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KRS 189A.070



**DUI
(Guilty Plea)**

Case No. _____
Court _____
County _____
Citation # _____
Violation Date _____

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
VS.

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

Address: _____

Comes Defendant, in person with counsel OR without counsel, and moves this Court to allow him/her to enter a plea of **"GUILTY"** as set forth below. In support of this motion, Defendant states as follows:

1. I am the person named above and in the citation/warrant **charging** me with **DUI** **first** **second** **third** **fourth or subsequent offense**. I am pleading guilty to _____.
2. My judgment is not now impaired by drugs, alcohol, or medication.
3. I have reviewed a copy of the citation.
4. **I have told my attorney all the facts known to me concerning my charges**. I believe he/she is fully informed about my case. We have fully discussed and I understand the charges against me and any possible defenses to them. I am satisfied with the advice and counsel the attorney has provided me.
5. **I understand I may plead "NOT GUILTY" or "GUILTY" to any charge against me. I understand the Constitution guarantees me these rights:** (a) the right **not to testify against myself**; (b) the right to a **speedy and public trial by jury, with legal representation**, at which the **Commonwealth must prove my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt**; (c) the right to **have counsel appointed if I cannot afford counsel**; (d) the right to **confront and cross-examine all witnesses called to testify against me**; (e) the right to **produce any evidence, including witnesses, in my favor**; (f) the right to **appeal my case to a higher court**; and (g) the right to **reasonable bail**. I understand if I plead **"GUILTY," I waive these rights and lose the privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth of Kentucky**. I further understand that **should I be convicted of other DUI offenses or operating on suspended license offenses, penalties will be increased with each conviction**.
6. I understand if I plead **"GUILTY,"** the Court may impose any punishment within the range provided by law and while it may consider the Commonwealth's recommendation, the Court may reject it. The legal DUI penalty ranges are:
 - (a) **First Offense Within 10 Years:**
 - (1) **Penalties** - \$200 to \$500 fine and/or 48 hours to 30 days jail. Community labor of 48 hours to 30 days may be substituted for fine or jail. If an aggravating circumstance is present at commission of offense, there is a mandatory minimum of four (4) days imprisonment.
 - (2) **Costs and Fees** - Court Costs, DUI Service Fee, Treatment Program Fee, County Fees, State Fees.
 - (3) **Alcohol or Substance Abuse Treatment Program** - 90 days.
 - (4) **License Suspended** - For a period no longer than 6 months (or if Defendant is under 18, until Defendant reaches age 18, whichever is longer). Shall be eligible to apply for an ignition interlock license and may be eligible to apply for a hardship license if violation was under KRS 189A.010(1)(c) or (d). License plate impoundment if ignition interlock license or hardship license is not issued.
 - (b) **Second Offense Within 10 Years:**
 - (1) **Penalties** - \$350 to \$500 fine and 7 days to 6 months jail. Court may order 10 days to 6 months community labor. Must serve minimum of jail and/or community labor. If aggravating circumstance present, mandatory minimum term of imprisonment shall be 14 days.
 - (2) **Costs and Fees** - Court Costs, DUI Service Fee, Treatment Program Fee, County Fees, State Fees.
 - (3) **Alcohol or Substance Abuse Treatment Program** - 1 year.
 - (4) **License Suspended** - For a period no longer than 18 months (or if Defendant is under 18, until Defendant reaches age 18, whichever is longer). Shall be eligible to apply for an ignition interlock license and may be eligible to apply for a hardship license if violation was under KRS 189A.010(1)(c) or (d). License plate impoundment if ignition interlock license or hardship license is not issued.

(c) **Third Offense Within 10 Years:**

- (1) **Penalties** - \$500 to \$1000 fine and 30 days to 12 months jail, and court may order 10 days to 12 months community labor. Must serve minimum of jail and/or community labor. If aggravating circumstance present, mandatory minimum term of imprisonment shall be 60 days.
- (2) **Costs and Fees** - Court Costs, DUI Service Fee, Treatment Program Fee, County Fees, State Fees.
- (3) **Alcohol or Substance Abuse Treatment Program** - 1 year.
- (4) **License Suspended** - For a period no longer than 36 months (or if Defendant is under 18, until Defendant reaches age 18, whichever is longer). Shall be eligible to apply for an ignition interlock license and may be eligible to apply for a hardship license if violation was under KRS 189A.010(1)(c) or (d). License plate impoundment if ignition interlock license or hardship license is not issued.

(d) **Fourth or Subsequent Offense Within 10 Years:**

- (1) **Penalties** - 1 to 5 years (Class D Felony). Must serve 120 days. If aggravating circumstance present, mandatory minimum term of imprisonment shall be 240 days.
- (2) **Costs and Fees** - Court Costs, DUI Service Fee, Treatment Program Fee, County Fees, State Fees.
- (3) **Alcohol or Substance Abuse Treatment Program** - 1 year.
- (4) **License Suspended** - For a period no longer than 60 months (or if Defendant is under 18, until Defendant reaches age 18, whichever is longer). Shall be eligible to apply for an ignition interlock license and may be eligible to apply for a hardship license if violation was under KRS 189A.010(1)(c) or (d). License plate impoundment if ignition interlock license or hardship license is not issued.

(e) **Aggravating Circumstances referred to above are:** (1) Operating motor vehicle (**MV**) in excess of 30 miles per hour above the speed limit; (2) Operating MV in wrong direction on limited access highway; (3) Operating MV that causes accident resulting in death or serious physical injury; (4) Operating MV while alcohol concentration in operator's blood or breath is 0.15 or more as measured by test(s) of a sample of the operator's blood or breath taken within 2 hours of cessation of operation of MV; (5) Refusing to submit to any test(s) [blood, breath, or urine] requested by officer having reasonable grounds to believe person was operating or in physical control of a MV in violation of KRS 189A.010(1), except for a first offense under KRS 189A.010(5)(a); and (6) Operating MV that is transporting a passenger under 12 years of age.

7. I understand that **if the Court rejects the plea agreement**, it must so inform me and allow me to either persist in my guilty plea, in which case I may receive a less favorable disposition of my case than is contemplated in the plea agreement, or withdraw my guilty plea and proceed to trial.

8. In return for my guilty plea, **the Commonwealth has agreed to recommend** to the Court the following original/amended charge(s) and sentence(s): _____

Other than the recommendation, no one, including my attorney, has promised me any other benefit in return for my guilty plea, nor has anyone forced or threatened me to plead "**GUILTY**."

9. Because **I am guilty and make no claim of innocence**, I wish to plead "**GUILTY**" in reliance on the above recommendation. These facts establish my guilt: On _____, 2____,

OR

Pursuant to **North Carolina v. Alford, 400 U.S. 25 (1970)**, I wish to plead "**GUILTY**" in reliance on the above recommendation. In so pleading, I do not admit guilt but I believe the evidence against me strongly indicates guilt and my interests are best served by a guilty plea.

10. I understand that because of my conviction here today, **I may be subject to greater/enhanced penalties if found guilty and/or convicted of any future criminal offenses**. I understand that if I am not a United States citizen, I may be subject to deportation pursuant to the laws and regulations governing the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

11. I declare my plea of "**GUILTY**" is freely, knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily made. I understand the nature of this proceeding, the complete terms of this plea, and all obligations imposed upon me by its terms.

Signed in open court this _____ day of _____, 2_____.		
_____ Signature of Defendant	_____ Signature of Defense Attorney (if any)	_____ Print Attorney Name