

CAUSE NO. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS § IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
V. § _____ COUNTY, TEXAS
[INSERT PROPERTY] § _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

Defendant, [INSERT YOUR NAME, LAST THREE NUMBERS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND LAST THREE NUMBERS OF DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER], files this original answer to Plaintiff's Petition on [DATE], and by way of answer, shows:

Defendant denies generally every allegation in Plaintiff's Petition and demands strict proof by a preponderance of the credible evidence.

Defendant also claims the following affirmative defenses:

1. [LIST DEFENSE ONE.]
2. [LIST DEFENSE TWO.]
3. [LIST DEFENSE THREE.]
4. [CONTINUE LISTING DEFENSES AS NEEDED. SEE QUESTION 18 FOR COMMON DEFENSES TO FORFEITURE AND OTHER MORE GENERAL DEFENSES.]

Defendant asks that Plaintiff take nothing from this lawsuit. Defendant asks for costs of court. Defendant asks for such other and further relief, at law or in equity, to which Defendant may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

[SIGN YOUR NAME]
[PRINT YOUR NAME]
[YOUR ADDRESS]
[YOUR PHONE]
[YOUR EMAIL]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent on the [DAY] day of [MONTH] [YEAR] by regular U.S. mail, by facsimile, or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following parties or attorneys of record:

[INSERT NAME OF STATE'S ATTORNEY], Attorney at Law

[INSERT NAME OF ANY OTHER PARTY OR THEIR ATTORNEY, AS NEEDED]

[SIGN YOUR NAME]