# In the Iowa District Court for Polk County

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| **State of Iowa,**  **Plaintiff**  **v.**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,**  **Defendant** | **Criminal No(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **WAIVER OF ATTORNEY**  **(Simple Misdemeanor)** |
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I understand the nature of the charge(s) against me. I understand that I have been charged with (a) crime(s) classified as (a) simple misdemeanor(s). I understand that each such charge can be punished separately by a fine of between $65.00 and $625.00 and/or incarceration of up to 30 days in jail.

I understand that I have a right to have a lawyer represent me in all court proceedings in this case including during a guilty plea proceeding if I chose to plead guilty. I understand that the court will appoint a lawyer to represent me if I request it and if I qualify financially. I understand if a lawyer were appointed to represent me, that later I might have to pay the costs of that lawyer. I also understand that I have the right to hire my own lawyer.

I understand that there are defenses to criminal charges that may be unknown to me and that without a lawyer I might plead guilty to a charge where there is such a defense. I understand that by giving up my right to a lawyer, I will lose the chance to get a lawyer’s opinion about whether there are any defenses to the charge(s) and whether it is wise to plead guilty given the law and the facts of my case(s).

I understand that if I plead guilty or I am found guilty of the charge(s), there may be a public record that I committed the crime(s). Unless I am granted a deferred judgment, I would have (a) conviction for the charge(s) on my record. I understand there may be other adverse consequences as a result of pleading or being found guilty.

I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States that a criminal conviction or deferred judgment may result in Deportation, may affect my ability to re-enter the United States, or have other adverse consequences under federal immigration laws.

I understand that a conviction or a deferred judgment for a public intoxication, theft, harassment or domestic assault may be used to enhance future offenses – in other words, future charges for the same crime(s) could be more serious and could have more serious punishments.

**Understanding the matters set out above, I choose to proceed without a lawyer AND I give up my right to HAVE a lawyer for all proceedings in this case. No promises or threats have been made and no force has been used to get me to make this decision. I am knowingly, voluntarily, freely, and intelligently giving up this right and choosing to handle the case(s) on my own.**

**By signing below, I am saying that I have read this document, I understand it and I agree with the statements made in it.**

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Defendant’s Signature Date

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