

# Ruston Police Department EXPLANATION OF RIGHTS

INCIDENT NUMBER

UNIT FILE NUMBER

Date: 9/3/20XX Time: 2330 HRS Place: HOMICIDE OFFICE  
Statement of: EDWARD TAYLOR HARD

## EXPLANATION OF MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Before questioning and the making of any statement, I, EDWARD TAYLOR HARD  
have been advised by DET. R. THARP of the following rights:

1. I have the right to remain silent;
2. Any statement that I do make, either oral or written, can be used as evidence against me in a court of law (I understand that if I am a juvenile my statement may be used against me in a criminal prosecution in the event that juvenile court declines jurisdiction in my case);
3. I have the right at this time to an attorney of my own choosing and to have him present before and during questioning and the making of any statement;
4. If I cannot afford an attorney, I am entitled to have one appointed for me by a court without cost to me and to have him present before and during questioning and the making of any statement.

Signature Edward Taylor Hard

## WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

I have read the above explanation of my constitutional rights and I understand them. I have decided not to exercise these rights at this time. The following statement is made by me freely and voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind.

Witnesses Det J. Bell Signature Edward Taylor Hard

On Sept. 3, 20XX, at about 9:00 PM, I went to the  
Garage Tavern with two friends. I was sitting at the bar  
talking to them. I got bored I got up and headed  
towards the restroom. Bruno Summers came out  
of the restroom and came up to me. Until then I  
did not know he was in the tavern. About two  
week before, Summers had struck me, broken my  
tooth and cut my lip so I needed stitches. Summers  
threatened to kill me when he came up to me in the  
tavern last night. He pushed me and was reaching  
into his pocket. I pulled a gun out of my pocket. It accid-  
ntally went off when I pointed it at the wall and hit Summers.