

CAUSE NO:

PENDING COURT: JP #

THE STATE OF TEXAS

VS.

Defendant

DATE:

IN THE JUSTICE COURT

PRECINCT

HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS

DEFENDANT'S PLEA FORM

You have been charged with _____, you
may enter a plea of no contest, guilty, or not guilty.

NO CONTEST A plea of *no contest* states you are not contesting the charges filed. If you plead no contest, a finding of guilt will be entered by the court and your fine and costs of court will be assessed and must be paid as ordered.

GUILTY A *guilty* plea states you are guilty of the charge as filed. The fine and cost on a plea of guilty are the same as plea of no contest. A guilty plea may adversely affect you in the event a civil action is brought against you.

NOT GUILTY A plea of *not guilty* states that you are not guilty of the charge filed. If you plead not guilty a trial date will be set. You are required to appear for trial. Failing to appear may result in your being charged with Failure to Appear (Sec. 38.10, Penal Code) and a warrant being issued for your arrest. It is not required that you be represented by an attorney; however, you may elect to do so. Should you be found not guilty, you would be released at that time from the charge against you. Should you be found guilty, your fine and costs will be assessed by the Judge or Jury and must be paid at that time **NOTICE OF YOUR COURT DATE WILL BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS YOU HAVE LISTED BELOW.**

CHECK ONE

I HEREBY ENTER A PLEA OF **GUILTY** AND WAIVE APPEARANCE FOR TRIAL.

I HEREBY ENTER A PLEA OF **NOLO CONTENDERE (NO CONTEST)** AND WAIVE APPEARANCE FOR TRIAL.

I HEREBY ENTER A PLEA OF **NOT GUILTY & REQUEST A TRIAL BY JURY.**

I HEREBY ENTER A PLEA OF **NOT GUILTY & REQUEST A TRIAL BY JUDGE AND HEREBY WAIVE MY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL.**

Defendant's Signature

Date

Street Address

City/Zip

Telephone Number