

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
JUDICIAL DISTRICT NINE-B
WAYNE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF PROMULGATING)
LOCAL RULES RELATING TO BAIL)
AND PRETRIAL RELEASE FOR)
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 9-B)

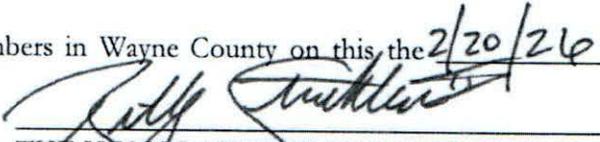
AMENDED ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judge and Chief District Court Judge of Judicial District 9-B. After careful consideration of the matter of promulgating policies relating to Bail and Pretrial Release—pursuant to the authority granted by Article 26 of Chapter 15A of the North Carolina General Statutes; the General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts; the Odyssey/eCourts electronic-filing and case-management system adopted by the Supreme Court of North Carolina on 21 April 2021 and is effective 10 May 2021; and the specified, implied and inherent powers of our respective offices — the undersigned, acting separately and collectively, do hereby approve and enter this order.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT:

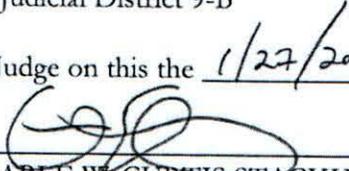
1. The Local Rules of Bail and Pretrial Release attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby adopted as the official policies and standards concerning Bail and Pretrial Release in the Criminal Court of Judicial District 9-B (Wayne County)
2. These policies supersede all prior such policies and shall be effective 2/20/26 ;
3. The Clerk shall serve copies of this Order and these Rules upon each Judge, Magistrate, Sheriff and each Chief of Police in the judicial district.

ENTERED in Superior Court Chambers in Wayne County on this the 2/20/26



THE HONORABLE BILLY J. STRICKLAND, II
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge
Superior Court Judicial District 9-B

IN CONSULTATION with the Chief District Court Judge on this the 1/27/2026.



THE HONORABLE W. CURTIS STACKHOUSE
Chief District Court Judge
District Court Judicial District 9

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LOCAL RULES OF BAIL AND PRETRIAL RELEASE FOR JUDICIAL DISTRICT 9-B

AUTHORITY: G.S. 15A-535 provides: "Subject to the provisions of this Article [26], the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of each judicial district in consultation with the Chief District Court Judge must advise and issue recommended policies to be followed within the district in determining whether, and upon what conditions, a defendant may be released before trial." It is the intent of the Superior Court to review the policy annually and update whenever necessary.

Rule 1: Name

These rules shall be officially known as the "Local Rules of Bail and Pretrial Release for Judicial District 9-B (Wayne County)." When clear from the context the rules may be referred to as the "Local Rules of Bail" or the "Local Rules."

Rule 2: Authority

These rules were promulgated pursuant to the authority of Article 26 of Chapter 15A of the North Carolina General Statutes; the General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts; the Odyssey/eCourts electronic-filing and case-management system adopted by the Supreme Court of North Carolina on 21 April 2021 and is effective 10 May 2021; and the specified, implied and inherent powers of the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge and the Chief District Court Judge of District 9-B.

Rule 3: Scope

These rules shall apply in all criminal actions or proceedings in this Judicial District 9-B and shall be followed by all judicial officials and all other persons dealing with bail bonds and pretrial release of criminal defendants in this Judicial District 9-B.

Rule 4: Definitions

a) Bail Bond. An undertaking by the principal to appear in court as required upon penalty of forfeiting bail to the State of North Carolina in a stated amount.

b) Capital Offense. A criminal offense for which the death penalty is an authorized form of punishment. Such an offense is capital regardless of whether the District Attorney is seeking the death penalty in the particular case.

c) Clerk. The clerk of superior court, acting clerk, or assistant or deputy clerk. G. S. 15A-101(2).

d) Defendant. A person charged with a criminal offense under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

e) Entry of Judgment. Judgment is entered when sentence is pronounced. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs, without more, does not constitute entry of judgment.

f) Judicial Official. A Magistrate, Clerk, District Court Judge and Superior Court Judge. G. S. 15A-101(5).

g) Justify. To determine that a surety owns sufficient property exclusive of indebtedness and exemptions to satisfy a bond upon forfeiture.

h) Obligor. A principal or a surety on a bail bond.

i) Post-trial Release. Release after guilt is established in superior court.

j) Pretrial Release. Release prior to guilt being established in superior court.

k) Principal. A defendant or material witness obligated to appear in court as required upon penalty of forfeiting bail under a bail bond.

l) Surety. One who, with the principal, is liable for the amount of the bail upon forfeiture of bail.

m) Victim. A person against whom there is probable cause to believe one of the crimes has been committed as listed in 15A- 830(a)(7), (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g).

n) Violent Offense. Violent Offense is defined under G.S. 15A-531(9) (applicable to all of Article 26 of Chapter 15A), with multiple implications for the defendants who are charged with such an offense. The term includes any of the following (with some overlap in the categories):

1. Any Class A through G felony that includes assault, the use of physical force against a person or the threat of physical force against a person, as an essential element of the offense
2. Any felony offense requiring registration pursuant to Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, whether or not the person is currently required to register.
3. An offense under G.S. 14-17(First- or Second-Degree Murder), and any other offense listed in G.S. 15A-533(b) (enumerated offenses (1) through (18) where a Judge must determine pretrial release)
4. An offense under G.S. 14-18.4 [Death by Distribution of Controlled Substance], 14-34.1 [Discharge of Firearm into Occupied Property], 14-51 [First or Second Degree Burglary], 14-54(a1) [Breaking or Entering with Intent to Terrorize or Injure Occupant], 14-202.1 [Indecent Liberties with a Child], 14-277.3A [Stalking], or 14-415.1 [Possession of Firearm by Felon], or an offense under G.S. 90-95(h)(4c) that involves fentanyl [Trafficking Controlled Substance (Fentanyl)].
5. Any offense that is an attempt to commit an offense described in this subdivision.

Rule 5: General Policy

a) Purpose of Bail. The traditional purpose of bail is to assure defendants appearance in court. The purpose of the law on bail is to impose the least restrictive non-monetary form of pretrial release that will reasonably assure a defendants appearance in court; to end or to minimize stereotyped *ex parte* bail-fixing policies calling for secured bonds in predetermined amounts in all cases charging certain offenses; and to vest the decision-making process as to the form of release and amount of bond in the judicial official who can most readily learn the most about the defendant.

b) Presumption of Innocence. The right to pretrial release preserves the presumption of innocence and promotes a defendant's right to a fair trial. According to the Supreme Court of the United States:

This traditional right to freedom before the conviction permits the unhampered Preparation of a defense and serves to prevent the infliction of punishment Prior to conviction. *** Unless this right to bail before trial is preserved, The presumption of innocence, secured only through centuries of struggle, would lose its meaning. State v. Boyle, 342 U.S. 1(1951).

The spirit of the procedure is to enable them to stay out of jail until a trial has found them guilty. Without this conditional privilege even those wrongfully accused are punished by a period of imprisonment while awaiting trial, and are handicapped in consulting counsel, searching for evidence and witnesses, and preparing a defense.

