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## Attention: In-Custody Clients

### **What is bail?**

Bail is some form of property deposited or pledged to a court to persuade it to release a suspect from jail on the understanding that a suspect will return for trial or forfeit the bail (and possibly be brought up on charges of the crime of failure to appear).

The Nevada Constitution and court interpretations there from provide a suspect with a right to reasonable bail. Many exceptions exist and in some instances bail will not be permitted either.

Your bail amount is set at the Pershing County/ Humboldt County Jail and based on a bail schedule created by the Justice Court. Bail amounts in either county can be quite dramatic.

### **How do I get released on bail?**

You may pay cash to the jail in an amount equal to the total sum of your bail. Cash bail will be returned at the end of your case if you appear at all proceedings.

As an alternative you may contract with a bail bondsmen. The bail bondsmen will need a nonrefundable fee in an amount of approximately 15% of your total bail amount. And, the bail bondsmen will need someone to pledge collateral guaranteeing payment to the bondsmen of the full amount of your bail in the event you are released and fail to appear.

### **How do I get released if I cannot afford bail?**

If you cannot make bail, you may be able to have your bail amount reduced by a court. On rare occasions the court will agree to release you without bail (a release on your own recognizance).