

STATE OF MICHIGAN BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT	PLEA BY MAIL	CASE NO. _____
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Court address

- Berrien County Courthouse, 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085
- South County Building, 1205 N. Front Street, Niles, MI 49120

Court telephone no.
(269) 982-8682
(269) 684-5274

The State of Michigan

THE PEOPLE OF _____

v

Defendant's name, address, and telephone no.

TO THE DEFENDANT:

1. You have the following basic rights:

- To plead guilty or not guilty.
- To have a trial by judge or jury.
- To have the assistance of an attorney.

2. You have the right to an attorney appointed at public expense if you are indigent (without money to hire an attorney) and

- a. the offense charged requires a minimum jail sentence, or
- b. the court determines that it might sentence you to jail.

You may have to repay the expense of a court-appointed attorney.

3. If you have a trial, you have the following additional rights:

- To call witnesses to speak for you at trial. You may get an order signed by the court to require witnesses to come to court.
- To see, hear, and question all witnesses against you at trial.
- To be a witness for yourself or to remain silent. If you choose not to be a witness on your own behalf, no comment may be made on your refusal to testify.
- To be presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

4. If you plead not guilty, bond is set in the amount of \$ _____ cash or surety 10% personal.

5. If you plead guilty and your plea is accepted, you will not have a trial of any kind and will give up the rights listed in item 3.

6. You are charged in this court with the offense of _____ .

Bond has been posted by _____ in the amount of \$ _____ .

7. The Prosecutor has agreed/ has refused to agree to a plea of guilty to a lesser charge of _____ , provided you plead guilty to the reduced charged within _____ days after this date.

8. The maximum sentence permitted by law is a fine of \$ _____ plus costs and/or _____ days in jail.

9. The minimum sentence, if any, is a fine of \$ _____ plus costs and/or _____ days in jail.

10. The sentence to be imposed is:

F\$ _____ C\$ _____ Screen\$ _____ Superv\$ _____ Adm\$ _____ Other\$ _____ = Total\$ _____ or _____ days

PLUS: SC\$ _____ VR\$ _____ Atty\$ _____ DDR\$ _____ = Total\$ _____ over _____ under = Total\$ _____

Grand Total = \$ _____

Date

Judge/Magistrate

Bar no.

Instructions and the place to check your choice of plea are on the back of this form.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Check your choice of plea.
- 2) Sign this form.
- 3) Make certified check or money order payable to the court stated on the front of this form.
- 4) Enclose payment with this form and mail to the court address stated on the front of this form within 5 working days of the date this form is received by you.

PLEA

- 11. **GUILTY:** I understand my rights and the sentence to be imposed and enter my plea of guilty to the offense charged.
- 12. **GUILTY TO A LESSER CHARGE:** I understand my rights and the sentence to be imposed and enter my plea of guilty to the reduced charged.

My signature acknowledges that I have read my rights as on the front of this form. I waive those rights. If I have posted cash bond, I understand that it may be applied to the fine and costs.

- 13. **NOT GUILTY:** I understand my rights and the penalties that may be imposed, and enter my plea of not guilty to the offense charged.

Date

Defendant's attorney Bar no.

Defendant's signature

Address

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City, state, zip Telephone no.

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F. - Fine, C. = Court Costs, S.C. = State Min. Costs, Rest. = Restitution, Reim. = Reimbursement to Police, V.R. = Victim Rights Assessment