

IN THE COUNTY COURT,
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

CASE NO. _____

-vs-

CITATION NO. _____

_____,
Defendant.

DRIVER'S LICENSE NO.

**AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENSE OR
ADMISSION AND WAIVER OF APPEARANCE**

Before me personally appeared _____, 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 am charged with the following violation(s): (List the charges as you understand them to be.)

[Note: This is not an admission that you violated any law.]

3. Check only one as your plea:

_____ 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 filing this affidavit, the hearing officer or judge will have to make a decision as to whether I committed the alleged violation by the sworn testimony of the witnesses, other evidence, and my 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 hearing officer or judge can consider before pronouncing a sentence. I understand that I am not required to make any statement. I understand that the hearing officer or judge will determine the appropriate sentence 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 hearing officer or judge can consider before pronouncing a sentence. By pleading no contest, I understand that I am not admitting or denying that the infraction was committed but do not contest the charges, and I understand that I may be sentenced and found guilty even though I entered a plea of no contest. I understand that I am not required to make any statement. I understand that the hearing officer or judge will determine any appropriate sentence and decide whether to adjudicate me guilty.

4. Defendant's Statement: (additional papers, documents, photos, etc. can be attached but should be mentioned herein).

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

/s/ _____
Affiant/Defendant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Personally known: _____
Produced identification: _____ Type of ID produced: _____

/s/ _____
Notary Public, Deputy Clerk, or other authority
NAME: _____
Commission No. _____
My Commission Expires: _____

NOTE: It is your responsibility to make sure this affidavit is in the court file before the hearing date. You are also responsible for contacting the court on your hearing date to inquire about the status of your case and, if applicable, the fines/court costs assessed in your case.

If Affiant/Defendant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign this affidavit:

Parent or Guardian of Affiant/Defendant

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