

State vs.

Case#:

AGREEMENT FOR JUVENILE ARBITRATION OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- 1) Juvenile Arbitration is a Diversion Program designed to keep minor offenses from entering the formal Juvenile Court System. Participation is voluntary.
- 2) A sworn complaint has been written, or an arrest report has been filed against the above named Juvenile alleging a violation of the State Law or Local Ordinance.
- 3) In order for this Juvenile to participate in Juvenile Arbitration, he/she has acknowledged participating in the alleged offense.
- 4) Any statement made by the Juvenile during the course of the Diversion Program may not be used as evidence against him/her in any Juvenile Court proceeding.
- 5) The program office may contact the schools, social service agencies,, or other community resources regarding this Juvenile.
- 6) When the Juvenile has accomplished all program requirements, and has successfully completed all sanctions imposed by the Arbitrator, a request will be made to the State Attorney to close the case.
- 7) Any party to the case who is dissatisfied with the sanctions imposed may request a review by the State Attorney within five (5) days of the hearing date.
- 8) The defendant understands that he/she is waiving any rights to a speedy trial under the constitution and laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America and further understands that the criminal charges will not be pursued if all conditions and terms of this agreement are met.

"If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Dawn Oliver, Court Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at the Hendry County Justice Center, 25 East Hickpochee Ave., Labelle, Florida 33935, and whose telephone number is (239) 271-7951, within two working days of your receipt of this letter; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call "711".

I AND MY PARENT AGREE THAT IF I DO NOT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE JUVENILE ARBITRATION, I WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE NOTICE OF THE NEXT COURT DATE, BE IT ARRAIGNMENT OR TRIAL, BY HAVING A NOTICE TO APPEAR SENT TO MY MAILING ADDRESS. AS LONG AS MY CASE IS PENDING IN DIVERSION/COURT IN HENDRY COUNTY, I WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE MY MOST CURRENT PHYSICAL AS WELL AS MAILING ADDRESS TO THE HENDRY COUNTY JUVENILE ARBITRATION OFFICE. IF THE MAIL WITH THE NEXT COURT DATE IS RETURNED, I AGREE THAT THE COURT SHALL ISSUE A PICK UP ORDER FOR MY FAILURE TO APPEAR.

THE UNDERSIGNED PARENT/CUSTODIAN AND JUVENILE ACKNOWLEDGE: HAVING RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS PROGRAM AGREEMENT, THAT THEY HAVE READ IT, OR THAT THE PROGRAM STAFF PERSON HAS READ IT TO THEM; THAT THEY FEEL IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE JUVENILE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS DIVERSION PROGRAM. THE UNDERSIGNED ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT FAILURE TO COMPLETE JUVENILE ARBITRATION WILL RESULT IN THE CASE BEING REFERRED BACK TO THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A FUTURE COURT HEARING. FAILURE TO ATTEND A FUTURE COURT HEARING WILL RESULT IN A PICK UP ORDER BEING ISSUED AND YOU WILL BE PLACED IN DETENTION.

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20 _____

PARENT/CUSTODIAN

INTAKE COORDINATOR

JUVENILE

Copies: File, State Attorney, Juvenile