Id. Concurring Opinion of Justice Jackson.

c) Risk of Flight and New Crimes. It is recognized that any "admission to bail always involves a risk that the accused will take flight", and a risk that the defendant released may "commit a fresh crime while out on bail". These are calculated and accepted risks taken "as the price of our system of justice" by the North Carolina legislature and courts.

d) Defendant's Right to Bail. With the exception of capital offenses, certain drug trafficking offenses as defined in 15A-533(d), certain offenses covered by the Pretrial Integrity Act as defined in 15A-533(b), and certain violent offenses as defined in 15A-533(b1), the law unequivocally provides that a defendant charged with a non-capital offense must be accorded their right to pretrial release. A judicial official cannot deny a bond to such a defendant for preventive detention. Even if such a defendant poses a "danger of injury to any person, or is likely to result in destruction of evidence, subornation of perjury, or intimidation of potential witnesses" the defendant is still entitled to a bond.

e) Amount of Bail. The amount of the bail bond shall be such as to reasonably assure the presence in court of the defendant as needed. Bail in an amount higher than an amount reasonably calculated to fulfill its purpose of the preventing flight and assuring presence is "excessive" and unlawful under the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and under Article I, Section 27 of the Constitution of the North Carolina. Bail may not be used as punishment.

f) Independence of Judicial Officials. A judicial official must act independently of law enforcement, the prosecution and the defendant in setting bail. The judicial official must be neutral in determining the conditions of pretrial release and take into consideration the purpose of bail, the rights of the defendant and the rights of the public.

g) Right to Speedy Trial. Innocent people should not have to bear the burden, hardship and humiliation of imprisonment awaiting trial. The public should not have to bear the risk of guilty defendants committing further crimes while on pretrial release. A partial solution to the pretrial dilemma is a speedy trial. When preparing trial calendars preference should be given to defendants

awaiting trial who are unable to make bond. If such preference is not accorded, then judicial officials should reconsider the conditions of pretrial release of such defendants.

Rule 6: Forms of Pretrial Release (G.S. 15A-534-(a))

a) Unsecured Appearance Bond. The bond is executed solely by the defendant. No surety or security is required to secure the bond.

b) Supervised Release. The defendant is placed into the custody of a designated person or organization agreeing to supervise him or her.

c) Secured Appearance Bond. The bond is secured by a cash deposit of the full amount of the bond, a mortgage pursuant to G.S. 58-74-5, or at least one solvent surety.

d) Cash Appearance Bonds. The bond requires a cash deposit of the full amount of the bond. A professional bondsman, who is a surety bondsman, as defined by G.S. 58-71-1, acting on behalf of an insurer, may satisfy the cash deposit requirement by becoming a surety on the bond in that amount. G.S. 15A-531(1).

e) Secure Bond and House Arrest with Electronic Monitoring (if Available) Judicial Officials MUST impose this pretrial condition of release for any defendant charged with a second "violent offense" as defined by N.C. Gen Stat. 15A-531(9), after either having been (1) convicted of a prior violent offense (2) being released on pretrial release conditions for a prior violent offense.

Judicial officials may impose this pretrial condition of release (or Secure Bond under (C) above) for any defendant that has been convicted within the previous ten (10) years of three (3) or more offenses which are Class 1 misdemeanors or higher, or for any defendant charged with a first "violent offense" as defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. 15A-531(9)

Rule 7: Right to Pretrial Release in Capital and Non-capital Cases (G.S. 15A-533(b) & (c))

a) A defendant charged with a non-capital offense must have conditions of pretrial release determined by a judicial official pursuant to these rules. A judicial official cannot deny bail for the purpose of preventive detention. However, if appropriate, such defendants may be detained or retained in custody pursuant to applicable rules. In certain drug trafficking offenses, no bond is allowed as defined in 15A-533(d) as well as certain violent offenses as defined in 15A-534(b1), except by a district or superior court judge upon finding there is a reasonable assurance that the person will appear, and release does not pose an unreasonable risk of harm to the community. (See Rule 13(b) for more details.)

b) Only a judge may determine whether a defendant charged with a capital offense may be released before trial. If the judge determines in his or her discretion release is warranted, the judge must determine the conditions of pretrial release pursuant to these rules.

Rule 8: Unauthorized Absence from Involuntary Commitment in Mental Health Facility (G.S. 15A-533(a))

a) A defendant charged with any crime, whether capital or noncapital, who is alleged to have committed the crime while still residing in or subsequent to his or her escape or during an unauthorized absence from involuntary commitment in a mental health facility designated or licensed

by the Department of Human Resources, and whose commitment is determined to be still valid by the judicial official authorized to determine pretrial release, has no right to pretrial release. (See b below)

b) In lieu of pretrial release, the defendant shall be returned to the treatment facility in which he or she was residing at the time of the alleged crime or from which he or she escaped or absented himself or herself for continuation of treatment pending additional proceedings on the criminal offense. No other conditions of pretrial release are to be imposed at that time.

Rule 9: Authority to Determine Conditions of Pretrial Release

a) Magistrate. Generally, the responsibility for determining the conditions of pretrial release rests with a magistrate. The magistrate should determine such conditions for misdemeanors and non-capital felonies. A magistrate cannot authorize the release of a defendant charged with a capital offense. A magistrate is not authorized to set a bond within forty-eight hours of arrest for domestic violence offenses or offenses covered by the Pretrial Integrity Act. G.S. 15A-532(a); G.S. 15A-533(b); G.S. 15A-533(c).

b) Clerk of Superior Court. A clerk can determine conditions of pretrial release for misdemeanors and non-capital felonies. Id.

c) A magistrate or clerk may modify his or her pretrial release order at any time prior to the first appearance before a district court judge, however said Defendant must be brought before the magistrate or clerk prior to making any substantive modifications to pretrial release. G.S. 15A-534(e).

d) District Court Judge. A district court judge may determine conditions of pretrial release for misdemeanors and felonies, including capital felonies. Except when the conditions of pretrial release have been reviewed by the superior court pursuant to G.S. 15A-539, at or after the first appearance, a district court judge may modify a pretrial release order of a magistrate or the clerk. A district court judge may modify a pretrial release order entered by such judge at any time prior to: (1) In a misdemeanor case tried in the district court, the noting of an appeal; and (2) In a case in the original trial jurisdiction of the superior court, the binding of the defendant over to superior court after the holding, or waiver, of a probable cause hearing. G.S. 15A-534(e).

e) Superior Court Judge. A superior court judge may determine conditions of pretrial release for misdemeanors and felonies, including capital felonies. After a case is before the superior court, a superior court judge may modify the pretrial release order of a magistrate, clerk, or district court judge, or any such order entered by such superior court judge, at any time prior to the guilt of the defendant being established in superior court. G.S. 15A-534(e).

Rule 10: Factors to Consider in the Pretrial Release Process

In determining which conditions of pretrial release to impose, the judicial official must, on the basis of available information, take into account the following factors:

- (1) the nature and circumstances of the offense charged.
- (2) the weight of the evidence against the defendant.
- (3) the defendant's family ties in the county.
- (4) the defendant's employment status and history.
- (5) the defendant's financial resources.
- (6) the defendant's character and reputation.

- (7) the defendant's mental condition.
- (8) whether the defendant is intoxicated to such a degree that he or she would be endangered by being released without supervision.
- (9) the length of his or her residence in the community.
- (10) the defendant's record of convictions.
- (11) the defendant's history to avoid prosecution or failure to appear at court proceedings.
- (12) any other evidence relevant to the issue of pretrial release. G.S. 15-A-534 (c).

Rule 11: Rebuttal Presumptions Against Release

G.S. 15A-533 and G.S. 15A-534 create several offense types for which there is a rebuttable presumption against pretrial release. These offenses include but are not limited to the following:

- a) Defendants charged with any of the (1) through (18) offenses listed under G.S. 15A-533(b) (for which only a judge may determine pretrial release).

