

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
JUVENILE**

ADMISSION COLLOQUY FORM

In re _____ : Docket No. _____
(Juvenile) :
: Delinquent Act(s): _____
: _____
: _____
: _____

Answer all of the questions on this form. If you do not understand any question, leave it blank and ask your lawyer and/or the judge.

I admit that I did the following things (lawyer shall list the delinquent acts, grading of acts, and counts): _____

General Information:

- 1) What is your full name? _____

- 2) Do you have any other name or nickname? Yes No
If yes, state:

- 3) How old are you today? _____

- 4) What grade are you in? _____

- 5) Can you read, write, and understand English? Yes No (if yes, go to #6)

a) If you cannot read, has someone fully read this form to you? Yes No

If so, who? _____(print name)

(signature of reader verifies that the form has been fully read to the juvenile)

b) If you do not read English, have you been given a translator or a lawyer who speaks your language? Yes No

c) Did your translator or lawyer read this form to you and explain it? Yes No

If so, who? _____(print name)

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Knowing and Voluntary Admission:

6) Are you now a patient in a mental hospital? Yes No

a) If yes, where? _____

b) Are you being treated for a mental illness? Yes No

c) If yes, what are you being treated for? _____

7) Have you taken any drugs or alcohol yesterday or today that do not make you think clearly? Yes No

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

8) Has anyone threatened or forced you to sign this form? Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

9) Have you been promised anything for this admission? Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

Understanding the Admission:

- 10) Has your lawyer told you what you did was against the law? Yes No
- 11) By admitting what you did, do you understand that you are giving up:
- a) The right to be presumed innocent, which means the judge does not think you broke the law until the D.A. (District Attorney) proves beyond a reasonable doubt that you broke the law (a reasonable doubt is a belief that it is very possible you did not break the law); Yes No
 - b) The right to a hearing by a fair judge; Yes No
 - c) The right to remain silent and your silence cannot be held against you; Yes No
 - d) The right to tell the judge your side of the story; Yes No
 - e) The right to ask witnesses questions; Yes No
 - f) The right to present witnesses or evidence to help tell your side of the story, but you do not have to do anything; Yes No
 - g) The right to tell the judge you disagree with something; Yes No
 - h) The right to ask the judge to decide if he or she should hear certain things; and Yes No
 - i) The right to have a higher court review this judge's decision. Yes No
- 12) Do you understand if the judge accepts your admission and believes you need help (finds you delinquent), the judge may make you get help? Yes No

Possible Consequences of Adjudication of Delinquency:

- 13) Do you understand that if you are found delinquent, the judge may make you pay money and place you outside of your home or on probation until you turn 21 years old? Yes No

- 14) Are you aware that if you are admitting to _____
_____ that your driving license will be suspended now or in the future (which means you will not be able to drive)? Yes No
(Lawyer shall write acts on this line, cross off, or write n/a).

- 15) Do you understand that this case can be used against you in the future? For example, if you break the law again, you may get a longer sentence in jail.
 Yes No

- 16) Do you understand that if you are found delinquent, other people may find out about it? You may also have to tell people, including colleges, military recruiters, or employers? Yes No

- 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 U.S.? Yes No

Admission Agreements:

- 18) Do you understand that if you are admitting to sexual assault that you cannot attend the same school as the victim? You will either be expelled or transferred to another school or an alternative education program. Yes No N/A

- 19) Are you aware that the judge does not have to accept any agreement between you and the District Attorney? Yes No N/A

- 20) If you change your mind about admitting to the charges before the judge decides your disposition or consequences, then you can ask the judge to let you take back your admission.

Appeals:

- 21) If you are found delinquent after this admission, you can have a higher court review your case for only three reasons:
- a) Whether your admission was voluntary (you made your own decision to admit to a charge. No one forced you to do this. You understood what you were doing, including the consequences: Yes No
 - b) Whether the court was the correct court to hear your case (the court had the authority over your case); or Yes No
 - c) Whether the court abused its responsibility or made any mistakes in the things that were ordered as your consequences. Yes No

If you do not admit, do you understand you have other rights? Yes No

Lawyer’s Representation and Opportunity to Speak with Guardian

- 22) Are you okay with what your lawyer did for you and how he or she explained everything? Yes No
- 23) Did you talk with your parent or guardian about admitting to the charge(s)? Yes No

I promise that I have read the whole form or someone has fully read the form to me. I understand it. I am telling the truth. I am saying that I have done the things on page one (1). I believe that this admission is best for me. The signature below and initials on each page of this form are mine.

JUVENILE

DATE

I, _____, lawyer for the juvenile, have reviewed this form with my client. My client has told me and I believe that he or she understands this form.

LAWYER FOR JUVENILE

DATE