

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WORTH
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE INTEREST OF

_____,
a _____ child

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CASE NO. _____

CHARGES: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RIGHTS

The above named child, along with the undersigned parent/guardian and/or attorney,
states as follows:

My name is _____. I am _____ years old.

Concerning my educational status:

_____ I am currently in the _____ grade at _____ (school).

_____ I am currently homeschooled in the _____ grade using _____ program.

_____ I am not currently enrolled in school. The last grade that I completed was the _____.

I understand that I have been charged with the charges listed above and that I am here today to answer to that
charge(s). I have had explained and further understand
the following:

- _____ 1. I understand that I have a right to have a lawyer represent me, and if I cannot afford to hire a lawyer, the Court will provide one for me. At this time, I have been appointed an attorney to represent me in this matter or my family has elected to hire an attorney to represent me.
- _____ 2. I have had the opportunity to speak with my attorney, and he/she has explained my charges to me and has discussed with me my rights in this case.
- _____ 3. I have read the charge(s) alleged in the petition(s) the state has filed against me, and I understand what delinquent acts the state has accused me of committing.
- _____ 4. I understand that if I deny having committed that delinquent act(s), I have a right to a trial of this matter where the state would be required to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that I committed the act(s) that the state has accused me of committing.
- _____ 5. I understand that during the trial, the State will bring witnesses to testify against me, and I have the right to confront and cross-examine those witnesses. I understand that to mean that my attorney will have the right to ask those witnesses questions designed to show that I did not commit the acts the State has accused me of committing.
- _____ 6. I understand that I have the right to present my own evidence at trial, including the right to call witnesses on my behalf and have those witnesses subpoenaed and required to come to court and tell the court what they know about my case.
- _____ 7. I understand that I have the right to remain silent and that I cannot and will not be required to make any statement, under oath or otherwise, that would in any way incriminate me or show that I committed the delinquent act(s) which the State has accused me of committing.

- _____ 8. I understand that if I should choose to remain silent and not testify, the court will not use that against me in deciding the facts of this case.
- _____ 9. I understand, however, that the right to remain silent and not to incriminate myself is a personal privilege and that if I wish to, I may waive that privilege and testify under oath like any other witness in the case.
- _____ 10. I understand that if I choose to testify, I can tell the court what, if anything, I know about this charge(s) against me, and that my parents and/or attorney can ask me questions and then the State's attorney can ask me questions or cross-examine me. During that time, I understand that if I make any statement that tends to show that I committed the delinquent act that I am charged with, the court can use that in deciding the facts in this case.
- _____ 11. I understand that if the court makes any ruling that is contrary to the law or, or if the Court enters a disposition contrary to law, that I will have the right to appeal the court's decision to an appellate court of this State, and I will have the right to a transcript of all the proceedings in this case to assist me in my appeal.
- _____ 12. I understand that if I admit having committed any of the acts that the State has accused me of committing, the court will have a dispositional hearing either today or later to determine whether I am a delinquent child in need of treatment or rehabilitation. If the court finds me to be in need of treatment or rehabilitation, the court can order the possible dispositions listed on the page attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- _____ 13. I have talked with my parents, guardian, and/or attorney about this case and have had all of the above explained to me and had the opportunity to ask questions and have had all of those questions answered.
- _____ 14. I understand that if the State does not prove the case against me beyond a reasonable doubt, then I will dismiss the case.
- _____ 15. I understand that I do not have to admit to having committed the delinquent acts that the state has accused me of committing and that if I desire, the court will schedule this matter for a trial where I will be allowed to assert all of my rights to trial described in this form.
- _____ 16. Notwithstanding the above rights, it is my intention and desire to waive those rights to trial and enter an admission to these charges.

PARENT DATE

CHILD DATE

CHILD'S ATTORNEY DATE

Upon inquiry of the above-named child, I find the above admission was freely and voluntarily made in open court and that there is a factual basis therefore, and I do accept this admission of this child.

RENDER M. HEARD, JR. DATE
Judge, Juvenile Courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit

EXHIBIT "A"

POSSIBLE DISPOSITIONS

_____ I understand that if I admit having committed any of the above acts, the court will have a dispositional hearing either today or later to determine whether I am a delinquent child in need of treatment or rehabilitation. If the court finds me to be in need of treatment or rehabilitation, the court can order the following possible dispositions:

- A. Informal Adjustment;
- B. Probation for up to 24 months for each charge;
- C. Community service;
- D. Suspension of driver's license privileges;
- E. Requiring school attendance;
- F. Restitution;
- G. Requiring psychological evaluation, therapy and/or counseling;
- H. Placement in the custody of the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS);
- I. Commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) as a delinquent child for two years, during which time, DJJ would determine how long I spent in detention or secure confinement (for felony offenses). The Department could, at its discretion, place me in the Youth Development Center for the entire two-year period or they could place me in a community-based program. That decision would be left up to the Department.
- J. Require me to serve up to thirty (30) days in a secure residential facility, or in a treatment program provided by DJJ or the Court (for any felony offenses); and/or
- K. Commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) as a designated felon for a period of up to sixty months of secure confinement (for certain felony offenses).