

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR MADISON COUNTY

STATE OF IOWA, Plaintiff, VS. _____ Defendant.	CRIMINAL NO. _____  WAIVER OF COUNSEL
--	---

I understand that I am charged with the offense(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, contrary to Iowa Code Section(s) \_\_\_\_\_, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$\_\_\_\_\_, plus 35% surcharge and/or confinement up to \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that I have the right to be represented by an attorney at all stages of this case. I understand that the Court will appoint an attorney to represent me if I qualify. However, I understand that I do not have to have an attorney if I do not wish one, and I may represent myself on these charges.

I understand that I will be required to pay restitution for all costs and fees incurred for legal assistance.

I am aware that there may be defenses to criminal charges that may not be known to non-lawyers. I accept the risk that waiving counsel might result in a defense being overlooked. I know that by pleading guilty now without an attorney, I will be giving up the opportunity to get an independent opinion on whether it is wise to plead guilty, under the facts of my case and the law.

I understand that if I decide to represent myself, it is my obligation to know and understand court procedures and rules and that this Court cannot give legal advice or assistance to me concerning my defense or the trial of this matter.

I understand that the prosecutor(s) in this case represent an adverse party and may have opposing interests to mine. They may negotiate with me and prepare documents for my signature, but they do not represent me and do not provide me with legal advice. If I have questions or want legal advice I must obtain my own counsel.

I understand that I may seek my own counsel or make application for court appointed counsel at any time during these proceedings and may withdraw this Waiver of Counsel at any time by notifying the Court and the prosecutor(s) of my intent to withdraw such Waiver.

I have read and understand the above-printed rights. I do not want to be represented by an attorney or have the Court appoint an attorney for me, but wish to represent myself on the charge(s) set forth above.

I knowingly and voluntarily execute this Waiver of Counsel on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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