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Plea Information

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 its charges against you. If you plead "not guilty" your case will be scheduled for the next available trial docket.

Plea of Guilty:

A guilty plea is a defendant's admission that they committed the crime they are charged with and agree to waive their right to a trial. It also means that the defendant accepts responsibility for the alleged offense and admits that the act is illegal and that they have no defense or excuse for it. A guilty plea is considered a conviction and will be recorded on the defendant's criminal or driving record.

Plea of Nolo Contendere:

A plea of nolo contendere is a legal defense in which a criminal defendant neither admits nor denies guilt, but instead waives their right to a trial and accepts the punishment.