

## NOTICE TO PERSON(S) DEPOSITING CASH FOR BAIL BOND

### How does a Cash Bail Bond work?

- A cash bail bond is a written agreement made by the Defendant and the cash depositor (either Defendant or other person) to go to every mandatory court appearance and follow all conditions for the case number listed above. If the Defendant misses a court date, a warrant may be issued for the Defendant, **your cash bail bond amount may be FORFEITED** to Harris County and no money will be returned.
- Cash is deposited as bail with the court for the entire time it takes the case to be resolved.
- The Cash Depositor will receive a receipt showing the amount of this cash bail bond deposit, and a copy of the Defendant's next court date.
- The Defendant must appear in court on the date and time on the bond form. If there is no court date on the form, you will need to contact the District Clerk's Public Service Section at (713) 755-5734.

### How do I get my Cash Bail Bond amount back?

- If the Defendant goes to all court dates and follows all conditions of this bond, the court will return the amount of the cash bail bond deposit listed on the receipt, minus an administrative fee (Section 117.055, Local Government Code).
- The cash bail bond amount will be refunded to either (1) any person named on the receipt, including the Defendant, or (2) Defendant if no other person is able to provide a receipt.
- Cash bail bond refunds are ONLY issued by the Harris County Treasurer's Office usually mailed within 8 to 12 weeks after case disposition. Harris County does NOT use third parties for cash bail bond refunds.
- For information on cash bail bond refunds in Felony or Misdemeanor cases, please contact the Auditor's Office at (832) 927-4592.
- For information on cash bail bond refunds in civil case bonds, including Child Support, please contact the County Clerk's Office's Trust Fund Department, at (713) 755-5734.
- For more information about refunds in Justice of the Peace court cases, please directly contact your specific Justice of the Peace court.