

POSTING BOND OPTIONS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU POST BOND!

- **Forms of Payment Accepted:** Cash, cashier's check, debit, money order, or credit card.
- **Picture Identification Required:** For posting in your name.
- **Cases Bound Over to Lake County Court of Common Pleas:** If the case is bound over, the money is transferred to Lake County Court of Common Pleas and available there at the conclusion of the case.

PUTTING BOND IN YOUR NAME

- If you put bond in your name, you are responsible for assuring the defendant appears at all their Court hearings and abides by all bond conditions. You will receive the money back at the conclusion of the case in the form of a check, less 10% and state fees. **Example:** If the bond is set at \$5000 cash/surety or 10% + \$64 state fees and you will post bond of \$564, and at the conclusion of the case, \$450 will be available in the form of a check.
- If you owe the Court money on any of your own cases, we will first apply the bond to your balance and if any monies are left, then that amount will be refunded less 10% and State fees.
- If the defendant fails to appear for any of their hearings or comply with bond conditions, you are liable for the balance of the bond money. In addition, bond will be forfeited, a warrant will be issued for the defendant, and you will be scheduled for a bond hearing to explain to the Judge why the defendant didn't show and why you shouldn't have to pay the balance of bond. **Example:** If the bond is \$5000 cash/surety or 10% + \$64 State fees. You pay \$564. Bond is forfeited and you are liable for \$4500 as determined by the Judge.

PUTTING BOND IN DEFENDANT'S NAME

- If you put the bond in the defendant's name, defendant is assuming responsibility to appear at all their Court hearings and abide by all bond conditions. At the conclusion of the case, money will first be applied to any fines and costs. If there is any money left over, a check will be cut to the defendant, less 10%, state fees owed and all court costs.
- If the bail is posted in the defendant's name and they miss a hearing, bond is forfeited and a warrant will be issued.

WHEN DO I PICK UP MY CHECK?

- At the conclusion of the case, when the case is dismissed or convicted, you can bring your original bond receipt and picture identification. If the bond is posted in your name, you may choose to have the monies applied to the case, but you will still need your original bond receipt and picture identification.