

IN THE COUNTY COURT, SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NUMBER: _____
CITATION # _____

**AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENSE OR ADMISSION AND
WAIVER OF APPEARANCE**

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff

Defendant

Before me, personally appeared _____ who after first being placed under
(Name of Alleged Offender)
oath, swears or affirms as follows:

1. My name, address and telephone number are:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: (_____) _____

2. I am the defendant in the above-referenced case and am charged with the following violation(s): (List the charges as you understand them to be.)

(Note: This is not an admission that you violated any law.)

3. Check **only one** as your plea (3 choices):

I **hereby plead NOT GUILTY** and file this affidavit of defense as my sworn statement herein. I understand that when I plead not guilty, I do not have to supply any further statement. I understand that by my filing this affidavit, the hearing officer or judge will have to make a decision as to whether I committed the alleged violation by the sworn testimony of the witnesses, other evidence, and my statement. I understand that I am waiving my personal appearance at the final hearing of this matter.

I **hereby plead GUILTY** and file this affidavit as an explanation of what happened and as a statement that the hearing officer or judge can consider before pronouncing a sentence. I understand that I am not required to make any statement. I understand that the hearing officer or judge will determine the appropriate sentence and decide whether to adjudicate me guilty.

- I hereby plead **NO CONTEST** and file this affidavit as an explanation of what happened and as a statement that the hearing officer or judge can consider before pronouncing a sentence. By pleading no contest, I understand that I am not admitting or denying that the infraction was committed but do not contest the charges, and I understand that I may be sentenced and found guilty even though I entered a plea of no contest. I understand that I am not required to make any statement. I understand that the hearing officer or judge will determine any appropriate sentence and decide whether to adjudicate me guilty.

4. Defendant's Statement: (additional papers, documents, photos, etc. can be attached but should be mentioned herein).

I understand that any material misrepresentation could cause me to be prosecuted for a separate criminal law violation.

/s/ _____
Defendant's Signature

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on _____.

Personally known

Produced identification

Type of ID produced: _____

/s/ _____
Notary Public, Deputy Clerk, or other authority
NAME: _____
Commission No. _____
My Commission expires: _____

Please Note: It is your responsibility to make sure this affidavit is in the court file before the hearing date.

If the defendant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign this affidavit:

Parent or Guardian