

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. _____
CITATION NO. _____

Name: _____
DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. _____
Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENSE OR ADMISSION AND WAIVER OF APPEARANCE

Before me personally appeared the Defendant, _____, who after first being placed under oath, swears or affirms as follows:

1. My name, mailing address, email address and telephone number are:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

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:

_____ 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. By selecting this option I am waiving my right to a hearing. The Clerk's office will forward my request to the County Judge or Traffic Hearing Magistrate along with my ticket and driving record. The Judge or Magistrate will review my case and make a ruling. If my request is granted, no points will be assessed. However, the Court may impose court costs up to \$500 (except in cases of unlawful speed in a school zone, unlawful speed in a construction zone, or accident involving death, the civil penalty may not exceed \$1,000) and/ or require the you to complete a driver improvement course. You will be notified by mail of the Judge's/Magistrate's decision. (If you have an Out-of-State Driver's License, you must provide your lifetime Driving Record from that State to the Columbia County Clerk to select this option.)

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/ _____
Affiant/Defendant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this ____ day of _____, 20__.

___ Personally known
___ Produced identification Type of ID produced

/s/ _____
Notary Public/Deputy Clerk/other authority
NAME:
Commission No.

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