

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Plaintiff, </div> <p align="center">vs.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Defendant </div>		Case Number: Department No.:
WAIVER OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND ORDER PERMITTING APPEARANCE IN PROPRIA PERSONA		

I, the undersigned, understand that I have a right to be represented by a lawyer at all stages of the proceedings and that If I cannot afford a lawyer, to have the Court appoint one for me at no cost to me.

I understand:

1. I can change my mind and retain a lawyer to represent me or petition the Court for appointment of a lawyer to represent me or to assist with my defense;
2. That no postponement would be permitted at any time during the proceeding for the reason that a lawyer was newly brought into the case;
3. That the Court may and will terminate self-representation if I deliberately engage in serious and obstructionist misconduct before the court or in any proceeding;
4. That the Court considers it a mistake for me not to accept or employ counsel to represent me;
5. That if I am allowed to represent myself. I must follow all legal rules applicable to the trial of any criminal action;
6. That there are numerous dangers and disadvantages to self-representation, including the following:
 - (a) The law provides for numerous pretrial motions available to defendants, which are of a technical nature, the advantage of which I would lose if allowed to represent myself;
 - (b) My vocabulary may impede clear communication with the Court and opposing counsel;
 - (c) Judges will not act on my behalf in asserting objections or in making appropriate motions where ordinarily it is the duty of a lawyer to call such matters to the Court's attention;
 - (d) The District Attorney will not assist in the defense of the case;
 - (e) The rules of law are highly technical and will not be set aside because I represent myself;
 - (f) I may waive constitutional, statutory, and common law rights unknowingly;
 - (g) If I am in custody, it would be difficult for me to locate witnesses, interview them, prepare subpoenas, and have them served;

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(h) I may, in effect, conduct a defense which is ultimately to my own detriment.

7. That the maximum sentence for the offense is: _____

8. That, in spite of my best efforts, I will not be able to claim afterwards that I was inadequately represented by myself.

I have read and fully understand all of the rights and matters set forth above. With all of the above in mind I wish to waive my right to a lawyer and wish to represent myself.

DATE: _____

Defendant's Signature

Print Defendant's Name

Whereas Defendant appeared personally, in Department _____ of the above-entitled court and moved (s)he be permitted to represent herself/himself in propria persona, without the assistance of counsel. The Court inquired into the defendant's education and understanding and the Court finds that the Defendant has made a knowing and intelligent waiver of counsel and a knowing and intelligent decision to represent herself/himself. The Court allows the defendant to appear in propria persona.

DATE: _____

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT