

## ***Enforcement of Restitution***

The Court may require the defendant to pay restitution as a condition of probation, suspended imposition of sentence or any form of conditional release.

The Court may revoke the defendant's probation or any form of conditional release if the defendant fails to comply with the order and if the defendant has not made a good faith effort to comply.

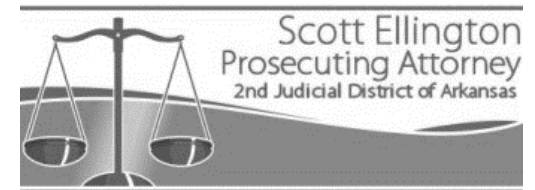
In determining whether to revoke probation or conditional release, the Court or releasing authority shall consider the defendant's employment status, earning ability, financial resources, the willfulness of the defendant's failure to pay, and any other special circumstances that may have a bearing on the defendant's ability to pay.

Upon revoking the probation or conditional release, the Court may order the defendant to serve some incarceration time, extend the probation/conditional release, or change the payment schedule.

**If the defendant is not paying, you may contact the Victim/Witness Assistance Office to see what options are available.**

# Understanding Restitution

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## ***What is Restitution?***

If you are the victim of a crime, then you may be entitled to restitution.

Restitution is the money paid by the defendant to the victim for actual economic loss sustained as the result of a crime. The Judge may order the



defendant to pay you for your monetary loss at the time the defendant is sentenced.

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## ***Types of Restitution***

- Property expenses
- Replace stolen property
- Repair damaged property
- Clean property
- Medical expenses
- Counseling expenses
- Funeral expenses
- Lost wages

Do not list items or claim expenses that are not related to the crime that was committed against you.

You should contact the Prosecuting Attorney's Victim Assistance Office if you have any questions regarding restitution.

## ***How to Request Restitution***

It is your responsibility to make sure the Prosecuting Attorney's Office knows the amount of your loss. Without this information, the prosecutor cannot ask the Judge to order restitution.

Therefore, you should contact the Victim/Witness



Even if you are not owed restitution because you filed a claim with your insurance company, the

Court needs to know the amount paid by your insurance company. Restitution can be ordered for your insurance company and for your deductible.

If you are a victim of a violent crime then you may be eligible to apply for assistance with the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board. If you receive compensation, the Court may order restitution for the Crime Board.

*The defendant is entitled to a Restitution Hearing. Make certain that you have given accurate amounts.*

**DO NOT EXAGGERATE YOUR EXPENSES TO THE COURT.**

## ***How to Expect Payments***

A defendant who is found guilty or who enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere may be ordered to pay restitution. The Judge or jury will make a determination of the actual economic loss caused to you by the crime.

Typically, the defendant will be allowed to pay restitution in monthly installments of a specified amount.

Payments are made to the Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Department will send you a check when restitution has been paid in full. Dispersing partial payments is at the discretion of the Sheriff's Department.

Court cost, fines and other fees are paid before restitution. Therefore, you may not receive a payment for several months.

You may contact the Sheriff's Office at (870) 933-4550 to check the status of restitution payments.

**Always notify the Sheriff's Office or the Victim Assistance Office of any address changes.**