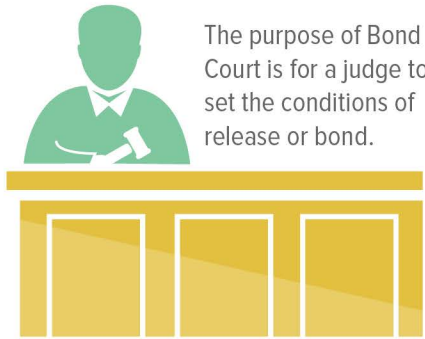


WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AT BOND COURT



The purpose of Bond Court is for a judge to set the conditions of release or bond.



LOCATION & DATE

of the next court appearance are determined by the judge.

The purpose of setting bond is to ensure that defendants who are released from custody appear in court on each and every court date.

WHAT IS HELPFUL TO DO AT BOND COURT

Please behave as if you are in a church or other place that requires the utmost respect. Avoid making any comments or gestures that challenge what is happening at court.



Please do not react to what you see and hear – it could have a negative impact on the bond process for your loved one.

When your friend or relative is brought before the judge, it is respectful for you to stand up so that the judge knows that you are present.



At the end of court, you will be able to ask questions of the public defender, the attorney who represents your friend or relative, and of other staff members in the hallway.



Usually, Bond Court lasts about an hour and a half.

THE BOND COURT PROCESS

A REMINDER:

If your friends or relatives are released, the most important thing is to help them get to each and every court hearing.

1 When your family member is brought before the judge, the judge will read the charge and may ask the state's attorney for a brief summary of the alleged facts of the case.



2 The judge may ask the state's attorney for your family member's criminal history, if any.



3 The judge may also ask the public defender for information received from an interview with your family member involving:



FAMILY HISTORY



WORK EXPERIENCE



EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

This is called **mitigation**. If mitigation is discussed, *the staff of the public defender may need to ask you additional questions* after Bond Court to help the case of your loved one.

4 A general guideline is to be patient with the bond process. It takes time to transfer documents from one department to another.



1-2 HOURS

of waiting will be a natural part of the process.

5 The judge will decide which type of bond your friend or relative needs to be released.

Remember: no matter what type of bond they receive, they will still have to return to court for another court date or court dates.



COURT DATE	BRANCH NUMBER

Central Bond Court Phone Number:
(773) 674-3217

Please call (312) 603-1134 for any help needed.

Turn Over ➔

THERE ARE SEVERAL TYPES OF BONDS

I-BOND

An I Bond means the defendant does not pay any money to be released.



The defendant may have to report to Pretrial Services or be put on Electronic Monitoring to be released without a money bond.



He or she promises to appear for each and every court date.

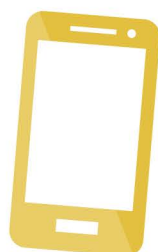
If your friend or relative does receive an I-Bond, he or she will be released within 1 1/2 hours of the end of the court and you may wait in the hall for him or her.



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I-BOND WITH EM

An I-Bond with EM refers to Electronic Monitoring, or the defendant being restricted to their home with a monitoring bracelet on their ankle.



Be available to take a phone call from the sheriff for the next:

24-48 HOURS

so that the phone number can be verified for EM placement.

This phone will need to be available to the defendant where he or she stays. If the phone number cannot be verified, the Electronic Monitoring option will be replaced by a money bond also known as a D-bond.

A FINAL REMINDER

If your friends or relatives are released, the most important thing is to help them get to each and every court hearing.

D-BOND

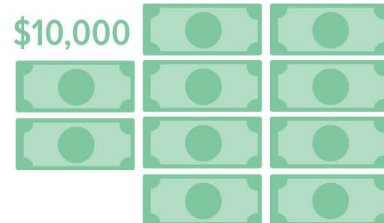
A D-bond is when the defendant must post an amount of money to be released.



10%

The amount of bond as bail the defendant can usually pay if a D-bond is required.

For example, if the bond is set at:



The defendant must post:

\$1,000



The money will usually be returned if the defendant attends court on every court date minus 10% for a processing fee.

In the above example, if the defendant came to every court date, at the end of the case he would get back:

\$900*



*Additional fees may be taken from this amount.

If the defendant does not appear in court, the bail money will not be returned.