

State of New Jersey

Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division - _____ County
Indictment/Accusation No. _____

v.

Defendant

**Waiver of Criminal Jury Trial
Pursuant to *Rule 1:8-1(a)***

I, _____, the defendant in the above-entitled cause(s)
charged with _____

acknowledge that I am entitled to a jury trial and that I further understand that:

1. A jury consists of twelve members of the community chosen to determine whether I am guilty, not guilty, or if applicable, not guilty by reason of insanity of the criminal charges brought against me in this matter.
2. I may participate in the selection of the jurors in this matter.
3. All twelve jurors must unanimously vote to convict in order for a conviction to be obtained.
4. If I waive the right to a trial by jury, a judge alone will decide whether I am guilty, not guilty, or if applicable, not guilty by reason of insanity.
5. If I waive the right to a trial by jury and there is more than one charge, the judge will render separate verdicts for each count.

Having had an opportunity to consult with counsel, I knowingly and voluntarily waive my right to a jury trial and request to be tried by the Court. I have discussed with my attorney the advantages and disadvantages of waiving my right to a trial by a jury.

I understand that by waiving my right to a jury trial any verdict or judgment entered by the Court will have the same force and effect as a jury verdict.

I acknowledge that this waiver is being made freely and voluntarily and that I have not been subject to any threats, pressure or coercion to induce this waiver nor have I been assured of any leniency or expectations of reward in consideration of this waiver.

Dated: _____

Defendant

I have provided notice to the prosecution that my client has waived his or her right to a jury trial.

Dated: _____

Defense Counsel

Dated: _____

Prosecutor

Dated: _____ **Approved by:** _____
J.S.C.