How to Post Bond

Pitt County has three ways you may post bond, Cash Bond, Property Bond, And Surety Bond (Bondsman). The following are steps you can take to post someone's bond;

<u>Cash Bond.</u> With this type of bond the person pays the entire amount of the bond set by the judge in order to secure someone's release. The amount is returned when the court case is disposed of. If you choose to use this type of bond you will need to pay the total amount to the Clerk of Court at the Court House or to the Magistrate's Office at the Detention Center. If you choose to pay it at the Magistrates Office you will need to go to the Red Door located at the back of the Detention Center. Press the button next to the door and inform the control room operator that you need to speak with the Magistrate.

<u>Property Bond</u>. With this type of bond the person may post evidence of real property (i.e. House, and or Land) instead of using money. If the home/land is owned by more than one person then both parties must be present to post a Property Bond. If you choose to use this type of bond you will need to go to the Clerk of Court at the Court House or to the Magistrate's Office at the Detention Center. If you choose the Magistrates Office you will need to go to the Red Door located at the back of the Detention Center. Press the button next to the door and inform the control room operator that you need to speak with the Magistrate.

Surety Bond (Bondsman). With this type of bond the person pays a percentage of the bond, usually 15 percent, to a bondsman who posts the full amount. The fee paid to the bondsman is not returned to the defendant if he or she appears in court. If you choose this type of bond you will need to get in contact with a Bail Bondsman. You can find Bondsman listed in the Yellow Pages under Bail Bonds. The Bondsman will make arrangements with you on where to meet to pay the fee. If a Bondsman tells you that he will meet at the Detention Center, you will need to go to the back of the Detention Center to the Blue Door with "Booking Lobby" over the door.