COURT I.D.	PREFIX	TICKET NUMBER	CHARGE	DESCRIPTION
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PLEA BY MAIL

(Statement in Mitigation or Defense by Certification (R.7:12-3))

Please complete this form and return it to court by _____. If you fail to return the enclosed form by the date listed, you may be required to personally appear in court to resolve your case.

DATE DUE

State of New Jersey

vs.

Defendant's Name: _____ _____ _____

FIRST M.I. LAST

Defendant's Address: _____ **Defendant's Phone #:** (_____)_____

STREET ADDRESS

_____ _____ _____

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I am the defendant in this case and certify that it would be an undue hardship for me to come to court for the following reasons: _____

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I have been fully informed of my right to a reasonable postponement. I give up my right to have an attorney, to apply for a public defender, and to remain silent. I also give up my right to be present at the trial and to cross-examine any witnesses.

I understand that if I am convicted of a traffic offense, other than parking, a record of the conviction will be sent to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and, if my license was not issued by New Jersey, to the motor vehicle agency of the state that issued my driver's license.

I understand that the judgment of the court will not be sent to me by ordinary mail at the above address and that if I am found guilty, I must pay all fines, penalties and costs imposed by the court. I may appeal my case within 20 days of the date of the decision. Information on how to appeal the municipal court's decision may be obtained from the municipal court or the Judiciary's website at www.njcourtsonline.com.

If I plead "Not Guilty", the judge will hear the testimony of the complaining witness or other witnesses review the facts I present below in my defense, and decide the case based on the testimony and facts presented.

If I plead "Guilty", the judge will consider the facts I present below to explain what happened before imposing any penalty against me. Before determining the penalty, the judge may consider comments from the complaining witness, other witnesses or from the prosecutor.

Please check one: I plead **"Not Guilty"** to the above charge(s). I plead **"Guilty"** to the above charge(s).

I present the following facts in defense or explanation: _____

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(Continue on the back of this form, or use additional sheets, if necessary. You must date and sign each additional sheet.)

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

_____ _____

DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE DATE