

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

In the Interest of:

A child.

Case Number: _____

File Number: _____

Sex: ____ **DOB:** _____ **Age:** _____

INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT AGREEMENT

The above-named child having been charged with (List offenses.):

The above-named child and his parent/guardian having acknowledged the following:

1. That the admitted facts bring the case within the jurisdiction of the Court.
2. That the child has been advised that the he/she has a right to have an attorney represent the child in this matter and that if the child is unable to afford to hire an attorney, one will be supplied free of charge.
3. That the child does not have to make a statement if the child chooses not to. Any incriminating statements made about this incident shall not be used against the declarant over objection in any hearing but can be used at a Juvenile Court Disposition Hearing or State/Superior Court Sentencing Hearing.
4. The child and parent/guardian do not have to consent to the entry into this informal adjustment.
5. That this matter could be formally heard before a judge rather than by an officer of the Court.
6. That the child and the child's parent/guardian expressly waives the requirement in OCGA § 15-11-521(b) requiring a petition to be filed within 30 days of the filing of the complaint.

The child and parent/guardian do hereby elect not to have an attorney and to proceed with this informal handling.

Signature of Child

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Date

The below signed Officer of Juvenile Court recommends information adjustment based on the fact that it is in the best interest of the public and the juvenile considering:

- a. The nature of the offense.
- b. The age and individual circumstances of the child.
- c. The child's previous record: _____

- d. Recommendations for informal adjustment made by complainant or the victim: _____

- e. Services to meet the child's needs and problems:
 - () may be unavailable within the formal court system
 - () may be provided more effectively by alternative community programs

After admitting to the offense, the child agrees to complete the following programs and abide by the following conditions:

- () Do not violate the laws of any governmental unit
- () One-time fee of \$ _____
- () Community Safety Class _____
- () Shoplifter's Program _____
- () _____ hours of community service
- () Letter of Apology
- () Individual Therapy with _____
- () Other: _____

All of the conditions listed above must be completed by _____
(Pursuant to OCGA § 15-11-515, informal adjustment cannot exceed three months unless extended by the Court).

The above-named child and the child's parent/guardian acknowledge that they have been advised by a copy of this informal adjustment and agree that any violation of any provision of the adjustment may result in the filing of a petition at any time during the term or period of this informal adjustment or any extension thereof.

Consented to by:

Recommended by:

Child

Intake/ Probation Officer of Juvenile Court

Parent/Guardian

Judge's Approval/Date

ORDER

This Court having determined that the above-named juvenile is subject to the jurisdiction and protection of this Court as provided by law; and

This Court having found that counsel and advice through informal adjustment without an adjudication is in the best interest of the public and the child; and

The Court having found the child and the child's parent/guardian having consented to the informal adjustment with knowledge that consent is not obligatory.

It is therefore agreed that the case of the above-named child will proceed by informal adjustment under the conditions and stipulations outlined above and incorporated in this informal adjustment by reference.

Approved, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Judge, Chatham County Juvenile Court