

COURT PROCESSING

Once your case has been filed with the court, the following will take place.

1. A warrant for the defendant's arrest will be issued either the day you file your case or within a few days. It is important to remember that once your case has been filed with the court, you must instruct the defendant that they need to come to the court to take care of the check. Do not take their money. The defendant will be fined a minimum of \$172, but could pay as much as \$621 for each offense.
2. A letter will be sent to the defendant telling them the case has been filed, a warrant has been issued for their arrest, and the process needed for them to come in and take care of it.
3. The court will collect the amount of money filed for on the face of the check, plus collect a \$30 fee that goes back to the merchant.
4. The defendant's drivers' license will be submitted to the omni system, which puts a hold and eventually a suspension on the defendant's drivers' license.
5. If restitution is collected during the month of February, for example, the merchant will receive their check the following month. You will be called to come in a pick up your check or Judge Burnett will hand deliver it to you. Either way, you must sign and date the copy of the check to acknowledge you received it.