

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: \_\_\_\_\_ : VENANGO COUNTY  
:   
: JUVENILE  
Juvenile :   
: NO. CP- \_\_\_\_\_-JV- \_\_\_\_\_-20\_\_\_\_\_

**ADMISSION COLLOQUY**

You are before this Court because you are admitting to some or all of the delinquent act(s) which have been petitioned against you. Answer all of the questions on this form. If you do not understand any question or the explanation given to you on this form, ask your attorney or the Judge to explain it to you.

I intend to admit to: (include grading of offenses)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**General information:**

1) What is your full legal name? \_\_\_\_\_

2) Are you known by any other name, nickname or alias? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please state: \_\_\_\_\_

3) How old are you today? \_\_\_\_\_

4) What grade have you completed in school? \_\_\_\_\_

5) Can you read, write and understand the English language well enough to understand this form? \_\_\_\_\_

a) If you cannot read, has some read this form to you? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of reader verifies that the form has been read to the juvenile)

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b) If you do not read English, have you been given a translator or a lawyer who speaks your language? \_\_\_\_\_

c) Did your attorney/translator read this colloquy to you and explain its contents?  
\_\_\_\_\_

If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Voluntary admission:**

6) Are you currently a patient in a mental hospital or institution or being treated for a mental illness? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you being treated for a mental illness (which is an illness that causes you to see a doctor for different behavior)? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what are you being treated for? \_\_\_\_\_

7) In the last 24 hours, have you taken any drugs (prescription, over the counter, or illegal) and/or alcohol that would impair your ability to make an informed decision?  
\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, specify type of drugs and/or alcohol: \_\_\_\_\_

8) Is this admission voluntary? \_\_\_\_\_

a) Has anyone coerced, threatened or forced you to sign this admission?  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) Have you been promised something in exchange for this admission?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Understanding the admission:**

9) Has your lawyer told you what you did was against the law (delinquent act)? \_\_\_\_\_

10) By admitting to the delinquent act(s), do you understand that you are giving up the following rights?

a. The right to be presumed innocent, which means, the Judge cannot find that you violated the law until the District Attorney proves beyond a reasonable doubt that you did violate the law. A reasonable doubt is the

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kind of doubt that would cause a reasonably, sensible person to pause or to hesitate before acting on a matter of the highest importance to the person.

- b. You have the right to have a Judge hear the testimony of witnesses; examine the evidence and determine whether you have committed the delinquent act(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- c. You have the right to remain silent and your silence cannot be held against you. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. You have the rights to be heard, which means you may tell the Judge your side of the story if you want. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. You have the right to confront and cross-examine all Commonwealth witnesses. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. You have the right to present witnesses or evidence against you to help tell your side of the story, but you do not have to present anything. \_\_\_\_\_
- g. You have the right to challenge evidence against you, which means you tell the Judge you disagree with something. \_\_\_\_\_
- h. You have the right to make objections and ask for rulings, which means the Judge decides if he or she should hear certain evidence. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. You have the right to have another Court, which is an appellate Court review this Judge's decision. \_\_\_\_\_
- j. You may present any motions to the court. \_\_\_\_\_

11) Do you understand that if the Court accepts your admission, the Court will adjudicate you guilty of the criminal offense(s) you admit that you committed and may determine that you are a delinquent child under the Juvenile Act? \_\_\_\_\_

12) Do you understand that an admission may be withdrawn at any time for any reason before disposition, in the Court's discretion, however, following disposition, an admission can only be withdrawn upon a demonstration of manifest injustice? \_\_\_\_\_

**Possible consequences:**

13) Do you understand that if you are adjudicated delinquent, the Court may place you in a juvenile facility or on probation until your 21<sup>st</sup> birthday? \_\_\_\_\_

14) Are you aware that if you are admitting to \_\_\_\_\_ that your driving privileges will be suspended?

15) Do you understand that the record of this admission can be used against you in any future proceeding in adult or juvenile court when appropriate and can result in a longer sentence in adult court? \_\_\_\_\_

16) Do you understand that certain information for some offenses is available to the public and when you apply for college or a job, your potential college or employer or military recruiter may be able to see your juvenile record? \_\_\_\_\_

17) Do you understand that if you are not a U.S. citizen, it may cause problems, which could include being forced to leave the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

**Admission agreements:**

18) Are you aware that the Court does not have to accept any agreement between the Commonwealth and you, but if the Court rejects an agreement, you have the right to a completely new proceeding before a different Judge/Master as if no admission had ever been proffered? \_\_\_\_\_

**Appeals:**

- 19) The appeal for an admission is limited to three grounds:
- a. Your admission was not knowing, intelligent and voluntary.
  - b. The court did not have jurisdiction to accept your admission; or
  - c. The Court's disposition is beyond the maximum penalty authorized by law.

By admitting to the delinquent act(s), do you understand that you are giving up the right to appeal your case to a higher court, except on these three grounds? \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorney's Representation & Guardian's Knowledge:**

20) Are you satisfied with the representation of your attorney? \_\_\_\_\_

21) Has your attorney explained to you the meaning of the terms in this document?  
\_\_\_\_\_

22) Have you spoken with your parent or guardian about your decision to admit to the delinquent act(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

22) Does your parent or guardian agree with your admission? \_\_\_\_\_

I promise that I have read the above form. I understand its full meaning and I am still admitting to the acts of delinquency. My admission is of my own free will. I believe that this admission is in my best interest. The signature and initial on each page of this form are mine.

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Juvenile

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Date

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Parent/Guardian

I, VIRGINIA G. SHARP, Esq., Attorney for \_\_\_\_\_  
state that I have reviewed this colloquy with my client and my client has indicated to me that he or she comprehends and understands what is set forth above.

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Attorney for Juvenile

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Date