

Waiver of Jury Trial

Are you able to hear and understand me?

Are you now under the influence of any alcoholic beverages, drugs, narcotics, or other pills?

How old are you?

Have you completed high school? College? If not, what is the last grade you completed?

Do you know how to read? Write?

Do you suffer from any mental handicap? Physical handicap?

Do you understand that you are charged with _____, and that if you are convicted of this [these] charge[s], you could be imprisoned for a maximum of _____ and that the minimum sentence is _____? [Add fine or restitution if necessary.]

Do you understand that you have the right to be tried by a jury of twelve (12)?

Do you understand that you may participate in the selection of the members of the jury?

Do you understand that jury verdicts must be unanimous?

Do you understand that if you waive a jury trial, the judge alone will decide your guilt or innocence?

Do you understand the judge alone will determine any aggravating factors in your case?

Has your lawyer fully explained to you the consequences of waiving a jury trial?

Do you believe that you fully understand and appreciate the consequences of your decision to waive the right to be tried by a jury?

Do you now knowingly and voluntarily waive your right to a jury trial in this case?

Has anyone promised you anything or threatened you in any way to cause you to waive your right to a jury trial?

With all these things in mind, do you now wish to ask me any questions about what I have just said to you?