

<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA</b>		<i>Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp</i>	
COUNTY:	COUNTY OF <b>KINGS</b>		
PLAINTIFF:	PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
DEFENDANT:			
<b>MISDEMEANOR ADVISEMENT OF RIGHTS, WAIVER, AND PLEA FORM</b>		CASE NUMBER:	DEPARTMENT:

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Fill out this form if you wish to plead guilty or no contest to the charges against you. Initial the box for each applicable item only if you understand it, and sign and date the form on page 3. If you have any questions about your case, the possible sentence, or the information on this form, ask your attorney or the judge.

**RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY**

1. I understand that I have the right to be represented by an attorney throughout the proceedings. I understand that the Court will appoint a free attorney for me if I cannot afford to hire one, but at the end of the case, I may be asked to pay all or part of the cost of that attorney, if I can afford to. I understand that there are dangers and disadvantages to giving up my right to an attorney, and that it is almost always unwise to represent myself. . . . .

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**NATURE OF THE CHARGES (Complete all items you are charged with.)**

2. I understand that I am charged with the following offense(s):  
     PC 273.5(A) – ABUSE OF SPOUSE, FORMER SPOUSE, CO-HABITANT, FORMER CO-HABITANT INJURY  
     RESULTING IN A TRAMATIC CONDITION.

3. If applicable - I understand that I am also charged with having the following prior conviction(s):  
     \_\_\_\_\_
- LIST OFFENSE(S), CASE NUMBER(S) AND DATE(S)

4. If applicable - I understand that I am also charged with violating the probation order in the following case(s):  
     \_\_\_\_\_
- CASE NUMBER(S) AND DATE(S)

5. I understand the charge(s) against me, and the possible pleas and defenses. . . . .

**CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS**

6. **RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL** - I understand that I have the right to a speedy, public jury trial. At the trial, I would be presumed innocent, and I could not be convicted unless 12 impartial jurors were convinced of my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. . . . .
7. **RIGHT TO CONFRONT WITNESSES** - I understand that I have the right to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying against me. . . . .
8. **RIGHT AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION** - I understand that I have the right to remain silent and not incriminate myself, and the right to testify on my own behalf. I understand that by pleading guilty or no contest, or admitting prior conviction(s) or probation violation(s), I am incriminating myself. . . . .
9. **RIGHT TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE** - I understand that I have the right to present evidence and to have the Court issue subpoenas to bring into court all witnesses and evidence favorable to me, at no cost to me. . . . .



**CONSEQUENCES OF PLEA OF GUILTY OR NO CONTEST (Continued)**

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19. I understand that a plea of no contest (*nolo contendere*) will have exactly the same effect in this case as a plea of guilty, but it cannot be used against me in a civil lawsuit which is based upon, or growing out of the act upon which the criminal prosecution is based, unless the offense is punishable as a felony. . . . .
20. I understand that any plea entered in this case may be grounds for violating probation or parole which has previously been granted to me in any other case. . . . .

**PLEA(S)**

21. I hereby freely and voluntarily plead \_\_\_\_\_ to the following:  
GUILTY OR NO CONTEST  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
LIST CHARGE(S)

22. I understand that I have the right to a delay of from 6 hours to 5 days prior to being sentenced. I give up this right and agree to be sentenced at this time. . . . .
23. **If applicable** - I freely and voluntarily admit the prior conviction(s) I listed on this form. I understand that this admission will increase the penalties which are imposed on me. . . . .
24. **If applicable** - I freely and voluntarily admit the probation violation(s) I listed on this form and give up my right to a hearing before a judge regarding the probation violation(s). . . . .
25. **If applicable** - I understand that I have the right to enter my plea before, and to be sentenced by, a judge. I give up this right and agree to enter my plea before, and to be sentenced by: . . . . .

\_\_\_\_\_ TEMPORARY JUDGE'S NAME

**\*\* DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTORNEY'S STATEMENT**

I am the attorney of record for the defendant. I have reviewed the form and any addenda with my client. I have explained each of the defendant's rights to the defendant and answered all of the defendant's questions with regard to this plea. I have also discussed the facts of the defendant's case with the defendant, and explained the consequences of this plea, the elements of the offense(s), and the possible defenses. I concur in this plea and in the defendant's decision to waive his or her constitutional rights.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

