

Refunding of Criminal Cash Bonds

A signed judge's order must be on file with the Jefferson County District Clerk before processing any refund request. You may obtain an order by hiring an attorney or filing the request on your own.

Please be aware clerks are not allowed to give any information or answer questions which could be considered legal advice.

Refund Information

Once a judge signs an order and that order is on file with the Jefferson County District Clerk's Office, the refund process can take place. Per statute, some bond refunds are subject to a fee of 5% of the total bond amount, not to exceed \$50 [Ref. Sec. 117.055 (a) Local Government Code] except for bonds associated with Family Courts. Refunds are made via check and provided in-person or sent through US Mail.

For felony cases, a signed order that refunds cash bonds is required. A blank order form is provided which you can find on this page: [Order Refunding Cash Bond](#)

A copy of the Sheriff's receipt must be attached to the order. This allows our office to verify the identity of the person listed under the "received from" section and whether they're entitled to the refund bond. If someone other than the person named in the Sheriff's receipt is requesting the cash bond refund, please attach a notarized "[Assignment of Cash Bond Form](#)" to the order.

Forms

[Order Refunding Cash Bond Form](#)

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