- (1) G.S. 14-17 (First or second degree murder) or an attempt to commit first or second degree murder.
- (2) G.S. 14-27.21 (First degree forcible rape).
- (3) G.S. 14-27.22 (Second degree forcible rape).
- (4) G.S. 14-27.23 (Statutory rape of a child by an adult).
- (5) G.S. 14-27.24 (First degree statutory rape).
- (6) G.S. 14-27.25 (Statutory rape of person who is 15 years of age or younger).
- (7) G.S. 14-27.26 (First degree forcible sexual offense).
- (8) G.S. 14-27.27 (Second degree forcible sexual offense).
- (9) G.S. 14-27.28 (Statutory sexual offense with a child by an adult).
- (10) G.S. 14-27.29 (First degree statutory sexual offense).
- (11) G.S. 14-27.30 (Statutory sexual offense with a person who is 15 years of age or younger).
- (12) G.S. 14-32(a) (Assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury).
- (13) G.S. 14-34.1 (Discharging certain barreled weapons or a firearm into occupied property).
- (14) G.S. 14-39 (First or second degree kidnapping).
- (15) G.S. 14-43.11 (Human trafficking).
- (16) First degree burglary pursuant to G.S. 14-51.
- (17) First degree arson pursuant to G.S. 14-58.
- (18) G.S. 14-87 (Robbery with firearms or other dangerous weapons)

- b) Defendants charged with any "violent offense" (See Rule 4(n) of this document) as defined under G.S. 15A-531(9). See G.S. 15A-534(b1); and

- c) Defendants charged with certain trafficking offenses qualifying under G.S. 15A-533(d).

- (1) There is reasonable cause to believe that the person committed an offense involving trafficking in a controlled substance;
- (2) The drug trafficking offense was committed while the person was on pretrial release for another offense; and
- (3) The person has been previously convicted of a Class A through E felony or an offense involving trafficking in a controlled substance and not more than five years has elapsed

since the date of conviction or the person's release from prison for the offense, whichever is later.

Prior to releasing a defendant that is subject to a rebuttable presumption against release, judicial officials should first find that there is a reasonable assurance that the person will appear, and release does not pose an unreasonable risk of harm to the community.

Rule 12: Choosing the Form of Pretrial Release (G.S. 15A-534(b))

- a) The judicial official in granting pretrial release must either:
 - (1) release the defendant upon his or her execution of an unsecured appearance bond in an amount specified by the judicial official.
 - (2) place the defendant in the custody of a designated person or organization agreeing to supervise him or her, unless the judicial official determines that such release either: (a) will not reasonably assure the presence of the defendant as required; (b) will pose a danger of injury to any person; or (c) is likely to result in the destruction of evidence, subornation of perjury, or intimidation of witnesses;
 - (3) require the execution of an appearance bond in a specified amount secured by a cash deposit of the full amount of the bond, by a mortgage pursuant to G.S. 58-74-5, or by at least one solvent surety, or
 - (4) house arrest with electronic monitoring.

Upon making the determination, the judicial official must require the execution of a secured appearance bond in an amount specified by the judicial official and record the reasons for such determination upon an approved form which shall be filed in the defendant's official court file.

- b) If the judicial official places the defendant in the custody of a designated person or organization, the defendant may elect to execute a secured appearance bond in which event the judicial official must impose such a bond. G.S. 15A-534(a).
- c) If a judicial official orders release of a defendant the judge may also place restrictions on the travel, associations, conduct, or place of abode of defendant.
- d) Certain **MANDATORY** Conditions of release are based on offense type and/or criminal history (see G.S. 15A-534(b) and (b1))

Rule 13: General Policies in Setting Bonds (G.S. 15A-535-(a))

- a) Law enforcement officers are encouraged to use citations in those misdemeanor cases in which it appears that the defendant will appear in court as scheduled.
- b) Clerks and magistrates are encouraged to use a criminal summons instead of warrants in appropriate misdemeanor cases. G.S. 15A-303.
- c) An arresting officer has no authority to fix the amount of the bond, but the officer should furnish information to assist the judicial official in determining the conditions of pretrial release. In setting the conditions of pretrial release the judicial official acts as an independent and neutral official who has the duty to follow these rules and who has a duty to the defendant not to require an excessive bail.

d) Secured bonds shall only be imposed in cases in which the judicial official makes a determination that less restrictive conditions of release are inappropriate because such release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required; will pose a danger of injury to any person; or is likely to result in destruction of evidence, subornation of perjury, or intimidation of potential witnesses.

e) An unsecured appearance bond is the recommended form of pretrial release and should be imposed, except where such a bond would be inappropriate under these rules.

f) Ordinarily, a person who is not a resident of the State of North Carolina should only be released upon a secured or cash appearance bond.

Rule 14: Suggested Bail Amounts (G. S. 15A-535(a))

a) The circumstances of each individual case will govern the decision of a judicial official in setting conditions of bail. A rigid bail schedule is incompatible with such an individualized decision.

b) As general guidelines only, the following criteria may be considered by judicial officials in setting amounts in unsecured and secured bonds. For all *cases* involving drug trafficking, Class A-G Felons, and Habitual Felons, magistrates shall complete the attached Exhibit "A" (9-B Judicial District Bond Worksheet) and include this worksheet in the case court file.

c) For Defendants who are out on pretrial release for criminal charges and are then charged with new offense(s) whose offense date(s) is/are alleged to have occurred after being served with the original charges, the suggested bond guidelines maximum range available to judicial officials shall be doubled for the new charges

I. Drug Trafficking - (N.C.G.S. 90-95(h))

Trafficking In:	Mandatory Minimum Active Sentence	Recommended Secured Bond Amount
Opium or Heroin		
28 grams or more	225-279 months	\$500,000-\$1,500,000
14 grams to 27.9 grams	90-117 months	\$50,000 - \$200,000
4 grams to 13.9 grams	70-84 months	\$500,00 - \$200,000
Marijuana		
10,000 lbs or more	175 - 219 months	\$200,000 - \$500,000
2,000 to 9,999 lbs	70 - 84 months	\$50,000 - \$200,000
50 - 1,999 lbs	35 - 42 months	\$50,000 - \$200,000
10 - 49 lbs	25 - 30 months	\$50,000 - \$100,000
Cocaine/Methamphetamines		
400 grams or more	175 - 219 months	\$200,000 - \$500,000
200 grams - 399 grams	70 - 84 months	\$100,000 - \$200,000
28 grams - 199 grams	35 - 42 months	\$50,000 - \$200,000
Methaqualone		
10,000 dosage units or more	175-219 months	\$200,000 - \$500,000
5,000 - 9,999 dosage units	70 - 84 months	\$50,000 - \$200,000
1,000 - 4,999 dosage units	34 - 42 months	\$50,000 - \$200,000

Note: These are suggested amounts for secured bonds. For trafficking offenses, suggested amount is per incident and not per trafficking offense/charge. Actual amounts should be determined by the consideration of factors specified in G.S. 15A-534(b) and (c).

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 15A-533-(d), subject to rebuttal by the defendant, it shall be presumed that no conditions of release will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant and the safety of the community if a judicial finds the following:

(1) There is reasonable cause to believe that the person committed an offense involving trafficking in a controlled substance, and

(2) The drug trafficking offense was committed while the person was on pretrial release for another offense, and

(3) The defendant has been previously convicted of a Class A-E Felony or an offense involving trafficking in a controlled substance and not more than five years has elapsed since the date of the conviction or the person's release from prison for the offense, whichever is later.

