
BENCH ORDER

WHEREAS, from time to time at the conclusion of a criminal matter, after applying defendant's cash bail to the financial obligations of the instant file, a balance remains; and

WHEREAS, money bail posted by the defendant is the property of the accused pursuant to M.S.A. 629.53; and

WHEREAS, many times the same defendant has an outstanding balance due on another file; and

WHEREAS, SCAO Policy 209(i) directs Court Administration to ask the Court how to process outstanding bail at disposition of each case; and

WHEREAS, a Bench Order authorizing Court Administration to apply cash bail to the financial balance in the case where the bail is posted, and any bail remaining to be applied to any other cases in which the defendant shows a balancing owing.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- I. Upon resolution of a case, Court Administration is authorized to apply any outstanding bail to the case where the bail is posted.
- II. If any cash bail remains, Court Administration is authorized to apply cash bail to any other Dakota County case in which the defendant shows a balance owing.
- III. If any cash bail remains, Court Administration is authorized to refund the remainder of the cash bail to the defendant personally or according to the defendant's written directive.

Vicki Valtaylor

02/01/2023

Judge Name

Date