

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

* COUNTY BRANCH-[]ELK []CAMERON

Vs.

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* **CRIMINAL**

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* **CR-_____ -20_____**

DEFENDANT

**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY LEGAL COUNSEL
Pa. R. Crim. P. Rule 121, Defendant's Acknowledgement of Rights and Responsibilities**

1. I understand that I have the right to be represented by legal counsel in the above-captioned criminal matter.
2. I understand that I have the right to have free legal counsel appointed to represent me in the above-captioned criminal matter if I am indigent (cannot financially afford to pay for an attorney).
3. I understand the nature of the criminal charges/offenses filed against me in the above-captioned criminal matter as set forth in the Criminal Information filed by the Commonwealth which I acknowledge receipt of.
4. I understand the elements of each of the criminal charges/offenses filed against me in the above-captioned criminal matter as set forth in the Criminal Information filed by the Commonwealth.
5. I am aware of the permissible range of sentences and/or fines for the criminal charges/offenses filed against me in the above-captioned criminal matter as set forth in the Criminal Information filed by the Commonwealth.
6. I understand that if I waive the right to be represented by legal counsel in the above-captioned criminal matter, that I will still be bound by all the normal rules of criminal procedure and rules of evidence that legal counsel would be familiar with.
7. I understand that that there are or may be possible defenses to the criminal charges/offenses filed against me in the above-captioned criminal matter and if these defenses are not timely raised including at trial such defenses may be waived or lost permanently.
8. I understand that, in addition to defenses, that I have many rights that, if not timely asserted, may be waived and/or lost permanently; and that if errors occur and are not timely objected to, or otherwise timely raised by me, that these errors may be waived or lost permanently by me.

I have read and understand this document whereby I am **KNOWINGLY, INTELLIGENTLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVING THE RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY LEGAL COUNSEL** in the above captioned criminal matter at this time such that **I SHALL PROCEED REPRESENTING MYSELF** in the above captioned criminal matter at this time. Notwithstanding my waiver of legal counsel this date, I understand and acknowledge that **I may at any time in the future privately retain legal counsel to represent me in the above captioned criminal matter or make application with the Office of the Elk or Cameron County Public Defender to represent me in the above captioned criminal matter at no cost to me should I financially qualify to be represented by the Office of the Elk or Cameron County Public Defender.**

VERIFICATION

I hereby verify and affirm that I have read and understand this document such that **I am knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waiving the right to be represented by legal counsel in the above captioned criminal matter at this time.** I make this written statement of facts affirming it to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. *I understand that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904, relating to Unsworn Falsification To Authorities, Misdemeanor Second Degree (punishable by a maximum penalty of two (2) years incarceration and a \$5,000 fine).*

Date: _____

Signature of Defendant