

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.

CAUSE NO. _____

DEFENDANT

WAIVER OF ARRAIGNMENT AND ENTRY OF PLEA

The undersigned Defendant, by and through his/her counsel, reserves the right to object to any defect in the indictment and reserves the right to file pleadings required to be filed prior to arraignment, within thirty (30) days hereof.

Comes now the Defendant, _____ with
Attorney _____ and acknowledges service of an Indictment in this case
on _____ the _____ non-capital _____ charge(s)
of _____.

I understand the nature of the charge(s), against me and I hereby waive formal reading of the Indictment to me in open Court. I further understand that whether I enter a plea of guilty or go to trial on this charge, arraignment is waived by signing below. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY to the charge(s) set out in the above-numbered Indictment.

Defendant

As attorney for Defendant, I hereby certify and attest that I have explained the above to the Defendant, that I believe the above Defendant understands the charges against him/her in this indictment and that the Defendant has executed the same in my presence voluntarily knowingly.

Attorney for Defendant/ MSB#

Attorney's Address

Attorney Phone and Email

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, _____, who acknowledged that he/she executed and delivered the foregoing *Waiver of Arraignment and Entry of Plea* on the day and date therein mentioned and for the purposes therein expressed, as their voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS my hand and Official Seal this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

Note: A Waiver of Arraignment is only accepted on indicted cases that do not include a violent offense or habitual status enhancement. Additionally, the Waiver of Arraignment must be submitted to Debra Johnson, the Court Administrator at debra.johnson@co.hinds.ms.us, along with a Scheduling Order, and a Bond Agreement, if the Defendant is not in custody. The documents must be submitted to the Court Administrator three days prior to the arraignment for the Defendant and Defense Counsel to be excused from appearing at the arraignment. The parties must appear at arraignment unless the Court Administrator confirms through email that all necessary documents have been received.