

NO CONTEST

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO
CRIMINAL DIVISION

THE STATE OF OHIO
Plaintiff

CASE NO: _____

-vs-

JUDGE _____

Defendant.

ENTRY WITHDRAWING PLEA
OF NOT GUILTY AND ENTERING
PLEA OF NO CONTEST

I, _____, Defendant in the above cause, hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw my former plea of NOT GUILTY and enter a plea of NO CONTEST to the offense(s) of:

COUNT NUMBER	NAME OF OFFENSE / R.C. SECTION	DEGREE	POTENTIAL SENT. RANGE (YRS/MOS)	POTENTIAL MAX TERM ¹	MANDATORY PRISON TERM	MAXIMUM FINE
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

I understand that I am facing a maximum potential prison term or, if I am pleading to a qualifying felony offense, an aggregate minimum prison term of _____² and, if I am pleading to a qualifying felony offense, a potential maximum sentence of _____³.

I understand the nature of the charges(s) to which I plead no contest. I understand the maximum penalty as set out above, and any mandatory prison term during which I am NOT eligible for judicial release. I understand the maximum fine possible, of which \$ _____ is mandatory. I understand that restitution, other financial costs and driver's license suspension are possible in my case. If I am currently on felony probation, parole, community control, post-release control or transitional control, this plea may result in revocation proceedings and any new sentence could be imposed consecutively.

I understand that any sentence that includes a sentence for a qualifying first or second degree felony will include a minimum and maximum prison term. If I am sentenced for such a qualifying offense, I understand that:

- i) There is a rebuttable presumption that I will be released from service of the indefinite sentence on the expiration of the minimum prison term or on my presumptive earned early release date, as defined in section 2967.271 of the Revised Code, whichever is earlier;

¹ Only for qualifying offenses as defined in 2929.144. The potential maximum term is 1.5x the potential sentence.

² The maximum potential prison term or potential aggregate minimum prison term is whatever prison term would be imposed if the court were to impose the lengthiest prison sentence possible for each count and specification, and were to run everything consecutively.

³ The potential maximum sentence is determined by adding all of the minimum terms imposed for qualifying offenses that are to be served consecutively and all of the definite terms of the felonies that are not qualifying offenses that are to be served consecutively, plus 50% of the longest minimum term or definite term for the most serious felony being sentenced. RC 2929.144(B)(2). If there are no qualifying offenses, write "N/A" on this line.

(ii) The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction may rebut this presumption if, at a hearing held under section 2967.271 of the Revised Code, the Department makes specified determinations regarding my conduct while confined, my rehabilitation, the threat I may pose to society, my restrictive housing, if any, while in prison, and my security classification while in prison;

(iii) If, at the hearing described above, the Department makes those specified determinations and rebuts the presumption, the Department may maintain my incarceration after the expiration of that minimum term or after that presumptive earned early release date for the length of time the Department determines to be reasonable, but shall not exceed my maximum prison term;

(iv) The Department may make the specified determinations and keep me in prison under the above provisions more than one time during the period of my incarceration, subject to the limitation specified in section 2967.271 of the Revised Code that my incarceration will not exceed my maximum prison term;

(v) If I have not been released prior to the expiration of my maximum prison term imposed as part of this sentence, I must be released upon the expiration of that term.

I understand the maximum penalty as set out above, and any mandatory prison term during which I am NOT eligible for judicial release. The maximum fine possible is \$ _____, of which \$ _____ is mandatory. Restitution, other financial costs and driver's license suspension are possible in my case. If I am currently on felony probation, parole, community control, post-release control or transitional control, this plea may result in revocation proceedings and any new sentence could be imposed consecutively.

I understand that any mandatory terms and any specification terms, if applicable, must be served prior to and consecutive to any other term of incarceration.

I understand that I may be eligible to earn days of credit under circumstances specified in R.C. 2967.193. I understand that for any offense that includes a minimum and maximum term that I may be eligible for an earned reduction of my minimum prison term of between 5% and 15% of my minimum term under the circumstances specified in R.C. 2967.271 and via guidelines established by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for exceptional conduct while incarcerated. These potential reductions to my sentence are not automatically awarded, but must be earned in the manner specified in that statute.

