

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONROE COUNTY
FORTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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No. _____ CR _____

vs.

Defendant

WAIVER OF COUNSEL

I, _____, wish to give up my right to counsel and I choose to act as my own lawyer at this hearing/trial. In reaching this decision, I assert the following:

1. I understand that I have the right to be represented by a lawyer and the right to have a free lawyer appointed if I cannot afford to pay a lawyer.
2. I understand the nature of the charges against me and the elements of each of those charges which are:
3. I am aware of the permissible range of sentences and/or fines for the offenses charged which are:
4. I understand that if I waive the right to a lawyer I will still be bound by all the normal rules of procedure. A lawyer would be familiar with these rules.
5. I understand that there may be defenses to these charges which a lawyer might be aware of, and if these defenses are not raised at trial, they may be lost permanently.
6. I understand that, in addition to defenses, I have many rights that if not asserted at the proper time may be permanently lost. If there are any errors that occur, and which are not objected to at the proper time, these errors may be lost permanently.

7. I read, write, and understand the English language.
8. No one has tricked, threatened or forced me into waiving my right to counsel. I am doing this of my own free will.
9. I do not want to have a lawyer advise me or speak for me. I understand that by signing this paper, I am waiving my right to a lawyer and I will be representing myself.

Date: _____

Defendant

I have determined that the Defendant has made a knowing, voluntary and intelligent wavier of the right to counsel.

J.