

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Commonwealth of Virginia

v.

Docket No(s):

_____,
Defendant

ADVICE TO DEFENDANTS PLEADING GUILTY

I am the Defendant in this matter and I am represented by my attorney,
_____. I understand that before accepting my plea of guilty, the court
must be sure that I understand what I am doing and that I fully understand the rights I am giving
up by pleading guilty.

1. My full name is _____.
2. My current address is _____.
3. My current phone number is _____.
4. My date of birth is _____.
5. My Social Security Number is _____.
6. The last grade in school I finished was _____.
7. I have / do not have a high school diploma or GED.
8. I have / do not have education past high school.
9. I can / cannot read and write.
10. I am pleading guilty to the following crime(s):
 - A. _____.
 - B. _____.
 - C. _____.
11. I fully understand the charges against me. I have talked about these charge(s)
and their elements with my lawyer, and I understand what the Commonwealth
must prove before I can be found guilty of these charge(s).

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12. My lawyer and I have had enough time to talk about any possible defenses I may have to these charges.
13. My lawyer and I have talked about whether I should plead guilty or not guilty. After talking to my lawyer, I decided for myself that I should plead guilty.
14. I am entering my plea of guilty freely and voluntarily.
 - A. ___ I am pleading guilty because I am in fact guilty of this (these) charge(s).

-OR-

- B. ___ I am pleading guilty because the Commonwealth has substantial evidence of my guilt and I do not wish to risk trial (Alford Plea).
15. No one connected with my arrest or prosecution, such as a prosecutor or police officer, or any other person, whether connected with my arrest and prosecution or not, has threatened me or forced me to enter this plea of guilty.
16. Other than what may be contained in a proposed plea agreement, no one has made any promises to me in return for my plea of guilty.
17. I understand that the maximum possible punishment for this (these) crime(s) is a term of _____ years of imprisonment and a \$ _____ fine plus all court costs.
18. I understand that by pleading guilty I give up my right to a jury trial.
19. I understand that by pleading guilty I may be required to testify.
20. I understand that by pleading guilty I give up my right to have the witnesses against me testify in open court.
21. I understand that by pleading guilty I give up my right to defend myself against this (these) charge(s).
22. I understand that by pleading guilty I may give up any right to appeal the decision of the court.
23. **IF I AM ON SUPERVISED PROBATION, UNSUPERVISED PROBATION OR PAROLE**, I understand that a conviction for this (these) charge(s) could cause my probation or parole to be revoked.
24. **IF I AM CURRENTLY INCARCERATED IN PRISON**, I understand that a conviction for this (these) charge(s) could affect my right to parole.

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25. **IF I AM UNDER ANY SUSPENDED SENTENCE TO JAIL OR PRISON, I understand that a conviction for this (these) charge(s) could cause me to serve that sentence.**
26. **IF I AM NOT A CITIZEN OF THE United States of America, I understand that a conviction for this (these) charge(s) could result in my detention and deportation by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.**
27. I have had sufficient time and opportunity to discuss my case in detail with my attorney.
28. I am entirely satisfied with the services of my attorney.
29. I have read and discussed every item in this document, line by line, with my lawyer, and I understand every item in this document. All of my answers are truthful.

DATE: _____

Defendant

ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that I have discussed the contents of this document, line by line, with my client, who is the defendant in this case. I further certify that I am satisfied that my client fully understands the implication of this guilty plea and that the plea is voluntarily and intelligently made.

DATE: _____

Attorney for the Defendant