

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND  
FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA**

**STATE OF FLORIDA,**  
**Plaintiff,**

**CASE NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**vs.**

**CITATION NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
**Defendant.**

**DL #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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, I am waiving my appearance and the 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 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 that I am not required to make any statement. I understand that the 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 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Personally known\_\_\_\_

Produced identification\_\_\_\_\_ Type of ID produced\_\_\_\_\_

/s/\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public, Deputy Clerk, or other authority

NAME:

Commission No.

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, a parent or guardian must sign this affidavit:

/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian