

**SPARKS JUSTICE COURT
WAIVER OF INITIAL APPEARANCE ON FELONY OR
GROSS MISDEMEANOR CHARGES**

Defendant _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Case No. _____
City/State _____

Def's Initial

- _____ 1. I have received a copy of the complaint in the above-referenced case. My name is properly spelled. If not, I have informed the deputy clerk of my true and correct name.
- _____ 2. I understand that I have the right to appear before the Justice of the Peace to be informed of the complaint and to be told my rights as follows:
- a) To retain counsel or request appointed counsel.
 - b) To have a preliminary examination on the complaint within fifteen (15) days of today's date; and that I can waive that time and have a later date.
 - c) At this preliminary examination, I will be allowed to cross-examine the State's witnesses, and present evidence of my own and to be represented by an attorney.
 - d) At the conclusion of the preliminary examination, if there is probable cause to believe the crime was committed and committed by me, I will be bound over to the District Court to answer to the charges.
- _____ 3. I hereby waive my right to appear before the Justice of the Peace to be informed of the above rights.
- _____ 4. I have discussed all of these rights and this waiver of my initial appearance with my attorney.
- _____ 5. I understand that my preliminary hearing date is _____ at the hour of _____ and that I am required to attend. If this date is beyond the 15-day limit, I hereby waive the 15-day rule.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Defendant's Signature

CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL

I certify that I am counsel for the above-named Defendant in the above-referenced case; that I will appear with him/her on his/her next court date; that I have informed him/her of the rights described above and agree that he/she may safely waive those rights; and that I am counsel of record and will appear with the Defendant at all proceedings before the Sparks Justice Court until and unless I make formal application to be relieved and am relieved by court order.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Counsel's Signature

Counsel's Name Printed