

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**In the Interest of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **File No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Case No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sex:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A child.**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RIGHTS**

The above-named child, along with the undersigned parent, guardian and/or attorney, states as follows:

I understand that I have been charged with: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have had explained and further understand the following:

1. I do not have to admit to the charges against me or say anything at all.
2. I have a right to be served with a copy of the charge(s) against me in writing (complaint or petition).
3. I have a right to have a lawyer represent me and if I cannot afford to hire a lawyer, the court will appoint one at no cost to me, if I wish to have a lawyer represent me. I understand that a lawyer is trained to understand court procedure and proceedings, knows how to conduct trials and how to properly introduce evidence and exclude improper evidence, knows the law that applies to the circumstances of my case, knows how my rights and liberties may be affected by the court proceedings and how to protect my rights and liberties, and how to present my case and all circumstances favorable to me in court, all of which I may not know.
4. I have the following rights, and if I admit to the charge(s) against me then I will be waiving these rights:
  - *Right to a speedy adjudication (trial) by judge;*
  - *Right to confront, that is to see, question and cross examine the witnesses called to testify against me;*
  - *Right to use the subpoena power of the Court to require the attendance of any witnesses on my behalf;*
  - *Right to testify or not testify (remain silent), and the decision not to testify cannot be used against me;*
  - *Right to the presumption of innocence, which means before I can be adjudicated (found guilty) of the charge(s) against me, the State has the burden of proving my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.*
5. I have been told of the possible dispositions (sentences) which the court can order if I admit to the charge(s) or if I am found to have committed a delinquent act, and those dispositions may include: probation, serving up to thirty (30) days in a juvenile detention facility (RYDC), dismissal, informal adjustment, commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), suspension of driver's license privileges, requiring school attendance, placement in an institution, community service, restitution, payment of probation fees or fines, counseling or placement in the temporary custody of the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS). IF I AM ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT FOR A CHARGE CALLED A "DESIGNATED FELONY" THEN I UNDERSTAND THE JUDGE MAY PLACE ME IN RESTRICTIVE CUSTODY (YDC) FOR A PERIOD OF 1-18 MONTHS or 1-60 MONTHS DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE CHARGE, WITH NO EARLY RELEASE.
6. I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States, an admission to the charge(s) may result in deportation, denial of naturalization, or other adverse consequence under federal law. I also understand that an admission may negatively impact my ability to obtain or maintain a driver's license or impact my future employment.
7. I have the right to an appeal from the trial if I disagree with the decision, and I have a right to receive a record and/or transcript of the proceedings in the event of an appeal.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, or have had read to me, and understand the information above.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Child's Attorney

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Signature of Guardian Ad Litem (if applicable)