

# **LEGAL RIGHTS RELATED TO POSTING MONEY BOND**

## **PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-4-102, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES**

- 1. BOND FEES, BOOKING FEES, AND OTHER FEES OR DEBTS NEVER NEED TO BE PAID TO SECURE A PERSON'S RELEASE ON MONEY BOND. A PAYOR NEED ONLY PAY THE BOND AMOUNT IN ORDER TO SECURE RELEASE.**
- 2. WHILE NEVER A BASIS TO HOLD A DEFENDANT IN JAIL, THE FOLLOWING FEES ARE CHARGEABLE AS A DEBT TO THE DEFENDANT AFTER RELEASE IF THE PAYOR CHOOSES NOT TO PAY THE FEES AT THE TIME OF BONDING: A \$10 BOND FEE AND A MAXIMUM 3.5% CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FEE. No OTHER BOND-RELATED FEES MAY BE CHARGED AT ANY TIME, INCLUDING ANY KIOSK FEES OR FEES FOR PAYMENT BY CASH, CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER.**
- 3. BOND PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO THE HOLDING COUNTY AND ARE NEVER TO BE MADE OUT IN THE NAME OF THE INCARCERATED PERSON.**
- 4. A SHERIFF MUST RELEASE A DEFENDANT WITHIN SIX HOURS AFTER A PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE BOND IS SET AND THE DEFENDANT HAS RETURNED TO JAIL OR WITHIN SIX HOURS AFTER A CASH BOND HAS BEEN SET AND THE DEFENDANT HAS RETURNED TO JAIL AND THE DEFENDANT OR SURETY NOTIFIED THE JAIL THAT BOND IS PREPARED TO BE POSTED, UNLESS EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST. IN THE EVENT OF A DELAY OF MORE THAN SIX HOURS, A SURETY AND THE DEFENDANT HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT, IF ANY, EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCE IS CAUSING THE DELAY. SUPERVISORY CONDITIONS OF RELEASE DO NOT JUSTIFY A DELAY IN RELEASE; EXCEPT THAT A SHERIFF MAY HOLD A DEFENDANT FOR UP TO 24 HOURS IF NECESSARY TO ENSURE A DEFENDANT IS FITTED WITH REQUIRED ELECTRONIC MONITORING.**
- 5. ANYONE WHO POSTS A MONEY BOND HAS THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE BOND PAPERWORK, INCLUDING DOCUMENTATION OF THE NEXT UPCOMING COURT DATE.**
- 6. A SURETY MAY NEVER BE ASKED TO USE POSTED BOND MONEY TO PAY A DEFENDANT'S DEBTS. ONLY WHEN DEFENDANTS HAVE POSTED THEIR OWN MONEY BOND MAY THEY BE ASKED IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH BOND MONEY TO PAY THEIR DEBTS. RELINQUISHMENT OF BOND MONEY BY A DEFENDANT TO PAY A DEBT IS NEVER REQUIRED AND IS ENTIRELY A VOLUNTARY CHOICE BY THE DEFENDANT.**

If you feel and of the provisions in the statute have been violated, you may file a complaint or a comment pursuant to LASO Policy 1106 IV

### **1106 IV POLICY**

The Las Animas County Sheriff's Office takes seriously all complaints regarding the service provided by the Office and the conduct of its members.

The Office will accept and address all complaints of misconduct in accordance with this policy and applicable federal, state, and local law, municipal and county rules, and the requirements of any collective bargaining agreements (CRS § 24-31-305).

It is also the policy of this office to ensure that the community can report misconduct without concern for reprisal or retaliation.

### **1106 IV COMPLAINT FORMS**

Personnel complaint forms will be maintained in a clearly visible location in the public area of the sheriff's facility. Personnel complaint forms in languages other than English may also be provided, as determined necessary or practicable.