

**RECOGNIZANCE AND BOND TO KEEP THE PEACE**

Va. Code §§ 19.2-21, 19.2-258

General District Court

Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

I, the Accused, hereby acknowledge the finding of a judge of this Court that good cause has been shown to require that I enter into a recognizance to keep the peace due to one or more of the reasons set forth in Va. Code § 19.2-19. I hereby give my promise to fulfill faithfully the following conditions:

1. To keep the peace and be of good behavior until .....

2. ....

DATE

ACCUSED

**WARNING:** Failure to fulfill the terms and conditions above or any violation thereof may result in forfeiture of the bond on the lower portion of this document.

**BOND**

The Accused, and Surety(ies) (if any), each hereby acknowledges himself, his heirs and assigns indebted to the

Locality named above in the sum of \$ .....

UNSECURED

cash

corporate surety

professional bondsman

SECURED by:

other solvent surety(ies) having real or personal property

(and if secured by other solvent surety(ies) having real or personal property, the undersigned, having demonstrated to the officer taking this bond the nature of their interest in the property, also make oath that the equity of the undersigned in the property equals or exceeds the amount of this bond).  
The additional terms printed on the back side of this document are incorporated herein by reference.

SURETY

(SEAL)

ACCUSED

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(SEAL)

Hearing Date

Case No. ....

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ACCUSED LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL

TEL. NO. ....

DATE RECEIVED	DATE DISBURSED/ DISCHARGED
BOND AMOUNT	RECEIPT NO (IF CASH DEPOSIT)

**RELEASE:** The promise to fulfill the conditions of recognizance and the bond were subscribed and sworn to before me this day after I explained the conditions and warnings to the Accused and, if any, custodian and surety. The accused is ordered released pursuant to the terms within.

CLERK  JUDGE

DATE AND TIME

Surety: Name(s), address(es), and if corporate surety, name(s) of authorized agent(s).

The Accused, and Surety(ies) (if any), each waives all benefit of homestead exemptions as to this debt and further covenants jointly and severally that none of them shall permit or cause title to or possession of the property pledged to secure this bond to be transferred in any manner to any degree or encumbered to the extent of this obligation. The terms of the conditions of Release and Recognizance are hereby incorporated by reference. If the Accused shall faithfully fulfill the conditions of release and recognizance given above, this debt is to be void; otherwise, this debt is to remain in full force and effect until declared void by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Cash Bonds (bonds secured with cash.)

1. If the Accused secures this bond with cash and the Accused otherwise meets the conditions of bail and the Accused is convicted, then the accused consents to having fines and costs deducted from the cash posted to secure this bond. This consent does not apply to cash posted by a surety to secure this bond.
2. If the Accused fails to appear at any time or place or before any court or judge to which this case may be scheduled, rescheduled, continued, transferred, certified or appealed, the Accused waives any right to notice of any proceeding to forfeit this bond for such failure to appear, and the Accused agrees that any notice of a proceeding to forfeit a bond for failure to appear given to the Accused by this court shall not renew a right to such notice.
3. The Code of Virginia requires that when any Accused who posted a cash bond and failed to appear is tried in his absence and is convicted, the court or judge trying the case shall first apply the cash bond, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the payment of any fines or costs, or both, adjudged against the defendant or juvenile or imposed by law. Any remaining funds shall be forfeited without further notice. However, if a rehearing is granted, the court may remit part or all of such cash bond not applied ultimately to fines or costs, and order a refund of the same by the State Treasurer, or by the treasurer or director of finance of the locality, if the bond was collected by a locality pursuant to § 19.2-136, but only if good cause is shown. If the Accused posted a cash bond and failed to appear, but is tried in his absence, the bond shall be forfeited promptly without further notice. However, if the Accused appears in court within 60 days after the bond is forfeited, the judge may remit part or all of any bond previously forfeited and order refund of the same by the State Treasurer or by the treasurer or director of finance of the locality, if the bond was collected by a locality pursuant to § 19.2-136.