

Releases

There are several ways a defendant can be released from custody. A few examples are listed below.

Court Order:

If the release of the defendant is per court order, the court order must be delivered from the courtroom, to our court holding facility, then to our Inmate Services Department. Once entered in the computer and defendants file, verification is made that all outstanding charges are satisfied. The file is then taken to release for processing.

Purge:

Some cases require that a purge be paid to secure the defendants release. This usually will apply to Contempt of Court, Debt Court and Writ of Attachment cases.

Pre-Trial Releases:

Some defendants may qualify for our Pre-Trial Release Program. This program is for defendants charged with non-violent crimes. **NOTE:** not all defendants will meet the criteria for this program. In some cases, a judge may order a defendant be released on bond with Pre-Trial conditions. In most of these cases, once the bond is posted, the defendant must meet with a Pre-Trial Release Officer to complete the enrollment process.



Please Note

- ◆ Although we strive to accomplish releases in a timely manner, there may be circumstances beyond our control which would delay the release process.
- ◆ Our first priority is the safety of the citizens of Osceola County. Your patience during the process is appreciated.

Contact Information

- ◆ If you have any further questions about the booking or release process, please use the house phone to contact our Releasing Officer at ext. 24371. You may also contact one of our Inmate Services Supervisors at ext. 24404 or 24405.
- ◆ If you have any questions concerning the arrest, location of the vehicle or victim information, please contact the arresting agency.
- ◆ Bond information can be obtained from our webpage at: www.osceola.org. Click on Online Services and click on the Corrections Reports.

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OSCEOLA COUNTY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT



BOOKING AND RELEASE INFORMATION

Our Mission Statement

To provide a safe, secure, and humane environment for the public, staff, and those requiring detention or supervision in Osceola County.

The Arrest

- ◆ The arrest is initiated by one of the local law enforcement agencies.
- ◆ The Defendant is either detained on local "probable cause" arrest, meaning the law enforcement officer has a reasonable suspicion a crime was committed, or they were arrested pursuant to a warrant issued by a judge.



Bonds

- ◆ In a probable cause arrest, the bond is pre-set pursuant to a bond schedule. The bond amount can be raised or lowered by a judge in initial court appearance. For a warrant arrest, the bond has been pre-set by a judge that has previously reviewed the case. Some charges require a defendant to be held with no bond pending court appearance.
- ◆ Bonds are generally posted by a bail bond agent, or by a friend or family member of the defendant. A bonding agent posts a surety bond and normally requires a minimum of 10% of the total bond amount in cash. The bonding agent will require some form of collateral to cover the remaining balance of the bond. You may pay the bond in full without the assistance of a bonding agent. This may be paid using a cashiers check, money order, or online at www.osceolabail.com.
- ◆ In some cases bonds may change based on status of another charge, resident status or at the discretion of the arresting officer or

The Booking Process

The booking process takes place when the arresting officer delivers the defendant to the Osceola County Corrections Department. The time to process through booking will vary depending on the number of defendants waiting to be processed. The following steps must be completed before the booking process is complete.

- ◆ All defendants are searched
- ◆ All property and monies are inventories
- ◆ Complete medical screening
- ◆ Defendant photographed and fingerprinted
- ◆ Complete background check through Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- ◆ Data entry of all information
- ◆ Warrants check
- ◆ Defendant allowed phone call
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- ◆ If booked before 3:00am, the defendant will appear before the Initial Appearance Judge the following day.



The Initial Appearance Process

- ◆ Initial Appearance is generally held Mon.-Fri. beginning at 1:30pm. Sat., Sun., and Holidays, 10:30am.
- ◆ The court appearance will take a minimum of one hour.
- ◆ Preparation of court paperwork will take a minimum of one hour after court session has ended.
- ◆ It will take a minimum of one hour beyond that to receive and post the court information in the defendants file.

The Release Process

The release process takes place when a court order for release has been issued by the Judge or a bond or purge has been paid. The time to process a release can take approximately 4-6 hours or longer. There are many factors involved in this process.

- ◆ Release documents, such as bonds and court orders are received and reviewed for verification of release.
- ◆ Bond payment and/or court ordered information entered and file updated.
- ◆ Criminal Background check is conducted.
 - ◇ **Note:** If a warrant is found the release process will be stopped.
- ◆ Complete file review.
 - ◇ **Note:** Other charges or open cases pending will stop the release process.
- ◆ File reviewed by Supervisor.
- ◆ File forwarded to the Release Officer
- ◆ Defendant called to the release room from the housing unit.
- ◆ All property is returned to the defendant.
- ◆ Defendant dressed out and escorted out of the facility.

