

PRO SE DEFENDANT PLEA OFFER REQUEST FORM

All boxes must be checked and all fields must be filled out in order for the state's attorney's office to make a response. Replies are not guaranteed.

- I am not represented by counsel (by an attorney/lawyer) and I wish to represent myself at this time. I understand that the state's attorney's office is prosecuting me and is representing the government's interests; the state's attorney's office is **not** a disinterested neutral party.

- I understand that I have the right to counsel. I may either hire counsel or if I am indigent and the offense that I am charged with is punishable by imprisonment, I have the right to have counsel appointed for me by the Court.

- I understand that I have the following rights in my case and that I may assert these rights at any time until I waive them by pleading guilty before a judge:
 - I know that I can plead Not Guilty and have a trial, either before a judge or a jury.

 - Before I could be bound over for trial in a felony case, I would have the right to a preliminary hearing. At any trial, (1) the prosecution must prove me guilty beyond a reasonable doubt; (2) I would be able to see, hear, and cross-examine any witnesses against me; (3) I would be able to present evidence and witnesses on my own behalf; (4) I would be able to have witnesses subpoenaed into court; (5) I would be able to testify on my own behalf, but no one could force me to testify; (6) I would be entitled to have counsel represent me; and (7) I would have the right to a speedy public trial.

- I understand if I choose to plead guilty, I will give up the rights listed above.

- I understand that I am making this request without admitting guilt and that this request will not be used against me in a court of law.

- Understanding the above, I wish for the Moultrie County State's Attorney's Office to mail or otherwise communicate a plea offer to me.

Case Number: _____

Mailing address: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

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