

NO. _____

IN THE MATTER

IN THE ___ DISTRICT

OF

COURT OF

___ COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER OF ADJUDICATION

On this ___ day of ___, 20___, came on to be heard the above styled and numbered cause. After due notice to all parties as required by Section 53.06 of the Juvenile Justice Code, came the Petitioner, to-wit: The State of Texas, represented by the District Attorney's Office of ___ County, Texas and the Respondent child ___, to-wit: ___ in person and by attorney ___. Also appearing was the child's parent or guardian, to-wit: _____. All parties announced ready, whereupon the Court proceeded to consider the pleadings, evidence and arguments of counsel.

WARNINGS

Prior to swearing in the witnesses, the following warnings pursuant to Section 54.03(b) of the Juvenile Justice Code were given to the Respondent Child:

1. The accusations made against the Respondent;
2. The nature and possible consequences of a finding of delinquent conduct;
3. The possible use of a juvenile record in adult court during sentencing or for enhancement purposes;
4. The Privilege against self-incrimination;
5. The right to have a trial and to confront the state's witnesses;
6. The right to be represented by an attorney; and,
7. The right to a jury trial.

ADJUDICATION FINDINGS

THE COURT FINDS that ___ is a child who is ___ years of age, who was born on the ___ day of ___, 19 ___, who has not reached their eighteenth birthday, who resides in ___ County, Texas and who stands charged in the State's Petition of being a child who engaged in Delinquent Conduct.

Paragraph 1 is used when the petition is approved by the Grand Jury

Paragraph 2 is used when the Respondent waives approval of the Grand Jury

Paragraph 1 [THE COURT FINDS that the petition was previously approved by the Grand Jury under Section 53.045 Texas Family Code.]

Paragraph 2 [THE COURT FINDS that the respondent, his parent, and attorney, in writing and in open court knowingly waived Grand Jury Approval of the Petition to Adjudicate under Section 53.045 Texas Family Code.]

THE COURT FINDS beyond a reasonable doubt that the allegations in paragraph(s) ___ of the petition filed herein are true and supported by the evidence.

THE COURT FINDS that on this the ___ day of ___, 20___, said child was adjudicated delinquent in Paragraph(s) ___ of the petition for the offense(s) ___, Section (s) ___, which is a ___, and the date of offense was _____.

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED AND ADJUDGED BY THE COURT that ___ has engaged in delinquent conduct within the meaning of Section 51.03, Texas Family Code. IT IS FURTHER ADJUDGED that said delinquent conduct included a violation of a penal law listed in Section 53.045(a) Texas Family Code, namely, _____.

RIGHT TO APPEAL

On entry of the above and foregoing order, the Court advised the child and his parents, guardian, or guardian ad litem of the child's right to appeal, of the child's right to representation by counsel on appeal, and of the child's right to appointment of an attorney for appeal if an attorney cannot be obtained because of indigency. The attorney was instructed that if the child, and his parent, guardian, or guardian ad litem express a desire to appeal, the attorney shall file a notice of appeal with this Court and inform this Court whether or not he will handle the appeal.

SIGNED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 20 ____.

JUDGE PRESIDING