

NOTICE OF PLEA BARGAIN OFFERED

This is “notice” to the defendant of the plea bargain offered by the prosecutor for the State of Oklahoma:

This does not mean you have to accept it or that you have to reject it.

This is simply **notice** to you of what was offered.

The state may withdraw the recommendation if you do not accept it today.

The recommendation could **get worse** or it **could get better** but the recommendation will be **withdrawn** if you do not accept it.

You should use your “independent judgment” about what is in your best interest.

The vast majority of criminal cases *are plea bargained* for the best deal that can be obtained. Few cases go to trial. You are the one who will have to live with the result if the plea bargain gets worse and therefore you should use your “independent judgment” about what is in your *long term and total best interest*.

You are the one who gets to make the final decision on whether to accept or reject the plea bargain offered. You can make a counter-offer but that does not guarantee that it will be accepted.

If you are innocent you do have a right to a jury trial or a judge trial in your case and that is your decision. Normally, it is best not to enter a plea of guilty to something you did not do. It could be perjury to lie to a court. You may get a better sentence or worse sentence at a trial in this case. If you go to a trial and get convicted, the prosecutor will argue against you being given **probation** if you lose because they normally offer you that or a *chance* for probation in place of a trial or *in some cases* substantially less of a sentence on a plea bargain than what you could obtain at a jury trial if convicted. Normally in a plea bargain they offer to run the sentences **concurrently** if you plea bargain but if you go to trial and lose then you could end up with sentences running **consecutively**.

I state that I have received **notice** of this plea bargain offer:

Date Signed:

Defendant