

# **What Is Bail And How Is It Set**

1. Bail is the amount of money or other security that is deposited with the Court which permits the release of a defendant from custody. It also ensures that the defendant will appear at all court proceedings. It is set by a schedule in each county.

2. A bail bond agent is contacted who arranges to post bail at which time the defendant is released from custody. The bail agent charges the defendant a premium for assuming the risk of a defendant not appearing. If you fail to appear, the court will declare the bail forfeited. In other words, the bail security will be lost, and a new warrant will be issued for your arrest.