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Alaska Court System Accepting Bail Payments Online

Anchorage, Alaska (April 6, 2020) – Friends or family can now post bail online with a credit or debit card when someone has been arrested, but can be released by posting bail. The court system is offering this service because of Covid-19 related restrictions on posting bail at the Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities. An active email address is required to post bail online, and payments can be made with a credit or debit card.

To reduce the community transmission of Covid-19, the court system strongly encourages the use of the online payment method instead of posting bail in person at a courthouse. If you are unable to pay bail with a credit or debit card, you can still go to your local courthouse to pay.

The court system is able to process bail online Monday-Thursday from 8AM-4PM, Fridays from 8AM-11AM, and Saturday and Sundays from 12PM-5PM. While the system is online, it still requires court staff to start and complete the transaction. Therefore, it is not available 24 hours a day, but the available hours represent an increase for many locations.

Individuals who want to post bail online should contact DOC to find out where the defendant is located and whether the defendant is eligible to be released on bail. Once DOC confirms that the defendant is eligible to be bailed out online, a DOC staff person from the facility where the defendant is located will collect your contact information, and then you will receive an e-mail from the Alaska Court System telling you the amount of bail, and requesting that you answer a series of questions.

For specific instructions on how to post bail online, please see the court system's website:

<https://courts.alaska.gov/covid19/#bail>

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