRITTEN GUILTY PLEA COLLOQUY**

1. I acknowledge and understand the **nature of the criminal charge or charges** to which I am pleading guilty to.
2. I acknowledge and understand **that there is a factual basis** for the entry of my guilty plea or pleas.
3. I acknowledge and understand that **I do not have to enter a guilty plea or pleas** in this criminal matter but rather I further acknowledge and understand that I have every **right to proceed to a jury trial or bench trial** in this criminal matter. In addition, I acknowledge and understand that the **Commonwealth has a right to a jury trial** in this criminal matter.
4. I acknowledge and understand that I am **presumed innocent of all the criminal charges** that are currently pending against me in this criminal matter whereby I enjoy such presumption of innocence unless and until I am found guilty following jury or bench trial or upon my entering a guilty plea or pleas in this criminal matter.
5. Specifically, I acknowledge and understand regarding my being found guilty or proven guilty that **I have no burden of proof** in this criminal matter but rather the **burden of proof rest solely upon the Commonwealth to prove me guilty beyond a reasonable doubt** as to each and every element of the criminal offenses that I have been charged with.
6. Specifically, I acknowledge and understand the **permissible range of sentences as to maximum period of incarceration and maximum fine** for the criminal offense or offenses that I am pleading guilty to.
7. I acknowledge and understand that the **judge accepting my guilty plea or pleas is not bound by the terms of any plea agreement** unless the judge accepts such plea agreement.
8. I am as the Defendant entering a **knowing, intelligent and voluntary guilty plea or pleas** in this criminal matter.

**VERIFICATION and CERTIFICATION**

Under statement of penalty punishable pursuant to 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904, regarding unsworn falsification to authorities, Defendant and Attorney for Defendant verify and certify that they have **read, understand and signed this Written Guilty Plea Colloquy** prior to Defendant entering a guilty plea or pleas in the above captioned criminal matter.

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Signature of Defendant

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Attorney for Defendant

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]Legal Counsel Waived By Defendant