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*TO PERSONS POSTING BONDS FOR THEMSELVES OR OTHERS*

1. Payor will only receive bond money back if they sign as surety on the bond form.
2. Bond is only returned WHEN DEFENDANT'S CASE IS DISPOSED OF IN COURT, FINE AND ALL COSTS ARE PAID IN FULL, OR UPON ORDER OF THE JUDGE.
3. The surety may be released from responsibility at any time he desires. To obtain a bond withdrawal, the surety must file a motion to be heard before the judge. THE JUDGE WILL ISSUE A WARRANT FOR THE DEFENDANT'S ARREST, AND THE DEFENDANT MUST BE IN CUSTODY BEFORE THE SURETY IS RELEASED FROM RESPONSIBILITY.
4. When posting a 10% bond, only 90% of the bond will be refunded, unless the Defendant is found not guilty of the charge or the case is dismissed.
5. There is a \$25.00 nonrefundable bond fee that will be added to the court cost.
6. If the Defendant fails to appear in Court as scheduled, the bond may be forfeited.
7. The bond money MAY be subject to seizure by the Court for payment of restitution, court costs, fines, or Public Defender fees, even though it was posted by someone else.
8. If the Defendant was arrested for nonpayment of fines, ANY money posted as bond MAY be applied to the balance regardless of who posted the money.
9. Before you post a bond, please understand that it is very possible that you WILL NOT be refunded any money.
10. Upon withdrawal of a bond or upon the final disposition of the case, the bond will be returned within 7 to 10 days from the date of the judge's order.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU POST A BOND**