

In the Juvenile Court of _____ County, Tennessee

State of Tennessee in the matter of:

Child Under 18 Years of Age (at the time of offense)

Juvenile ID #: _____
SSN#: _____ - _____ - _____ DOB ____/____/____

Statement by Presiding Judge

As Juvenile Judge for _____ County, Tennessee, I hereby certify that I have explained to _____, a Juvenile charged in his Court with either unruly or delinquent behavior, the charges against him/her, and each of the following rights:

- 1. The right to be present during the hearing of his/her case
- 2. The right to be present his/her own testimony
- 4. The right to have witnesses subpoenaed
- 5. The right to cross-examine witnesses against him or her
- 6. The right to have an attorney at each stage of the proceeding against him/her
- 7. The right to appointed counsel
- 8. The right to remain silent
- 9. The right to not incriminate him/herself
- 10. The right and method for appeal and time requirements as to appeal
- 11. Maximum penalties imposed in this Court
- 12. The right to plead "Not Guilty"
- 13. If a plea of "Guilty" is entered, the only evidence taken will be for the purpose of verifying the plea and for disposition (sentencing) purposes
- 14. If a plea is entered acknowledging guilt, the juvenile may be asked questions by the Court concerning the conduct
- 15. Prior findings of delinquent or unruly behavior may be used against the juvenile in determining treatment of rehabilitation at disposition
- 16. This case may be used to enhance future offenses if juvenile is again brought to Court for later offenses
- 17. There must be some factual basis for a guilty plea he/she enters
- 18. The plea must be voluntary and independently made
- 19. The right of access to recording of hearing.

Judge's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Statement by Juvenile

I am the person charged in this case. I understand all the rights, which the Judge explained to me. I have read the Statement of Rights provided to me by the Youth Services Officer and I understand those rights. I also understand the charges against me.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Juvenile's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Waiver of Rights to an Attorney

I choose not to have an attorney assist me in this case, though I know the maximum penalty in this Court may include being committed to the Department of Children's Services until I am 19 years of age.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Juvenile's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Plea of Guilty

I plead guilty to the charge(s) against me: _____

_____. I give up my right not to incriminate myself as well as my right to remain silent. I know the Judge may require the other side to prove every part of their case against me. I give up the rights and plead guilty. I have discussed my plea with my parent/guardian.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Juvenile's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____