

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, )  
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 v. )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_, )  
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 Defendant. )  
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**AUTHORIZATION AND WAIVER**

Defendant hereby authorizes ALLEN C. BROTHERTON and KNOX, BROTHERTON, KNOX & GODFREY to represent him/her in his/her absence in connection with the charges herein in Mecklenburg County District Court. The undersigned authorizes his/her attorney to appear on his/her behalf and to enter such a plea as his/her attorney deems appropriate and in his/her best interest.

Defendant specifically authorizes his/her attorney to enter a plea of Not Guilty or Not Responsible and conduct a trial in his/her absence, or to enter a plea of Guilty or Responsible as appropriate to the charges herein or any amended charges as a result of plea negotiations. Defendant, fully understanding his/her actions, hereby acknowledges and expressly waives his/her right to be present for any and all proceedings in this action, including trial and/or sentencing, his/her right to a trial at which the State would be required to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, his/her right against compulsory self-incrimination, his/her right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him/her, and any other rights associated with a trial.

This, the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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DEFENDANT