

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Plaintiff Citation #

Case #

VS

Defendant

Driver's License #

AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENSE OR ADMISSION AND WAIVER OF APPEARANCE

Before me personally appeared _____
Defendant Name

who after first being placed under 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 I am charged with the following violation(s):
(List the charge(s) as you understand it (them) to be. NOTE: This is not an admission that you violated any law.)

3. Check only one of five (5) listed options as your plea:

I hereby plead Not Guilty and request a hearing. I intend to attend the hearing and present a defense. I understand that I will be sent notice of the time and place of the hearing by mail to the address listed above.

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 plea of *not guilty*, a hearing will be scheduled and the Judge will make a decision as to whether or not I am guilty of the infraction based upon the sworn testimony of the witnesses, other evidence, and my sworn 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 Judge can consider before pronouncing a sentence. I understand the Judge will determine the appropriate civil penalty 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 Judge can consider before pronouncing sentence. I understand that I am not required to make a statement. I understand that by pleading *no contest*, I am neither admitting nor denying that the infraction was committed, but I do not contest the charges. I understand that I may be found guilty even though I entered a plea of *no contest*. I understand that the hearing

officer or the Judge will determine the appropriate civil penalty and decide whether to adjudicate me guilty.

I have been charged with driving with a suspended (or revoked) driver’s license. I hereby request that the citation be dismissed because my license was either not suspended or was suspended in error. I have attached proof that my license was valid at the time of the alleged offense.

- 4. Defendant’s Statement: (additional papers, documents, photos, etc. may be attached, but should be mentioned herein. Separate sworn affidavits of other witnesses may also be submitted.)

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

Date

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

Notary Public, Deputy Clerk, or Other Authority
Name: _____

Commission No: _____

Commission Expires: _____

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

If Affiant/Defendant is under the age of 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign the Affidavit.

Date

Parent/Guardian