Such person may only be released by a District or Superior Court Judge upon a finding that there is reasonable assurance that the person will appear and release does not pose an unreasonable risk of harm to the community.

II. HABITUAL FELONS

- A. **Defendants who are indicted as a Habitual Felon who have been previously adjudged to be a habitual felon** - If a defendant has been previously adjudged by a Court as a HABITUAL FELON, as to new charges, bond shall be set in the range of a Class C felony.
- B. **Defendants who are indicted as a Habitual Felon who have not been previously adjudged to be a habitual felon** - Defendants should have prior to this indictment had a bond set on underlying felony charges pursuant to our bond policy. Because of this, any additional secured bond should be considered on a case by case basis; if additional bond is set, that increased bond should be in all cases a SECURED BOND.

III. FELONIES

<u>Class</u>	<u>Minimum Punishment</u>	<u>Maximum Punishment</u>	<u>Presumptive</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED SECURED BOND</u>
A	Life w/o Parole	Death		Set by Judge
B1	144 months	Life w/o parole	192-480 mos.	\$250,000 - \$ 1,000,000
B2	94 months	484 months	125-313 mos.	\$200,000 - \$ 500,000
C	44 months	231 months	58-168 mos.	\$ 75,000 - \$ 275,000
D	38 months	204 months	51-146 mos.	\$ 50,000 - \$ 175,000
E	15 months	88 months	20-59 mos.	\$ 40,000 - \$ 125,000
F	10 months	59 months	13-39 mos.	\$ 35,000 - \$ 100,000
G	8 months	47 months	10-29 mos.	\$ 25,000 - \$ 75,000
H	4 months	39 months	5-20 mos.	\$ 10,000 - \$ 50,000
I	3 months	24 months	4-10 mos.	\$ 2,500 - \$ 15,000
	Fugitive warrant	-	Set to the maximum amount of underlying offense	
	Governor's warrant	-	NO BOND	
	Parole warrant	-	NO BOND	
	Probation Violation	-	Set amount for the underlying offense with consideration for the nature of the violations.	
			Misdemeanors/Felonies	\$5,000 - \$10,000
			Absconder or subsequent conviction	\$25,000 - \$50,000

IV. MISDEMEANORS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Minimum Punishment</u>	<u>Maximum Punishment</u>	<u>Suggested Bond</u>
A1	1-60 Days C/I/A	1-150 Days C/I/A	\$500 - \$5000 (Secured or Unsecured Bond)
1	1-45 Days C	1-120 Days C/I/A	\$250 - \$2500 (Secured or Unsecured Bond)
2	1-30 Days C	1-60 Days C/I/A	\$200-\$500 (Secured or Unsecured Bond)
3	Fine Only-10 Days C	1-20 Days C/I/A	\$0 - \$250 (Secured or Unsecured Bond)

4	Impaired Driving Offense, (see the specific requirements of G. S. 15A-534.2) (See Rule 20 Detention of Impaired Drivers)	\$0 - \$5000 (Secured or Unsecured Bond)
5	Habitual DWI	\$30,000-\$45000

The pretrial release policy for 9-B shall include:

(1) On or after December 1, 2013, a person who (1) drives (2) a motor vehicle (3) on a street or highway (4) while his or her license has been revoked by the State of North Carolina (4) knowing that his or her license is revoked, commits a Class 3 misdemeanor. There are exceptions to the Class 3 misdemeanor and those are as follows:

(i) If the persons' license revoked was revoked for impaired driving, then the defendant shall be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor. Those statutes are as follows:

- N.C.G.S. 20-13.2: consuming alcohol or drugs or willful refusal by a driver under age 21 to submit to a chemical analysis.
- N.C.G.S. 20-16(a)(8b): driving while impaired on a military installation.
- N.C.G.S. 20-16.2: refusal to take a chemical test.
- N.C.G.S. 20-16.5: pretrial civil license revocation.
- N.C.G.S. 20-17(A)(2): impaired driving or impaired driving in a commercial motor vehicle.
- N.C.G.S. 20-17(a)(12): transporting an open container of alcohol.
- N.C.G.S. 20-138.5: habitual impaired driving.
- N.C.G.S. 20-16(a)(7): impaired driving while out of state resulting in revocation of North Carolina driver's license.
- N.C.G.S. 20-17 (a)(1): manslaughter or second-degree murder involving impaired driving.
- N.C.G.S. 20-17(a)(3): felony involving use of motor vehicle involving impaired driving.
- N.C.G.S. 20-17(a)(9): felony or misdemeanor death or felony serious injury by vehicle involving impaired driving.
- N.C.G.S. 20-17(a)(11): assault with motor vehicle involving impaired driving.

(ii) If the defendant has had more than three convictions for Class 3 Driving While License Revoked, then this is a Class 1 misdemeanor and bond shall be set according to this policy.

(iii) If a defendant does not show up for court and a failure to appear is issued on a charge of driving while license revoked this is different from a Class 3 misdemeanor charge. Bond may be set in cases involving driving while license revoked when the defendant does not show up for court and an order for arrest is issued. This bond should not exceed \$500.00 secured.

d) Jail space is at a premium and should be reserved for individuals who pose a threat to the health, welfare and safety of our community. The threat of flight from prosecution and failure to appear for court are valid additional considerations for setting conditions of pre-trial bond release. Each Magistrate shall execute the attached form, (Exhibit A) which shall become part of the case file when a secured bond is ordered, and it shall be attached to the original AOC-CR-200 (blue sheet).

e) Prison and Jail Inmates: The setting of conditions of pretrial release for a defendant while serving an active sentence upon a commitment issued by District or Superior Court Division is not authorized. A release order should be entered by the judicial official specifying that the defendant is presently in lawful custody and denying conditions of pretrial release for such reason. The release order shall require the defendant to be brought before a judicial official upon the completion of their present active sentence for the purpose of setting pretrial release conditions.

Rule 15: Bail Bonds

a) Bail Bonds. This Judicial District, Wayne County, does not authorize “stacking” or “splitting” of any form of bond, without the approval of the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge or his designee. Any surety, including an accommodation bondsman, is liable for the full amount of the bond. If multiple sureties sign, each is jointly and severally liable for the entire amount of the bond.

b) Cash Bonds. When a defendant fails to appear and fails to comply with a judgment (show cause), a cash bond should be set in the amount the defendant owes to satisfy the judgment, plus the service fee (currently \$5.00). If it is not already referenced on the OFA then it can be found on Enterprise Justice by using the CR number, if the case is a criminal case. This practice will allow the court to collect the outstanding fines in a more expedient manner. Do not set a secured bond on these types of OFAs. Only cash will satisfy this condition, not a bondsman with insurance power-of-attorney, or another individual using real property. This applies to any OFA where the cash bond amount is pre-set. A party posting said cash bond should sign an assignment of bond form stating that the bond shall be applied towards any financial obligations owed by the defendant in the case. A copy of said bond form is included with the approved forms.

Rule 16: General Restrictions upon Defendant on Pretrial Release

Regardless as to the form of pretrial release selected, the judicial official may also place restrictions on the travel, associations, conduct, or place of abode of the defendant as conditions of pretrial release. G.S. 15A-534(a).

Rule 17: Child Support Contempt

a) In addition to the other factors listed in Rule 6, in determining conditions of pretrial release in child support contempt proceedings, the judicial official may consider the amount of the arrearage of such child support and the payment record of the person charged with contempt.

b) Cash bonds set in child support contempt proceedings shall not be satisfied in any manner other than the deposit of cash. G.S. 15A-531(1).

c) Once a presiding District Court Judge sets cash bonds in child support contempt proceedings these shall not be modified by any Magistrate.

