Plea of Guilty

Definition

By a plea of guilty, you admit that the act is prohibited by law and that you committed the act charged.

Before Entering a Guilty Plea

Before entering your plea of guilty, you should understand the following:

- The State has the burden of proving that you violated the law (the law does not require that you prove you did not violate the law).
- You have the right to hear the State's evidence and to require the State to prove you violated the law.
- A plea of guilty may be used against you later in a civil suit if there was a traffic accident (another party can say you were at fault or responsible for the accident because you plead guilty to the traffic charge).

Guilty Plea Form

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