

Cause No. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT

VS.

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AT LAW NUMBER _____

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OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

REQUEST AND ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

"My name is _____. I am the defendant a witness in this case. Today the judge presiding advised me of my right to be represented by a lawyer, either one that I hire, or if I am indigent or the interests of justice require, a lawyer appointed by the judge as well as the procedure for making this request. I understand I have the right to represent myself. I believe that I am indigent and I am requesting the Court appoint counsel to represent me. I understand that if there is a material change in my financial circumstances after a determination of my indigence is made, that I, my counsel, or the assistant district attorney representing the State may ask the judge to reconsider the judge's decision.

In support of this request I have provided the judge with personal and financial information am giving sworn testimony before the judge about my personal and financial circumstances. I understand this information **may not** be used for any purpose except to determine my indigency or to impeach any future testimony I may give in this case. I understand that I may be subject to prosecution for the felony offense of aggravated perjury in the event I intentionally or knowingly give false testimony to the Court in this matter."

I received assistance in completing this request from _____, a court services officer, court clerk, other _____.

Defendant

Sworn to before me on _____

Deputy District Clerk, Harris County, Texas

ORDER DETERMINING RIGHT TO APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Today the defendant a witness' request for the appointment of counsel was heard in open court and evidence presented concerning the defendant's financial resources.

INDIGENCY WITH REIMBURSEMENT. The Court finds the defendant is entitled to the appointment of counsel because defendant is indigent it is in the interests of justice. The Court further finds Defendant presently has financial resources to pay all or part of the cost of legal services and related expenses. **ORDERED** that Defendant is appointed counsel and shall contribute to the cost of legal services and related expenses as may be ordered by the Court.

INDIGENCY WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT. The Court finds the defendant is entitled to the appointment of counsel because defendant is indigent it is in the interests of justice. The court further finds Defendant presently has no financial resources to offset the cost of legal services and related expenses. **ORDERED** that defendant is appointed counsel in this matter.

The Court appoints the attorney named below to represent the defendant until charges are dismissed, the defendant is acquitted, appeals are exhausted, or the attorney is relieved of his duties by the court or replaced by other counsel.

Attorney _____

SPN _____ Bar Card Number _____

Address _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

NO FINANCIAL NEED. The defendant has the financial resources to employ counsel and the appointment of counsel in the interests of justice is not necessary. The request is **DENIED** at this time.

Signed _____

JUDGE PRESIDING