

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF  
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF IDAHO  
Plaintiff,

v.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Notification of Rights - Misdemeanor

You have been charged with the misdemeanor criminal offense(s) of:

<u>Count</u>	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Charge Description</u>

It is very important that you read this notification of your rights and understand them fully before signing this document. If you have any questions concerning these rights, you may ask the judge when your case is called or consult an attorney.

Please initial each item which is fully understood; leave blank any items which you do not understand.

- \_\_\_\_ 1. You have the absolute right to remain silent and the privilege against self-incrimination (the State cannot force you to testify against yourself). Any statement you make is a part of the record and may be used against you.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. You have the right to represent yourself and present your case without the aid of an attorney.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. You have the right to hire your own attorney to represent you in this matter. If you wish to be represented by an attorney but feel you cannot afford one, you may apply to the Court to appoint an attorney for you, but you may be required to repay the County for the attorney fees if you plead guilty or are found guilty.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. Under the law, you are presumed innocent unless you plead "guilty" or are proven guilty at a court or jury trial.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. You may plead "not guilty", "guilty", or stand silent in which case a "not guilty" plea will be entered for you by the court.

- \_\_\_\_6. Should you plead “guilty” and admit to the charge(s) presented, you are waiving your rights and the Court will proceed in determining the appropriate sanction. The court is not bound by sentencing recommendations of either party. Should you plead “not guilty”, you retain your right to a trial and the case will continue.
- \_\_\_\_7. If your case goes to trial, the burden will be upon the State to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. At trial, you can question any witness who is going to testify against you and call your own witnesses to testify for you, as well as present evidence on your behalf.
- \_\_\_\_8. If you are not satisfied with the decision of the Court, you may appeal to the next higher Court, so long as your Notice of Appeal is filed within forty-two (42) days of the entry of the decision.
- \_\_\_\_9. If you are in custody, you have the following additional rights:
- a. You have the right to communicate with your immediate family and attorney through a reasonable means provided by the jailer.
  - b. You have a right to bail which is an amount of money necessary to allow your release and assure your presence in Court at a future date.
- \_\_\_\_10. Your exercise of any of these rights shall not be held against you. If you have any questions about these rights, ask the Judge at the next hearing.

If you are on probation or parole, a plea of guilty could serve as a basis for violating your probation or parole.

A plea of guilty or a conviction of certain charges may impact your right to own or possess firearms.

A plea of guilty or a conviction may result in the loss of your driving privileges.

If you are not a citizen of the United States, and if you plead guilty or are found guilty you could be removed from the country, excluded from entering this country, and denied the opportunity to obtain legal status or become a naturalized citizen. You have the right to request additional time to consult with an Immigration Attorney before you enter your plea.

Please choose any of the following options concerning your representation in this matter:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No      I wish to retain/hire my own attorney.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No      I wish to apply for a court appointed attorney to represent me.

☐ Yes ☐ No

I wish to be given a continuance:

☐ to decide how I would like to be represented.

☐ to discuss my plea with an attorney.

☐ Yes ☐ No

I wish to waive my right to be represented by an attorney. I will represent myself.

**By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand my rights as indicated above.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed/Printed Name