

## Statement of Rights to Defendants

The Law requires, and it is the Court's intent, that you be informed of your rights in this court;

1. You have a right to have an attorney. Those who face a possible jail sentence and who desire an attorney, but cannot afford one, must request that the court appoint an attorney for them. If you request an appointed attorney and claim to be indigent, the court will cause an investigation to be made concerning your ability to pay for an attorney. This investigation will include matters of your finances, employment available resources, and other related information. If the court rules that you are indigent and otherwise qualified, an attorney will be appointed to represent you without charge.
2. You have the right to subpoena, confront and cross examine witnesses.
3. You have the right to demand the nature and the cause of accusations against you.
4. You come before this court under the presumption of innocence and you will be so regarded until you are proved guilty or you plead guilty. You are not required to prove your innocence; on the contrary the prosecution is required to prove you guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. You may enter a plea of either guilty or not guilty. A plea of guilty means that the violation of law charged is admitted and you should not enter such a plea unless you intended your plea to have such legal effect. When you plead guilty, there will be no trial and you will not be allowed to confront witnesses you are against you. A plea of not guilty will cause a trial to take place, whereby you may confront your witnesses.
5. This court can impose any of the following penalties or combination of them for each offense;
  - a. A fine from \$0.00 to \$500.00 plus court costs and state fees;
  - b. Jail or hard labor sentences up to 180 days;
  - c. Suspend driver license for illegal use of automobiles;
  - d. Require attendance at educational, corrective or rehabilitative program.
6. If you are not satisfied with the court's decision, either as to the finding or penalty, you may appeal our case within 14 days. If you do not understand these rights or have any other questions concerning your case or wish to have an attorney appointed to represent you, bring this to the court's attention at the time you are called to the bench.