

PLEA INFORMATION

Plea of Guilty

When you plea "Guilty", you admit that you committed the act charged and that the act is prohibited by law, and that you have no defense or excuse for your act. Before entering your plea of guilty, you should understand that a plea of guilty may be used against you should a civil suit arise. For example, if there was a traffic accident, another party can say you were at fault or responsible for the accident because you pled guilty to the traffic charge.

Plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest)

A plea of "No Contest" means you do not contest the charge against you. You will almost certainly be found guilty, unless you are eligible and successfully complete a driving safety course and/or a court approved deferral. A plea of nolo contendere cannot be used against you in a subsequent civil suit for damages.

Plea of Not Guilty

A plea of "Not Guilty" means you are informing the Court that you deny guilt or that you have a defense in your case, and that the State must prove what it has charged against you. You are required to enter your plea before the Judge, and you may also be required to post a cash bond to assure your appearance at trial.