

# Monroe Circuit Court

## Acknowledgement of Rights

Name of Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If you understand the following information, place your initials in the blank to the left of each number. By signing this document you acknowledge that penalties may be imposed for providing false information. **If you do not understand any of the rights, ask the probation officer for further explanation.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I understand that I am being interviewed by a probation officer to craft recommendations whether I should be placed on pre-trial supervision conditions in lieu of incarceration, in lieu of bail requirements, in addition to my current bail requirements, or released on my own recognizance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I have the right to remain silent and to say or do nothing in this case, and my choice to remain silent cannot be held against me in these proceedings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I have the right to the advice and assistance of a lawyer at all times during these proceedings. If I cannot afford to hire a lawyer, the judge will appoint the Public Defender of Monroe County to represent me. If I intend to hire a lawyer, I should do so as soon as possible because my lawyer will be hampered in representing me if I do not.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I will not be asked about, nor should I discuss anything related to, the alleged offense in this case.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I understand I will be asked about past arrests, convictions, periods of incarceration, failures to appear for court proceedings, employment, residence, drug use, and anything else reasonably related to assure my appearance in these proceedings and/or the safety risk I potentially pose to the community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I understand that I can stop answering questions at any time, no promises or threats have been made to me, and no pressure or coercion of any kind is being used in order to get me to answer questions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I understand all of the above and I agree to answer questions at this time.

Defendant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Probation Officer / Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_