Rule 18: Restrictions upon Defendants in Domestic Violence Cases (G.S. 15A-534.1)

a) When the defendant is charged with assault on or communicating a threat to a spouse or former spouse or a person with whom the defendant lives or has lived as if married, with domestic criminal trespass, or with violation of an order entered pursuant to Chapter 50B (Domestic Violence) of the General Statutes, the conditions of pretrial release must be determined by a judge.

b) Upon a determination by the Judge that the immediate release of the defendant will pose a danger of injury to the alleged victim or to any other person or is likely to result in intimidation of the alleged victim and upon a further determination that the execution of an appearance bond will not reasonably assure that such injury or intimidation will not occur, a Judge may retain the defendant in custody for a reasonable period of time while determining the conditions of pretrial release.

c) A Judge may impose the following conditions on pretrial release which are found on form AOC-CR-630:

(1) That the defendant stay away from the home, school, business or place of employment of the alleged victim;

(2) That the defendant refrain from assaulting, beating, molesting, or wounding the alleged victim;

(3) That the defendant refrain from removing, damaging or injuring specifically identified property;

(4) That the defendant may visit his or her child or children at times and places provided by the terms of any existing order entered by a judge.

d) Should the defendant be mentally ill and dangerous to himself or herself or others or a substance abuser and dangerous to himself or herself or others, the provisions of Article 5 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes shall apply.

e) A defendant may be retained in custody not more than 48 hours from the time of arrest without a determination being made under this rule by a judge. If a judge has not acted pursuant to this rule within 48 hours of arrest, a Magistrate shall act under the provisions of this rule.

Rule 19: Restrictions upon Defendants in Sex Offenses and Crimes of Violence Against Child Victims (G.S. 15A-534.4)

a) When the defendant is charged with felonious or misdemeanor child abuse, with taking indecent liberties with a minor in violation of G.S. 14-202.1, with rape or any other sex offense in violation of Article 7A, Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, against a minor victim, with incest with a minor in violation of G.S. 14-178, with kidnapping, abduction, or felonious restraint involving a minor victim, with a violation of G.S. 14-320.1, with assault or any other crime of violence against a minor victim, or with communicating a threat against a minor victim, a judicial official may impose the following conditions on pretrial release which are found on form AOC-CR-631: (1) That the defendant stay away from the home, temporary residence, school, business, or place of employment of the alleged victim;

(2) That the defendant refrain from communicating or attempting to communicate, directly or indirectly, with the victim, except under circumstances specified in an order entered by a judge with knowledge of the pending charges; and (3) That the defendant refrain from assaulting, beating, intimidating, stalking, threatening, or harming the alleged victim.

b) The above conditions may be imposed in addition to any other conditions that the judicial official may impose under these rules on pretrial release.

Rule 20: Detention of Impaired Drivers (G.S. 15A-534.2)

a) A judicial official conducting an initial appearance for an offense involving impaired driving must follow the procedure in Article 24 (Initial Appearance) of Chapter 15A of the General

Statutes except as modified by this rule.

b) This rule may not be interpreted to impede a defendant's right to communicate with family, friends and counsel.

c) If at the time of the initial appearance the judicial official finds by clear and convincing evidence that the impairment of the defendant's physical or mental faculties presents a danger, if he or she is released, of physical injury to himself or herself or others or damage to property, the judicial official must order that the defendant be held in custody and inform the defendant that he or she will be held in custody until one of the requirements of subsection (e) is met.

d) Regardless whether the judicial official makes the determination specified in subsection (c), the judicial official must at this time determine the appropriate conditions of pretrial release in accordance with these rules.

e) A defendant subject to detention under this rule has the right to pretrial release when the judicial official determines either that: (1) The defendant's physical and mental faculties are no longer impaired to the extent that he or she presents a danger of physical injury to himself or herself or to others or of damage to property if he or she is released; or (2) A sober responsible adult is willing and able to assume responsibility for the defendant until his or her physical and mental faculties are no longer impaired. (See AOC-CR-270)

f) The defendant may be detained under this rule for a period of no longer than 24 hours.

g) In making the determination whether a defendant detained under this rule remains impaired, the judicial official may follow the provisions of G.S. 15A-534.2(d).

Rule 21: Detention for Communicable Diseases (15A-534.3)

a) If a judicial official conducting an initial appearance or first appearance hearing finds probable cause that an individual was exposed to the defendant in a manner that poses a significant risk of transmission of the AIDS virus or hepatitis B by such defendant, the judicial official shall order the defendant to be detained for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 24 hours, for investigation by public health officials and for testing for AID virus infection or Hepatitis B infection if required by the public health officials pursuant to G.S. 130A-144 and G.S. 130A-148.

b) Regardless whether the judicial official finds such probable cause, the judicial official must at this time determine the appropriate conditions of pretrial release in accordance with these rules.

Rule 22: Pretrial Release Order (G.S. 15A-534(d))

The judicial official authorizing pretrial release must issue an appropriate order containing a statement of the conditions imposed, if any, and the reasons for requiring any secured appearance bond. The judicial official must also inform the defendant in writing of the penalties applicable to violations of the conditions of his or her release; and advise the defendant that his or her arrest will be ordered immediately upon any such violation. These duties may be satisfied by including such notification and advice in the pretrial release order. The pretrial release order must be filed with the clerk and a copy given to the defendant.

Rule 23: Wayne County Deed of Trust Requirements for Property Bonds of \$5,000 or Greater for Secured Bond

a) All proposed Property Bonds of **\$5,000** or greater requiring a Deed of Trust to the State of North Carolina must first be approved by the Clerk of Court of Wayne County. Property bond approval is within the discretion of the Clerk or the Clerk's designated Assistant Clerk. It is suggested, but not required, that individuals or their attorneys seek preliminary pre-approval from the Clerk or designated Assistant Clerk before investing time and money in a title search; however, the Clerk reserves the right and discretion to deny any property bond request after a title opinion and required documents have been prepared, even if pre-approval was sought, should the proposed bond and documents not meet requirements. The following documents are required for a property bond of **\$5,000** or greater: a deed of trust, title certificate, affidavit of value or tax certificate, an affidavit indicating individually all payoffs for any liens of record against property submitted to secure the bond in question, and completed AOC-CR-201 which serves as the promissory note. All documentation shall be provided to the Magistrate and delivered to the Clerk of Superior Court. Requirements of said documentation are discussed below.

b) Bond-Value Ratio: The proposed property or aggregate of multiple properties owned by the proposed surety (i.e. the property owner(s)) must be sufficiently in excess of the bond amount to cover any forfeiture judgment after foreclosure sale costs and constitutional exemptions of \$1,500. The general rule is that the property, less any prior liens, be valued at twice the amount of the bond. (Example: If the bond is \$20,000, then the value of the property less any liens must be at least \$40,000.) However, each bond request will be looked at on a case by case basis to insure that the property value is sufficient to satisfy the amount of the bond plus any cost of collection. An affidavit of value or documentation from the tax office as to tax value can be used to show the proper bond ratio as well as affidavits as to the payoff amount of any liens.

c) Proposed sureties (i.e. property owners) must be identified individuals. No bonds will be allowed on property titled to "heirs," property titled to corporations or other entities.

d) Proposed sureties must own property in fee simple, except that property held in a life estate can be used for a property bond provided that all life tenants and all remaindermen act as sureties and execute all the required documents.

