

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CRIMINAL DIVISION

STATE OF FLORIDA

CASE NO: _____

v.

DEFENDANT/

DIVISION: _____

WAIVER OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN COURT FORM
(Addendum to Uniform Plea, and Acknowledgement of Waiver of Rights Form)

I understand that Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.180(b) allows criminal proceedings such as pleas to be conducted through audiovisual conferencing when the defendant waives physical attendance in writing or on the record, the court accepts the waiver, and the defendant appears by audio-video communication technology.

I understand that pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.180, I have the right to be physically present in court when a plea is made and when I am sentenced. I am choosing to waive my right to be present in-person at a plea and sentencing hearing and I am choosing to enter my guilty/no contest plea by way of video appearance. No one has threatened me, coerced me in any way, or promised me anything to get me to waive my right to be physically present in the courtroom during my plea and sentencing.

I acknowledge that I have communicated directly with my attorney personally or through videoconferencing, in a private setting, prior to the plea hearing and sentencing. My attorney has read the Uniform Plea, Acknowledgment and Waiver of Rights form line by line, this addendum to the plea form line-by-line, and the DNA form line-by-line and has answered my questions to my satisfaction. I have signed each of those documents and provided them to my attorney prior to the entry of this plea; OR I have authorized my attorney to sign them on my behalf after those discussions (with the exception of the Fingerprint Form.)

I acknowledge that if at any time during the plea or sentencing proceedings, I do not understand, or have a question that requires that I communicate privately with my attorney, I can choose to stop the proceedings.

I acknowledge that Florida Statute 921.241 provides that my fingerprints be manually taken or electronically captured by a court officer, employee of the court, or employee of a criminal justice agency. In an effort to facilitate the entry of this plea by audio-visual means, I have submitted, or will submit by the deadline given to me by the Court, to having my fingerprints taken by a court officer, employee of the court, or employee of a criminal justice agency, and submit the completed fingerprint form to my attorney to file with the Court.

DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

DEFENDANT'S PRINTED NAME

ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE

DATE

ATTORNEY'S PRINTED NAME