

Chief Judge, Twelfth Judicial District

**ORDER: CASH BONDS  
POSTED BY DEFENDANT  
MAY BE APPLIED TO  
OUTSTANDING FINES &  
COSTS**



**CHIEF JUDGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2009-2**

In order to implement best business practices regarding the posting of a cash bond by a defendant (as opposed to by a third party), and in order to do things similarly whenever possible within the 12<sup>th</sup> District, it is necessary to enter a standing order that when a cash bond posted by a defendant is released, it shall be applied to the fines, costs, and restitution assessed for the case in which the bond was posted unless the judge presiding on the defendant's case directs otherwise. Any remaining amount of the bond after being applied to fines, costs, and restitution will be refunded to the defendant.

The following provisions apply to this policy:

- The bond has to be posted by the defendant only.
- Regardless of how the bond is marked as to the application of fines and costs, the cash bond will be applied to fines, costs and restitution.
- If a bond was posted by a third party, it must be returned to that party unless that party gives written permission to apply the bond to the outstanding fines, costs, and restitution.
- A cash bond from one case may not be applied to another case unless the defendant gives written permission to do so.

This policy is applicable to the following case types: CR, JD, M, T and R.

This policy is effective upon signing.

Done and signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

BY THE COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "O. John Kuenhold".

O. John Kuenhold  
Chief Judge, Twelfth Judicial District