e) A licensed attorney must perform a title search and give a title opinion/certificate stating that the proposed sureties are the legal owners of the property in fee simple (except in the case of life estates in which all life tenants and remaindermen will stand as sureties), that there are either no liens on the property or identifying any existing liens and stating that said liens do not affect the bond-value ratio requirement. Attorneys should submit documentation (i.e. an Affidavit from the property owner or preferably a statement from the lien holder) as to the payoff of any liens on the property submitted to secure a bond. A licensed attorney must complete a Financial Statement for Determination of Qualification to Post Bond, which is included in the approved forms, showing that there is sufficient equity pursuant to the bond-value ratio to cover the amount of the secured bond.

f) A Promissory Note in favor of the State of North Carolina in the amount of the bond is NOT required. However, all sureties (i.e. property owners) must execute AOC-CR-201, Appearance Bond for Pre-Trial Release, which acts as the promissory note. The parcel number of the property(ies) used to stand bond needs to be put on form AOC-CR-201.

g) All proposed sureties/property owners must execute a legal Deed of Trust with proper property description in the amount of the bond and listing the following parties:

1. Grantor: Sureties/All Property Owners and spouses
2. Beneficiary: State of North Carolina f/b/o Wayne County Board of Education
3. Trustee: Julie Whitfield, Clerk of Superior Court of Wayne County, or successor in office.

h) Prior to final approval, the executed AOC-CR-201, executed Deed of Trust with recording slip showing recordation in the office of the proper Registrar of Deeds and title opinion must be presented to the Clerk. If the property bond is not approved following recording of the Deed of Trust, the Clerk will cause the unaccepted Deed of Trust to be cancelled.

i) Following approval by the Clerk, the same documents must be presented to the Magistrate. Magistrates will confirm approval by the Clerk before authorizing release pursuant to a property bond and provide such documentation to the Clerk's office upon release.

j) When bonds of \$5,000 or more are required and holidays and/or weekends prevent the surety from obtaining any or all of the required documents, the Magistrate may permit a conditional release upon the condition that the surety binds oneself in writing to submit the required documentation by no later than 4:00 p.m. on the second working day after the bond was set. The Magistrate should consult with the Clerk of Superior Court if available during such times and should notify the Clerk of Superior Court of the conditional release no later than 12:00 PM of the first business day following the conditional release. Failure of the surety to comply with this requirement will result in the Clerk of Superior Court requesting a judge to institute procedures to revoke the bond. Notification to a judge by the Clerk of Superior Court will occur no later than the beginning of court the day following expiration of the conditional time limit. Upon a judge's determination that the surety has failed to comply with additional release requirements and has not otherwise posted the required bond, the judge may issue an order for arrest of the conditionally released party.

Rule 24: Justification of Secured Appearance Bonds (G.S. 15A-537(a))

a) When an appearance bond is ordered to be secured by a mortgage the bond may be justified by the clerk. G.S. 15A-535(a).

b) If a secured appearance bond is secured by a surety who is not an individual or a corporation licensed as a bail bondsman in Wayne County, the bond may be justified by a clerk.

c) If a secured appearance bond is secured by a surety who is an individual or a corporation licensed as a bail Bondsman in Wayne County, then further justification is not required.

d) In the absence of a clerk or when the courthouse is closed, a law enforcement officer or custodial official having the person in custody may perform the justification required under subsections (b) and (c) above. See Rule 23.

e) Any Judge or Magistrate may perform the justification required for any bond under this rule; however, ordinarily Judges and Magistrates should defer to the clerk. For purposes of this Rule and Rule 23~~2~~, a Judge is unavailable when the courthouse is closed.

Rule 25: Persons Authorized to Effect Release (G.S. 15A-537)

a) Following any authorization of release of any person pursuant to these rules, any judicial official must affect the release of the person upon satisfying himself or herself that the

conditions of release have been met.

b.) In the absence of a clerk or when the courthouse is closed, any law enforcement officer or custodial official having the person in custody must affect the release upon satisfying himself or herself that the conditions of release have been met. Law enforcement and custodial agencies may administratively direct which officers or officials are authorized to effect release under this rule.

c) Satisfying oneself whether conditions of release are met includes determining if sureties are sufficiently solvent to meet the bond obligation. No judicial official, law enforcement officer, or custodial official may be held civilly liable for actions taken in good faith under this rule.

d) Upon release of the person, the official or officer effecting release must file any bond, deposit or mortgage and other papers pertaining to the release with the clerk.

e) For the limited purposed of this rule, any law enforcement or custodial official may administer oaths to sureties and take other actions necessary in carrying out the duties imposed by this rule. Any surety bond so taken is to be regarded in every respect as any other bail bond.

Rule 26: Persons Prohibited from Becoming Surety (G.S. 15A-541)

a) No Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, other Law Enforcement Officer, Judicial Official, Attorney, Parole Officer, Probation Officer, Jailer, Assistant Jailer, employee of the General Courts of Justice, other public employee assigned to duties relating to the administration of criminal justice, or spouse of any such person may in any case become surety on a bail bond for any person other than a member of his or her immediate family.

b) In addition, no such person may act as agent for any bonding company or professional bondsman. No such person may have any interest, directly or indirectly, in the financial affairs of any firm or corporation whose principal business is acting as bondsman.

Rule 27: False Qualification by Surety (G.S. 15A-542)

No person may sign an appearance bond as surety knowing or having reason to know that he or she does not own sufficient property over and above his or her exemption allowed by law to enable him or her to pay the bond should it be ordered forfeited.

Rule 28: Motions to Modify or Revoke Pretrial Release Orders

a) A defendant who objects to the conditions of pretrial release which were imposed or allowed to stand by order of a District Court Judge may apply in writing to a Superior Court Judge to modify the order. G.S. 15A-538(a).

b) A defendant who objects to the conditions of pretrial release may apply in writing to modify the order. The motion shall be directed to an appropriate judicial official or court having the authority under Rule 5 to modify the order of pretrial release.

c) A prosecutor may at any time apply to an appropriate district court judge or superior court judge for modification or revocation of a pretrial release order. G.S. 15A-539.

d) The power to modify an order includes the power to substitute sureties upon any bond. Substitution or addition of acceptable sureties may be made at the request of any obligor on a

bond or, in the interests of justice, at the request of a prosecutor. G.S. 15A-538(b).

Rule 29: Jail Facilities

a) Priority for Trial of Jail Cases. It is in the public interest for the number of county prisoners confined in the jail to be kept at a minimum consistent with the policy constraints of these rules. In preparing criminal trial calendars, pursuant to G.S. 7A-49.3(a), and in preparing the trial list required by G.S. 7A-49.3(a1), the District Attorney shall accord priority to those cases where the defendant is in jail. Rule 3, Rules of Practice. Resident and presiding judges should exercise their authority over the calling of cases for trial to insure the observance of this rule. G.S. 7A-49.3(c); Simeon v. Hardin, 339 N.C. 358(1994).

b) List of Prisoners. In order to facilitate the observance and enforcement of this rule, the sheriff shall prepare each week a list of prisoners confined in the county jail who have criminal charges pending in the superior and district courts of this judicial district. The list shall contain the following information: (1) The name of the prisoner; (2) His or her race; (3) Sex; (4) The charges pending; (5) The amount and type of bond; and (6) The date since the prisoner has been continuously incarcerated on the charges; (7) and total number of days incarcerated. The list shall be distributed to each resident and presiding superior court judge, each resident and presiding district court judge, the district attorney, Chairpersons of the Criminal Defense Section of the Wayne County Bar Associations, County Attorney, and County Manager.

