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BLACK DIAMOND MUNICIPAL COURT
STATE OF WASHINGTON

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND	)	CAUSE NO. _____
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	STATEMENT OF DEFENDANT'S RIGHTS
vs.	)	AT ARRAIGNMENT
	)	CHARGES:_____
_____ Defendant	)	
	)	DATE OF VIOLATION(S):_____
_____	)	

I am charged with a criminal offense that carries a possible jail sentence. I understand that I have the following rights:

1. I am presumed innocent of any charges until the charge is proven beyond a reasonable doubt;
2. I have the right to a speedy trial. If I am held in jail before trial I must be brought to trial within 60 days after my commencement date. If I am released from jail before trial I must be brought to trial within 90 days after my commencement date.
3. I have a constitutional right to a jury trial unless I specifically give up that right by signing a jury trial waiver;
4. I have the right to see, hear and question all witnesses who testify against me;
5. I have the right to call witnesses on my behalf. I may have the Court subpoena witnesses to appear and testify at no prior expense to me;
6. I have the right to testify on my own behalf. I also have the right to remain silent and not give testimony or present any evidence in my defense. My silence cannot be used against me;
7. I have the right to be represented by an attorney of my own choosing at arraignment and at all proceedings. If, after I am screened, it is determined that I cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for me. Even though I do not have an attorney at arraignment I do not waive my right to an attorney at any later proceeding;
8. If I feel I cannot have a fair trial because of the bias or prejudice of a particular judge, I have the right to ask for a different judge within 10 days of assignment to that judge. I am only entitled to one change of judge;
9. I have the right of appeal from any judgment of Guilty entered by this Court. To begin the appeal I must file a written Notice of Appeal in this Court within 30 days of the judgment;
10. If I plead Guilty, I give up or waive all of the rights listed above except the right of representation by an attorney.
11. If I am not a citizen of the United States, a plea of guilty to an offense punishable as a crime state law maybe grounds for deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or, denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States.

I have read the above rights and understand them.

_____
Defendant's Signature

_____
Date

_____
Street Address

_____
Telephone Number

_____
City, State, Zip Code

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Judge