

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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No. _____

United States of America

v.

Defendant.

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WAIVER OF PRELIMINARY HEARING

I understand that I have the right to a preliminary hearing in connection with the criminal charges or revocation motion that has been filed against me. After consulting with my attorney, I hereby waive my right to a preliminary hearing and my right to be present in court to personally waive my right to the hearing.

I acknowledge the following:

1. I understand that I have the right to a preliminary hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to support the allegations against me.
2. I understand that at the preliminary hearing, I would have the right to be represented by counsel, hear and challenge the government's evidence, and present my own evidence (by proffer or otherwise).
3. I understand that by waiving the preliminary hearing, the hearing will not be held and the court will find that there is probable cause to support the allegations against me.
4. I have discussed my decision to waive my preliminary hearing and the consequences of that decision with my attorney prior to executing this waiver.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEFENDANT:

I declare that I have read the above Waiver of Preliminary Hearing form or had it read to me and I understand it. I do not require a translation of this form nor do I require an interpreter for court proceedings.

Dated: _____

Signature of Defendant

OR

I declare that this Waiver of Preliminary Hearing form has been read to me in the _____ language and I understand it.

Dated: _____
Signature of Defendant

STATEMENT OF THE INTERPRETER (IF NECESSARY):

I declare under the penalty of perjury that I have translated this Waiver of Preliminary Hearing form to the Defendant in the _____ language.

Dated: _____
Signature of Interpreter

Print Name of Interpreter

STATEMENT OF COUNSEL:

I am satisfied that the Defendant has read this Waiver of Preliminary Hearing form (or has had it read to him or her), that he or she understands it, and that he or she is waiving his or her right to a preliminary hearing knowingly and voluntarily.

Dated: _____
Signature of Attorney