



## Ask Beth: Bond Refunds

Dear Beth, I recently posted a cash bond for a friend. I did not use a bail bond person or company. Now that the case is resolved, how am I able to get a refund for the cash bond I posted?

Sincerely, Samantha Samaritan

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Thank you for your question, Samantha! Bonds can sometimes be confusing, and I am happy to help you through this process. There are two major types of bonds: surety and cash. A surety bond must be posted by a bail bondsperson. You are responsible for paying 10% of the total bond amount to the bail bondsperson, who would then post bail on your behalf.

When a judge orders a cash bond, anyone can post bail but you must pay the total amount due. To seek a refund of a cash bond, you would need to work with the Clerk's office to determine if all or a portion of the bond can be returned to you. Court fees, fines or restitution owed after the case is resolved may be deducted if a judge orders those costs be paid out of the posted cash bond. In these cases, your friend or family member should reimburse you for any difference between the full amount posted and the amount refunded.

Bonds can be posted 24 hours a day at the Arrestee Processing Center (752 East Market Street) or during regular business hours at the City-County Building (200 East Washington Street) in room 644. Bond refunds are handled from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the City-County Building location (room 644), or you can deal directly with the court where the trial took place. Street parking and pay lots are available around the building, and be prepared to go through security when you enter the building.

To receive your refund, you will need to provide the receipt you received after posting the cash bond and a valid ID. If you have misplaced or forgotten your receipt, you can fill out a lost affidavit form, which is available in our office. To speak with someone regarding the status of your refund, you can call (317) 327-4733.

If you still have questions, there is a wealth of information available at [www.indy.gov/clerk](http://www.indy.gov/clerk). Go to 'Court Records & Filings' click 'Bonds' and you will find our "frequently asked questions" page. You should also feel free to call our office at (317) 327-4740 anytime.

Thank you again for writing.

Best Wishes,  
Beth

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