



State of Rhode Island Judiciary

District Court

Request to Enter Plea of Nolo Contendere or Guilty

State of Rhode Island v. Defendant	Case Number
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Charges

I, _____, do hereby certify that the judicial officer of the District Court has advised me of my rights as follow:

1. That I am charged with the above-named crime(s).
2. That I have a right to remain silent and that if I make a statement it may be used against me.
3. That I have reasonable time to consult with an attorney and be admitted to bail.
4. That I have a right to be represented by an attorney of my own choice at my own expense and if I cannot afford to have an attorney the court will refer me to a public defender or other assigned attorney at no cost to me.
5. That I have a right to a trial by jury in the first instance but I may waive that right and have a trial in the District Court and if found guilty I am entitled to appeal that judgment to the Superior Court and may have a *de novo* trial before a jury.

I wish to proceed without an attorney representing me knowing the above rights.

I wish to enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to the above charge(s). When I plead I know that I am admitting sufficient facts to substantiate the charge(s) listed above. And, by pleading I know that I am giving up and waiving the following rights.

1. My right to a trial by jury or by a judge, sitting without a jury.
2. My right to have the city/state prove each and every element of the charge(s) against me by evidence and proof beyond a reasonable doubt.
3. My right to the presumption of innocence.
4. My right against self-incrimination.
5. My right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against me.
6. My right to present evidence and witnesses on my behalf and to testify in my own defense if I choose to do so.

Generally

I understand that certain statues provide that upon a second conviction the penalties imposed will increase and may result in a mandatory jail sentence being imposed.

Effects of Criminal Conviction

If I violate the terms and conditions of my probation, I may be held without bail pending a violation hearing. Upon a determination by a fair preponderance of the evidence that I have violated the terms and conditions of my probation, the court, in open court and in the presence of the defendant, may sentence me as a violator and that sentence could include a term of jail.

Domestic Abuse Cases

I understand that by entering a plea of nolo contendere, resulting in a filing, probation, or conviction of a domestic violence offense as enumerated in G.L. 1956 § 12-29-2, that, in addition to any other sentence or penalty, I will be prohibited from purchasing, owning, carrying, transporting, or having possession of any firearm pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 11-47-5 and will be subject to surrendering all firearms in my ownership, possession, care, custody, or control pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 11-47-5.4.

Drunk Driving Cases

I understand that upon a second conviction and subsequent other convictions within a five-year period, the penalties for drunk driving will increase and will include mandatory jail sentences. I understand that if my license has been suspended for certain reasons, *including drunk driving, refusing to submit to a chemical test, or reckless driving*, the sentence for the first conviction for driving on a suspended license will include a mandatory jail sentence.

License Suspension Cases

Fourth and subsequent offenses for suspended license charges will result in a misdemeanor with penalties imposed and/or may result in a jail sentence.

Immigration Consequences

I know that if I am not a citizen of the United States, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere may have immigration consequences, including deportation, exclusion of admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States.

I acknowledge that I have read and reviewed the entire contents of this form, I have no questions as to what the form states and means, and I understand the form completely. I wish to proceed without a lawyer representing me knowing the above rights.

Signature of the Defendant _____

Entered as an Order of the court on _____	Date
Judicial Officer/Clerk	