c) Motions by Sheriff. The sheriff or his or her representative shall have standing to apply to any appropriate judicial official for modification of the conditions of bail for any such prisoner. In considering such an application, in addition to all other appropriate factors, such judicial official shall consider: (1) the number of such prisoners confined in the jail; (2) the medical condition of the prisoner; (3) any violations of jail rules and regulations by the prisoner; and (4) whether the prisoner is cooperating with law enforcement in any ongoing criminal investigation.)

d) Motions by Prisoners. Any such prisoner may apply to any appropriate judicial official for modification of the conditions of bail. In considering such an application, in addition to all other appropriate factors, such judicial official shall consider: (1) whether the prisoner has filed a motion for a speedy trial; (2) the length of time the prisoner has been incarcerated on such charges; (3) the number of times the cases of the prisoner have appeared on a trial calendar; (4) the number of times the cases of the prisoner have appeared on a trial list; (5) the number of defendants on pretrial release whose cases have been tried since the prisoner was incarcerated on such charges; (6) any violations of jail rules and regulations while confined; and (7) any recommendation or position of the appropriate law enforcement agency. The moving party shall make a good faith effort to obtain any such recommendation or position of such law enforcement agency and to obtain a proposed consent order from the District Attorney prior to filing any such application.

Rule 30: Revocation of Pretrial Release Orders (G.S. 15A-534(f))

a) For good cause shown any Judge may at any time revoke an order of pretrial release.

b) Upon application of any defendant whose order of pretrial release has been revoked, the judge must set new conditions of pretrial release.

Rule 31: Bail Bond Binding (G.S. 15A-534(h))

A bail bond posted pursuant to these rules is effective and binding upon the obligor throughout all stages of the proceeding in the trial division of the General Court of Justice until the entry of judgment in the district court from which no appeal is taken or the entry of judgment in the superior court.

Rule 32: Termination of Obligation on Bond (G.S. 15A-534(h))

The obligation of an obligor is terminated whenever: (1) A judge authorized to do so releases the obligor from his or her bond; (2) The principal is surrendered by a surety pursuant to G.S. 15A-540; (3) The proceedings is terminated by voluntary dismissal by the State before forfeiture is ordered pursuant to G.S. 15A-544(b); or (4) Prayer for judgment has been continued indefinitely in the district court.

Rule 33: Surrender of Principal by Surety

a) A surety may surrender his or her principal to the sheriff of the county in which the principal is bonded to appear or to the sheriff where the defendant was bonded. A surety may arrest the principal for the purpose of surrendering him or her to the sheriff. Upon such surrender of the principal the sheriff must provide a receipt to the surety, a copy of which must be filed with the clerk. Upon application by the surety, after surrender of the principal, before the forfeiture of bail under G.S. 15A-544(b), the clerk must exonerate the surety from his or her bond. G.S. 15A-540(a).

b) A principal so surrendered by a surety is entitled to an immediate hearing on new conditions of pretrial release. G.S. 15A-540(b).

Rule 34: Release After Conviction in Superior Court (G.S. 15A-536)

a) A defendant whose guilt has been established in superior court and is either awaiting sentence or has filed an appeal from the judgment entered may be released upon conditions determined pursuant to these rules.

b) After conviction, post-trial release is discretionary and may only be authorized by a superior court judge.

c) If the Judge approves post-trial release of the defendant the Judge must impose the conditions authorized for pretrial release which will (1) reasonably assure the presence of the defendant when required; and (2) provide adequate protection to persons and the community.

d) If no single condition gives such assurance and such protection, the judge may also impose any or all of the following conditions: (1) Place the defendant in the custody of a designated person or organization agreeing to supervise the defendant; and (2) Place restrictions on the travel, associations, conduct, or place of abode of the defendant.

e) In determining what conditions of post-trial release to impose, the judge must, on the basis of available information, consider the same factors considered in determining conditions of pretrial release.

f) The Judge authorizing post-trial release of a defendant must issue an appropriate order containing a statement of the conditions imposed, if any. The Judge must also inform the defendant in writing of the penalties applicable to violations of the conditions of his or her release; and advise the defendant that his or her arrest will be ordered immediately upon any such violation. These duties

may be satisfied by including such notification and advice in the post-trial release order. The post-trial release order must be filed with the clerk and a copy given to the defendant.

g) A post-trial release order may only be modified or revoked at any time by the judge who entered the order unless that judge is absent from this judicial district. If such judge is so absent, then any other superior court judge residing or presiding in this judicial district may modify or revoke such an order.

h) If a defendant is placed in custody as a result of a revocation or modification of an order of post-trial release, the defendant is entitled to an immediate hearing on whether he or she is again entitled to release and, if so, upon what conditions.

Rule 35: Rules of Evidence

In imposing conditions of pretrial or post-trial release and in modifying and revoking such orders, the judicial official must take into account all evidence available to him or her, which the judicial official considers reliable and is not strictly bound by the rules of evidence applicable to criminal trials. G.S. 15A-534(g).

Rule 36: Penalties for Failure to Appear (G.S. 15A-543)

a) Any person released pursuant to an order of pretrial release who willfully fails to appear before any court or judicial official as required is subject to the criminal penalties set out below.

b) A violation of this rule is a Class I felony if: (1) The violation was released in connection with a felony charge against him or her; or (2) The violator was released after conviction in superior court.

c) Except as provided in subsection (b) above, if a violator was released in connection with a misdemeanor charge against him or her, a violation of this rule is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Rule 37: Professional Bondsmen

a) Regulation by the Commissioner of Insurance. Professional Bondsmen are regulated by the Commissioner of Insurance. Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes.

b) Regulation by the Court.

1) Solicitation. No Bail Bondsman or runner shall solicit business in any of the Courts or on the premises of any of the Courts of this State, in the office of any Magistrate and in or about any place where prisoners are confined. Loitering in or about a Magistrate's office or any place where prisoners are confined shall be prima facie evidence of soliciting. No Bail Bondsman or runner shall advertise by blazer, logo, or briefcases, or in any other manner whatsoever, in violation of G.S. 85C-20, since such markings or special dress and use of logos constitute soliciting business. However, they may fill out paperwork with the client (defendant) or the person providing the funds for the client (defendant) to effect release.

2) Magistrates. No Magistrate shall in any way or manner recommend the services of a particular Bondsman to a defendant or permit any Bondsman or any agent or employee of a Bondsman to loiter in and about his office. If a defendant indicates that he wishes to secure the services of a professional Bondsman, the Magistrate shall provide him or her with the names and

telephone numbers of those persons, firms or corporations licensed to conduct a bail bonding business in Wayne County and permit the defendant to call such of them as he or she may desire. See In Re Johnson, 26 N.C. App. 745(1975), cert. denied 288 N.C. 241.

Rule 38: Bail Bond Forfeiture and Remission (G.S. 15A-544)

a) Scheduling of Forfeiture and Remission Calendars. The clerk shall prepare for both the district and superior court a forfeiture and remission calendar once each month when court is in session. The forfeiture and remission calendar for superior court shall be set for a civil trial session, when such a session is scheduled during a month, and follow the motion calendar. The forfeiture and remission calendar shall not be set for any civil administrative session. When a civil trial session is not scheduled during a month, the forfeiture and remission calendar shall be set for a criminal trial session of superior court.

b) Content of Calendars. The forfeiture calendar shall list the names of all principals and sureties to whom forfeiture has been ordered more than 60 days previously in the county and as to which judgments of forfeiture have not been entered or, if entered, not yet satisfied by execution. The calendar shall show the amount of the bond ordered forfeited in each case. The clerk shall also place on the calendar for hearing all written motions to strike an order of forfeiture filed since the previous forfeiture calendar. The clerk shall also place on the calendar for hearing all petitions for remission of such judgments filed during the previous month or since the last forfeiture calendar.

c) Procedure. The procedure for dealing with bail bond forfeitures shall be as provided in G.S. 15A-544.