After release from the Department of Corrections, I understand that I shall be supervised on post-release control for each offense that is one of the following: any felony sex offense – five years; a non-sex felony of the first degree (F1) – two to five years; a felony of the second degree (F2) – eighteen months to three years; a felony of the third degree (F3) where I caused or threatened physical harm to a person – one to three years. I may be supervised on post-release control for up to two years as determined by the parole board for any of the following: a felony of the third degree (F3) which does not involve physical harm or threatened physical harm to a person; a felony of the fourth degree (F4); or a felony of the fifth degree (F5). The parole board could return me to prison for up to nine months for each violation of those conditions, for a total of 50% of my minimum (for qualifying offenses) or stated (for non-qualifying offenses) term. If I commit a new felony while on post-release control, I may be punished both for the violation of post-release control and for the new offense. At sentencing for the new felony, I may then receive a prison term for the violation of post-release control of up to the remaining period of post-release control or one year, whichever is greater. A prison term imposed for the violation shall be served consecutively to any prison term imposed for the new felony.

I further understand that being convicted of certain offenses may come with registration duties. The offenses I am pleading to involve the following registration requirements (check all that apply and attach the appropriate forms to this plea):

- Sexual offender or child victim offender registration (attach Sex Offender/Child Victim Offender Registry Plea Addendum)
- Arson offender registration (attach Arson Offender Registry Plea Addendum)
- Violent offender registration (attach Violent Offender Database Plea Addendum)
- None of my offenses have registration requirements

If I am granted community control at any point in my sentence and if I violate any of the conditions imposed, I may be given a longer period under community control, greater restrictions, or a prison term which may be ordered to run consecutive to any other sentence imposed by this or another court. Community control may last up to five years.

I understand the nature of these charges and the possible defenses I might have. I am satisfied with my attorney's advice, counsel and competence. I am not under the influence of drugs or alcohol at this time. I have not been forced, coerced or threatened in any way to cause me to sign and offer this plea.

I understand that by pleading no contest I give up my constitutional rights to a jury trial, to confront witnesses against me, to have subpoenaed witnesses in my favor, and to require the state to prove my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at a trial at which I cannot be compelled to testify against myself. In addition to waiving my constitutional rights described above, I also waive any rights I may have to submit to a jury any fact that is necessary to support a sentence differing in type or duration from that which is authorized by the facts established by my no-contest plea or admitted by me and I agree that the judge is authorized to determine such facts, if any, at the sentencing hearing.

I understand that my plea of no contest is an admission of the truth of the facts alleged in the indictment but not an admission of my guilt to the charge(s) against me. I know that the judge may either sentence me today or refer my case for a pre-sentence report. I understand my right to appeal a maximum sentence, my other limited appellate rights, and that any appeal must be filed within thirty days of my sentence.

*I understand that the trial judge may, in addition to and independent of all other penalties provided by law or by ordinance, suspend or revoke my driver's license or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege for a period of not less than six months or more than five years.

* Where applicable.

I understand that if I am sentenced to serve time in prison, jail, or a community-based correctional or detention facility, I will be required to submit a DNA specimen which will be collected at the prison, jail, correctional or detention facility. I also understand that if I do not submit the required specimen at the time of my intake processing at the prison, jail, correctional or detention facility, I will be required to submit a DNA specimen prior to my release. I further understand that if my sentence includes any period of probation or community control, or if I am at any time on parole, transitional control or post-release control, I will be required to submit a DNA specimen to the probation department, adult parole authority, or other authority as designated by law. I understand that my failure to submit to the DNA specimen collection procedure will subject me to arrest and punishment for violating this condition of my probation, community control, parole, transitional control or post-release control.

I am _____ am not _____ (initial) a citizen of the United States of America. I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States, a conviction of the offense(s) to which I am pleading no contest may have the consequence of deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States.

I have read this form, as well as any attached forms, and I knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently enter this NO CONTEST plea.

Signature of Defendant

I have explained to the defendant prior to his/her signing this plea, the charge(s) in the indictment or information, the penalties therefor and his/her constitutional rights in this case. I represent that, in my opinion, the defendant is competent to enter this plea and now does so knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily.

Attorney for Defendant

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

(If applicable) Dismiss Counts _____

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