

CIRCUIT COURT OF SOUTH DAKOTA SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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THIRD PARTY BOND AND RELEASE OF BOND MONEY

IT IS THE POLICY of the Sixth Judicial Circuit that all cash bonds will be retained by the Clerk of Courts office until a release has been issued by a Judge. The Release of Bond Form is attached.

IT IS FURTHER THE POLICY of the Sixth Judicial Circuit that all bond money belongs to the defendant, even though a third party may have posted the bond, the money shall be utilized for any legitimate purpose that the defendant is obligated to fulfill such as fines, costs, restitution, attorney fees, etc. This policy is in conjunction with the above policy regarding release of bond money.

IT IS FURTHER THE POLICY of the Sixth Judicial Circuit that after all purposes of the bond have been served and all obligations have been met, any remaining funds should be returned to the defendant. However, if there is signed documentation by the defendant authorizing his/her attorney to acquire the funds, the Court would allow the release of the bond monies to the attorney.

Dated this $\frac{\sqrt{st}}{\sqrt{st}}$ day of $\frac{\sqrt{st}}{\sqrt{st}}$, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

John L. Brown, Presiding Judge