

_____ Court _____ County _____ Tennessee	WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HAVE APPOINTED COUNSEL	Case Number
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The undersigned represents to the court that he/she has been informed of the charges against him/her, the nature thereof, the statutory punishment therefore and the right to appointment of counsel upon his representation to the court that he is unable to employ counsel and the reasons therefore, all of which he/she fully understands. The undersigned now states to the court that he/she does not desire the appointment of counsel, expressly waives the same and desires to appear in all respects in his/her own behalf, which he understands he/she has the right to do.

Date: _____

Defendant Signature

Judge

T.R.C.P 44 requires defendants to execute a written waiver of the right to counsel. However, the court must also orally explain many rights, and the effect of a waiver of those rights, prior to accepting the defendant's waiver. See Tenn. R. Crim. P. 44(a); Smith v. State, 987 s.w.2d 871 (Tenn. Crim. App. 1998)