

Case No. : \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE COUNTY CRIMINAL

VS

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COURT NUMBER EIGHT OF

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TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

**COURT ORDER TO RETAIN COUNSEL**

**YOU STAND CHARGED** with a misdemeanor offense which could result in confinement in the Tarrant County Jail and/or fines and court costs as punishment. You have the right to select/hire/retain an attorney of your own choosing. If you do not know an attorney, you may consult the yellow pages under the heading "Attorneys" or you may contact one of the following agencies:

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service (817) 336-4101**

**Arlington Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service (817) 227-3113**

**Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association www.tccdla.org**

If you hire an attorney, you do not need to complete/return this form to the court. Once your attorney contacts the court and advises the court of their hiring, the instructions below no longer apply to you.

If you believe you are "Indigent" (too poor to afford an attorney), you have the right to ask the court to determine if you qualify for a court appointed lawyer. Before the judge can make that decision, you are instructed to take the steps outlined in this document.

**First, you must contact the offices of THREE attorneys (IN PERSON), and obtain a quote for retaining each attorney to represent you in your case. (The information below is to be filled out by the attorneys' offices.)**

On your next court date, you must bring this form and your financial information, including: copies of your two most recent paychecks, most recent federal income tax return (with w-2), bank statements and any documentation from any governmental agency that substantiates a finding of indigence. You may also be required to complete a Tarrant County Financial Questionnaire.

**\* A Judge may order a defendant to repay Tarrant County for Court Appointed Attorneys' fees under such terms and conditions as the Court may determine.**

Judge/Court Coord.:

Date:

Attorney name	Phone No.	Fee	Code/Initials
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