## **CAUSE NUMBER**

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE JUSTICE COURT
	§	
v.	§	PRECINCT NO. 1
	§	
	§	COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS

## DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

Address:	Date of Birth:
	Phone #:
Offense:	Fine:
DL#/State:	Court Cost:

You have the right to hire an attorney. You have the right to have that attorney present prior to entering a plea and to represent you in subsequent court appearances.

You have the right to a trial by jury or a trial before the court (before the judge). If you waive your right to a trial by jury, your case will be tried before the court.

A plea of NOT GUILTY states that you are not guilty of the charge(s) filed. If you wish to enter a plea of GUILTY or NO CONTEST, contact the court clerk to request a GUILTY/NO CONTEST plea form. If you plead guilty or no contest, or are found guilty by a judge or jury, and you are unable to immediately pay the full amount of fines and costs, there may be alternative ways for you to satisfy your obligation.

Upon entering a plea of not guilty you may be required to post an appearance bond. If an appearance bond is required, you may post a cash bond or a surety bond. Failing to appear will result in forfeiture of your bond and a warrant issued for your arrest.

I, Defendant, in the above styled and numbered cause, hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY to the charged offense. I hereby choose to:

exercise my right to a jury trial.

waive my right to a jury trial.

I HAVE VERIFIED THAT THE ABOVE LISTED ADDRESS IS MY CORRECT ADDRESS. I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL COURT NOTICES WILL BE SENT THIS ADDRESS AND THAT I HAVE A DUTY TO NOTIFY THE COURT IF MY ADDRESS CHANGES AT ANY TIME DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS CASE.

I HEREBY PROMISE TO APPEAR IN COURT ON ANY DATE FOR WHICH I AM REQUIRED. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I FAIL TO APPEAR WHEN REQUIRED, I COULD FACE ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST ME, THE ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT FOR MY ARREST, THE ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER REQUIRING ME TO PAY THE COSTS OF IMPANELING A JURY, OR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DENYING THE RENEWAL OF MY TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENSE.

DATE DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE