

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
\_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA            )  
  )  
v.    )        CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
  )  
[DEFENDANT]                            )

WAIVER OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE  
AT ARRAIGNMENT AND ENTRY OF PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a defendant in the above case, along with my undersigned attorney, hereby acknowledge the following and petition the Court to enter a Plea of Not Guilty pursuant to Rule 10(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure:

1. I have received a copy of the Indictment in this case. My attorney has advised me of, and I understand, the nature and substance of the charge, the maximum penalties applicable if I am convicted, and my constitutional rights.
2. I understand that I have a right to appear personally with my attorney before a judicial officer for arraignment in open court on the charge.
3. I am aware that I have a right to have the charge against me, as contained in the indictment, read to me, word for word, in open court after which I will be asked to state whether I plead “guilty” or “not guilty.”
4. I am further aware that by my own choice, I may waive arraignment procedures and give up my right to be formally arraigned. In the event I choose to do so, a plea of “not guilty” will be entered on my behalf.

5. I have been advised that I have a right to be represented by a lawyer of my own choice in this matter or represent myself. I am further aware that if I believe that I cannot afford a lawyer, I may immediately make application for court appointed counsel at no cost to me.

6. I desire to waive a formal arraignment and personal appearance before the Court and for the Court to enter a plea of “not guilty” on my behalf.

7. I respectfully submit this petition to enter a Plea of Not Guilty in my absence. My request is freely and voluntarily made.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEFENDANT

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DATE

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ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT

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DATE