

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE INDICATION OF INTENT TO PROCEED

TO DEFENDANTS WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY:

Be aware that the District Attorney's Office represents the People of the State of Wisconsin and does **not** represent you. If you do not have an attorney, you may hire an attorney or you may contact the State Public Defender's Office by phone at 715-502-1490 to determine if you qualify for representation. The Public Defender's Office accepts applications Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM. If you do not qualify for representation through the Public Defender's Office, they can provide you with information as to how you may petition the Court to appoint an attorney for you. The Settlement Conference may be postponed to allow you the opportunity to make this request.

I understand I have the right to:

- Have an attorney represent me at all stages of this proceeding.
- Have an attorney appointed for me by the State Public Defender's Office if I do not have the money to hire an attorney.
- Hire my own attorney at my own expense.
- Ask the Court to review a determination made by the State Public Defender's Office that I am not indigent and able to hire my own attorney.
- Ask the Court to find me indigent or partially indigent and appoint a Court-Appointed attorney for me at County expense if I have been found not eligible for a public defender. I understand that I may be required to pay the County for fees paid to the Court-Appointed Attorney.

I understand an attorney would:

- Represent me and speak on my behalf in court.
 - Advise me about my legal rights and options and explain and assist with legal and court procedures.
 - Help me negotiate a settlement of my case with the District Attorney.
 - Investigate and explore possible defenses to the charges against me that may or may not be readily apparent to me.
 - Prepare and file motions on issues of evidence, testimony, and procedures of the police and conduct my defense at any motion hearing or trial.
 - Assist me at sentencing if I am convicted of any crime.
 - File an appeal, if requested.
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I understand that if I represent myself:

- The judge cannot be my attorney and cannot give me any legal advice.
 - The District Attorney cannot be my attorney and cannot give me legal advice.
 - The judge, District Attorney, and court personnel are not required to explain court procedures or the law.
 - The Judge cannot treat me differently because I do not have an attorney.
 - I will be required to follow all legal rules and procedures that an attorney would have to follow in court, even if my case goes to trial.
 - It may be difficult for me to challenge evidence presented by the District Attorney.
 - It may be difficult for me to present evidence.
 - If I want to testify, I must be sworn as a witness and answer questions from the District Attorney.
 - It may be difficult for me to do a good job as my own attorney.
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I, the undersigned, have received, read, and understand my rights listed above regarding obtaining an attorney and representing myself, and

I wish to do the Settlement Conference without an attorney. I understand that I may still consult with an attorney.

I wish to postpone the Settlement Conference to consult an attorney.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____