

IN THE _____ COURT OF _____

STATE OF GEORGIA

STATE/CITY,

Case No

v.

_____,'

Defendant.

PLEA IN ABSENTIA

I, the above-named Defendant, hereby certify that I am now residing in _____, _____ and that it would be expensive and burdensome for me to travel to this Court, to dispose of this case. It is my understanding that my case is scheduled for disposition on the ____ day of _____, 200____, and that I have been charged with the following: _____.

It is my understanding, through my attorney, that the Solicitor will recommend a fine of \$_____.00 and will plead to _____, with the sentence being suspended upon payment of the fine. I understand that the recommendation is not binding upon the trial judge. I understand that upon conviction the court can impose a sentence of up to 12 months imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000.00, or both, for each charge against me.

I hereby authorize my attorney to enter a plea of Guilty/Nolo Contendere on my behalf and in my absence to all charges related to the above-styled matter and sign all necessary documents regarding same. I hereby request and consent that my case be disposed of in my absence, and I hereby waive my presence at such trial.

My attorney has fully explained to me the following rights which I understand and which I waive:

1. The right to trial with or without a jury.
2. The right to confront and cross-examine any witness and evidence in my behalf.
3. The right to present witnesses and evidence in my behalf.
4. The right to examine all physical and documentary evidence against me.
5. The right to remain silent.
6. The right to have free counsel appointed to represent me if I am indigent.
7. The right to appeal to a higher Court except in certain circumstances.
8. The right to require the State to prove its case against me beyond a reasonable doubt.

This the _____ day of _____, 200__.

Defendant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the
_____ day of _____, 200__.

Notary Public
Commission Expires

Approved, Defendant's Attorney:

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