

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

In the interest of:

Case Number: _____

File Number: _____

Sex: ___ **DOB:** _____ **Age:** _____

A child.

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO A CONTESTED HEARING – RULE 9.4

Rule 9.4 of the Uniform Rules Juvenile Courts of the State of Georgia states: At the time of entering a plea, if an admission is made, the child shall sign a waiver of his or her right to a contested hearing on the merits of the petition. The matter may be disposed of at that time, or it may be scheduled for a dispositional hearing at a later time.

I, the above-named child, have been fully advised of my rights as stated in the “Acknowledgment of Rights” form, including, but not limited to:

- *Right to a speedy trial by the judge*
- *Right to remain silent*
- *Right to confront, that is to see, hear, question and cross examine the witnesses called to testify against me*
- *Right to use the subpoena power of the Court to require the attendance of any witness on my behalf*
- *Right to testify or not testify and that I cannot be required to testify at trial and if I do not testify, it cannot be held against me*
- *Right to the presumption of innocence and that before I can be adjudicated the State has the burden of proving my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt (delinquent charges) / clear and convincing evidence (CHINS)*

I, the above-named child, understand the nature of the charges against me and hereby Admit to the allegations and merits contained in the above-stated petition(s).

I do further assert that I have not been promised anything or been threatened or forced to enter this admission and this admission is entered freely and voluntarily.

I acknowledge that I have read, or have had read to me, and understand the information written above.

This _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Child

Signature of Parent

Child's Attorney

Signature of Guardian Ad Litem (if applicable)

Signature of Intake Officer