

Salt Lake City Justice Court

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

(Defendant's name, please print)

(Case number)

DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF COUNSEL

(Defendant: please read and initial each paragraph and sign at the end of the form)

- Initial> _____ 1. I understand that I have a constitutional right to be represented by a lawyer in this case.
- Initial> _____ 2. I understand that I can ask the Court to appoint a lawyer to represent me. If I am indigent, I have the right to a court-appointed lawyer paid for by the government.
- Initial> _____ 3. I understand that I have a right to represent myself by acting as my own attorney in this case.
- Initial> _____ 4. I have studied law. Yes _____ No _____
- Initial> _____ 5. If I have studied law, here is a summary of the courses I have taken.
- Initial> _____ 6. I have represented myself before in a criminal case. Yes _____ No _____
- Initial> _____ 7. I understand that I have been charged with the following crime(s):
- I. _____
 - II. _____
 - III. _____
 - IV. _____
 - V. _____
- Initial> _____ 8. I understand that if I am found guilty for any crime listed in paragraph 7, the court could sentence me to as much as the amounts listed below:
- | | <u>Jail Time</u> | | | <u>Fine</u> | | |
|------|------------------|----|--------|-------------|-------|--------------------|
| I. | 180 | 90 | 0 days | \$1,000 | \$750 | plus 90% surcharge |
| II. | 180 | 90 | 0 days | \$1,000 | \$750 | plus 90% surcharge |
| III. | 180 | 90 | 0 days | \$1,000 | \$750 | plus 90% surcharge |
| IV. | 180 | 90 | 0 days | \$1,000 | \$750 | plus 90% surcharge |
| V. | 180 | 90 | 0 days | \$1,000 | \$750 | plus 90% surcharge |
- Initial> _____ 9. I understand that if I am found guilty of more than one crime, the court can order that the sentences be served consecutively, one after another.

- Initial> ____ 10. I understand that if I represent myself, I am on my own. The court cannot tell me how to try my case or even advise me how to try my case.
- Initial> ____ 11. I am familiar with the Utah Rules of Evidence. Yes____ No____
- Initial> ____ 12. If I have a trial, I understand that the Rules of Evidence control what evidence may or may not be introduced at trial.
- Initial> ____ 13. I understand that if I represent myself, I must follow the Rules of Evidence.
- Initial> ____ 14. I am familiar with the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure. Yes____ No____
- Initial> ____ 15. If I have a trial, I understand that the Rules of Criminal Procedure control the way that a criminal case is tried in court.
- Initial> ____ 16. I understand that if I represent myself, I must follow the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- Initial> ____ 17. I understand I have a constitutional right not to testify against myself.
- Initial> ____ 18. If I have a trial and choose to testify, I understand that I must testify by asking questions of myself and then answering the questions. I understand that I cannot just take the stand and tell my story. I must proceed question by question through my testimony.
- Initial> ____ 19. I understand the penalties that I might suffer if I am found guilty. I also understand that there are great difficulties in representing myself. However, it is still my desire to represent myself and to give up the right to be represented by a lawyer.
Yes____ No____
- Initial> ____ 20. The decision to represent myself is entirely voluntary on my part. Yes____ No____
- Initial> ____ 21. I have read this two-page Waiver of Counsel form or have had someone read it to me. I have initialed each paragraph of this form and sign below to indicate that I have reviewed each item on this form and understand its contents.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Defendant's Signature