Rule 39: Enforcement

a) These rules constitute orders of the court duly adopted pursuant to applicable law. They are binding upon and must be observed and enforced by all judicial officials exercising their duties in this judicial district.

b) These rules may be enforced through the contempt powers of the court. G.S. 15A-546.

c) In order to ensure uniformity in this judicial district, all visiting judges shall observe and enforce these local rules. Each such visiting superior court judge shall be provided with a copy of these rules by the Superior Court Trial Court Coordinator at or before the commencement of the judge's assignment. Each such visiting district court judge shall be provided with a copy of these rules by the District Court Trial Court Coordinator at or before the commencement of the judge's assignment. Rule 22, General Rules of Practice.

Rule 40: Approved Forms

The forms attached hereto are approved for use in this judicial district. The approved forms, or an equivalent, must be used by all persons dealing with matters covered by these rules.

Rule 41: Effective Date

These rules shall be effective 2/20/26.



THE HONORABLE BILLY J. STRICKLAND, II
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge
Superior Court Judicial District 9-B

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAYNE COUNTY

File No. (list only lead file number on associated AOC-CR-200)

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
 DISTRICT SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

STATE VERSUS

Name of Defendant

WRITTEN FINDINGS
FOR SECURED BOND

Pretrial Release and Bond Policy for District 15A

NOTE: Do not impose conditions of release on this form. Use form AOC-CR-200 and related forms to impose conditions of release. Use this form only to record the court's findings supporting imposition of a secured bond and the defendant's ability to satisfy that condition. Do not use this form when imposing a written promise, custody release, or unsecured bond. Incorporate this form by reference on the related AOC-CR-200 as "SECR bond written findings."

FINDINGS

The undersigned judicial official finds for the reasons stated below that it is appropriate to impose a secured bond for the defendant's release in the above-captioned case and related cases, as imposed on the attached form AOC-CR-200.

1. Secured Bond Mandatory. A secured bond is required, because:
- a. the case is a fugitive proceeding under Chapter 15A, Article 37. G.S. 15A-736.
 - b. a secured bond is required by G.S. 15A-534(d1) pursuant to recommendation in an order for arrest or prior conditions imposed in this case(s).
 - c. defendant is charged with a felony while on probation, and the court further finds that defendant presents a danger to the public. G.S. 15A-534(d2).
 - d. the order listed below and entered previously in this proceeding directed the imposition of a secured bond:

Date of Order	Name of Entering Official	Title of Entering Official	Title/Description of Order

- e. Other: _____

NOTE: If No. 1 is found, no findings are required in No. 2. Proceed to No. 3.

2. Secured Bond Imposed Pursuant to G.S. 15A-534(b). A secured bond is necessary, pursuant to the undersigned official's determination that a written promise to appear, custody release, or unsecured bond: (check all that apply)
- a. will not reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required;
 - b. will pose a danger of injury to any person; and/or
 - c. is likely to result in destruction of evidence, subornation of perjury, or intimidation of potential witnesses.

Facts supporting, by clear and convincing evidence, that determination include: (NOTE: Give brief statements of fact supporting the court's conclusions. Extensive findings are not required but should be sufficiently clear to evaluate in relation to the three risks listed above.)

3. The undersigned further finds, based on all relevant and reliable evidence available concerning defendant's financial resources, that:

NOTE: Check only one. See Part IV.B.8 of the Pretrial Release and Bond Policy for District 15A for guidance when determining defendant's financial status.

- a. the defendant is presumptively indigent for one or more of the reasons listed on Side Two and therefore unable to satisfy any secured bond.
- b. the defendant (check only one) is not presumptively indigent for any of the reasons listed on Side Two, and has income or assets as follows: or is presumptively indigent, but that presumption is rebutted by evidence of defendant's income or assets, as follows: (Check all that apply.)
 - 1) Defendant's monthly income, which is greater than 200% of the poverty level, is \$ _____. Defendant is presumed able to pay a total secured bond in the amount of 2 percent of that monthly income, which is: (monthly income) x (0.02) = \$ _____.
 - 2) Defendant has liquid assets of at least \$3,000, in the amount of \$ _____. Defendant is able to pay a total secured bond of \$ _____ without unreasonable impairment of the defendant's ability to satisfy his/her other financial obligations.
 - 3) Defendant has ownership of real property with available equity in the amount of (A) \$ _____, of which defendant's ownership share is (B) _____%, for a value of (C) \$ _____ (A*B). Eighty percent (80%) of defendant's share \$ _____ (C* 0.80), is deemed available for the purpose of securing bond.
 - 4) Defendant has represented to a district or superior court judge that the defendant is able to satisfy a secured bond in the amount of \$ _____ without unreasonable impairment of his/her ability to satisfy his/her other financial obligations. (NOTE: Select this box only if the defendant makes an unsolicited offer to pay a certain amount.)
- c. there is no available evidence of the defendant's financial resources from which the court can determine the defendant's ability to satisfy a secured bond in any amount. (NOTE: Proceed to No. 4.b.)

Following the ability to pay assessment in No. 3, determine the secured bond amount based on the number and weight of the factors in Part IV of this Policy that merited the imposition of a monetary bond as provided in Appendix B. Document the secured bond amount on the AOC-CR-200 form only if one of the options under No. 4 apply. If neither apply, do not enter the findings on this form and do not file the form with the clerk. Instead, impose conditions of release other than a secured bond.

4. After comparing the defendant's ability to pay in No. 3 to the secure bond amount, the undersigned finds that: (check one)

- a. the defendant is able to satisfy the secured bond imposed.
- b. the defendant is unable to, or the court is unable to determine that the defendant is able to, satisfy the bond imposed, but a secured bond in that amount is nonetheless necessary, because (check one) it is mandated statutorily. the undersigned finds by clear and convincing evidence the following facts that no other condition or combination of conditions of release will satisfy compelling State interest(s) of the defendant's appearance, preventing injury to persons, or preventing destruction of evidence, subornation of perjury, or intimidation of potential witnesses: (NOTE: Give brief statements of the facts supporting the court's conclusion.)

Date	Name of Judicial Official	Signature of Judicial Official
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<input type="checkbox"/> Magistrate	<input type="checkbox"/> District Court Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior Court Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of Superior Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC
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PRESUMPTIVE INDIGENCY/ABILITY TO PAY

Any person who meets any of the following criteria shall be presumed unable to afford any amount of secured bond, unless rebutted by evidence of ability to pay, as laid out in number 3(b) on Side One of this form. (NOTE: See Part IV.B.8.d.2 of the Pretrial Release and Bond Policy for District 15A.)

- Is eligible for appointment of counsel;
- Is, or within the past 6 months has been, homeless;
- Has income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines (see table in Appendix B of the Pretrial Release and Bond Policy);
- Is a full-time student;
- Has been incarcerated pursuant to an active sentence within the past 6 months;
- Is residing in a mental health or other treatment program, or has resided in such a program in the past 6 months; or
- Is or has dependents eligible to receive SNAP benefits (food stamps), Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability Income, public housing, or any other federal or state public assistance program based on financial hardship.