

Office of Statewide Pretrial Services

Consent to Pretrial Interview

A Pretrial Officer will ask you questions about your background. This information is used to write a Pretrial Investigation Report to inform the judge of your circumstances as the judge considers your release from custody. A copy of this report will be provided to the Judge, the State's Attorney, and your Defense Attorney. This report will be impounded and not available to the public. You have the following rights related to this interview:

- A Pretrial Officer will be asking you questions about yourself. You will not be asked any questions about your pending case and the Pretrial Officer does not want you to talk about your case. Please be aware that any information you disclose about your pending case could be used against you in court.
- You are under no obligation to talk to the Pretrial Officer or to answer any questions you prefer not to answer. It will not be held against you if there are questions you do not answer.
- If you decline to be interviewed a report will still be provided to the parties, including your criminal history and basic identification information.
- You have the right to have an attorney present. If you request an attorney this interview could take place at a later date. By requesting to talk to your attorney prior to your initial appearance, the Pretrial Officer may not be able to include your social background information in the Pretrial Investigation Report.
- The Pretrial Officer will need your permission to contact people such as family, friends, school, or employers to verify any information you provide.

I have read and understand my rights. I give consent to be interviewed and for the Pretrial Office to contact individuals as needed to verify information.

Defendant's Signature

Date

Pretrial Officer

I have read and understand my rights and decline to be interviewed.

Defendant's Signature

Date

Pretrial Officer