

VIRGINIA:

IN THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT
OF LOUDOUN COUNTY

CASE NAME: _____ CASE NO.: _____

QUESTIONS ASKED THE DEFENDANT BEFORE THE COURT
ACCEPTS A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE

Before accepting your plea of guilty, the Court will need the answers to the following questions:

1. What is your full name? _____
2. Do you fully understand the charge(s) against you? Have you discussed the charge(s) and its/their elements with your lawyer (if you have one), and do you understand what the Commonwealth Attorney must prove before you may be found guilty of this/these charges? _____
3. Have you discussed with your lawyer (if you have one) whether you should plead guilty or not guilty? _____

Nolo Contendere – Do you understand that a plea of nolo contendere is an admission that the Commonwealth's evidence is sufficient for the purposes of this case for a finding of guilt and can subject you to a finding of guilt? _____

4. After the discussions, did you decide for yourself that you should plead guilty or nolo contendere?
5. Are you entering this plea of guilty or nolo contendere freely and voluntarily?

Did anyone promise you anything to get you to plead guilty or nolo contendere, or force you to plead guilty or nolo contendere, or threaten you in any way? _____

6. Do you understand that by pleading guilty or entering a plea of nolo contendere, you give up your right not to give evidence against yourself? _____
7. Do you understand that by pleading guilty or entering a plea of nolo contendere, you give up your right to a trial, including your right to hear from and question the witnesses? _____

Defendant

Defense Attorney

Date

Date

plea/gfz