

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The purpose of this document is to inform you of your constitutional rights before entering the juvenile diversion program. Please read the following questions and feel free to ask for assistance or to have the document read to you if there is something you do not understand.

1. Any decision you make regarding your participation in the diversion program must be your own and must be made voluntarily.
2. You are presumed to be innocent of this violation of the law until you either plead guilty or are found guilty in a court of law. You are not admitting guilt by entering the diversion program.
3. You have the right to appear in court on this offense.
4. If you go to court on this offense you would have the following constitutional rights:
 - a. The right to a speedy trial.
 - b. The right to confront and ask questions of the arresting officer during trial.
 - c. The right to have witnesses appear in court and testify on your behalf.
 - d. The right to remain silent or not testify at all.
 - e. The right to insist that the County Attorney prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
5. You have the right to an attorney;
6. You are setting aside your right to a speedy trial on this offense while on the diversion program.