

CAUSE NUMBER:

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STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT

Vs.

PRECINCT 3, PLACE 1

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

Defendant

Plea of Not Guilty

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in the above styled and numbered Justice Court cause. I plead not guilty.

(Initial only one):

I want a jury trial.

I understand that if I FAIL TO APPEAR for my jury trial on the date and time set by the Court, I AM OBLIGATED TO PAY for the entire COST INCURRED FOR IMPANELING THE JURY as set by the Dallas County Commissioners Court. I further understand that if I CANNOT show good cause for failing to appear at my trial, the Court will issue an ORDER, enforceable by CONTEMPT, for me to fulfill my obligation to pay the entire cost for impaneling the jury. I understand that if the Court finds me in CONTEMPT, the Court may assess punishment of a FINE of up to ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00), or CONFINEMENT in the COUNTY JAIL for up to THREE (3) DAYS, or BOTH FINE AND CONFINEMENT IN JAIL.

I waive my right to a jury trial and request a trial before the Court.

I promise to appear in person in the Courtroom of Justice Court Precinct 3, Place 1, on any date for which this case is scheduled before this Court. I understand that if I do not appear anytime I am required to appear for this case, a Failure to Appear criminal charge may be filed and warrants may be issued for my arrest. [initial]

Plea of Nolo Contendere (meaning No Contest)

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in the above styled and numbered Justice Court cause. I understand that I have a right to a jury trial and that my signature on this plea of nolo contendere will have the same force and effect as a plea of guilty on the judgment of the Court. I do hereby plead nolo contendere to said offense as charged, waive my right to a jury trial or hearing by the Court, and agree to pay the fine and costs the judge assesses. I understand that my plea may result in a conviction appearing on either a criminal record or a driver's license record. [initial]

Plea of Guilty

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in the above styled and numbered Justice Court cause. I understand that I have a right to a jury trial. I do hereby plead guilty to the offense as charged, waive my right to a jury trial or hearing by the Court, and agree to pay the fine and costs the judge assesses. I understand that my plea may result in a conviction appearing on either a criminal record or a driver's license record. [initial]

I, the undersigned, do hereby request the amount of fine assessed and the amount of appeal bond that the Court will approve.

I have attached a copy of my current GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID or Driver's License. [initial]

Notice: A Defendant who is convicted of a criminal offense punishable by fine only is entitled to alternative methods of satisfying the judgment if they are unable to pay fine and costs, in whole or in part. The Defendant must appear and request a hearing for the Judge to determine the Defendant's ability to pay, and consider one of the following alternative methods of payment: • Installment Payments, • Community Service, • Other Alternatives based on the evidence present of the Defendant's financial status

Defendant's Signature Date

Phone Number

Address Apt.# City State Zip

Email Address

Plea accepted on _____.

[Court Seal]

Judge Adam M. Swartz, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 1

(_____, clerk)