VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BEDFORD COUNTY

In Re: Deferred or Installment Payment Agreements for the Collection of Fines and Costs

ORDER

In accordance with Section 19.2-354.1 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, it is ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that written notice is hereby provided to any defendant who is unable to pay in full fines and costs for a particular offense within 30 days of sentencing by this Court that such defendant shall have the opportunity to enter into a deferred payment agreement, a modified deferred payment agreement, or an installment payment agreement to pay those fines and costs, or such defendant may earn credit toward discharge of fines and costs through performance of community service work arranged by the defendant. Credit for performance of community service work will be awarded at the rate of \$15.00 per hour upon presentation to the Clerk's Office of satisfactory documentation of the nature and amount of community service performed during a 30 day period.

In determining the length of time to pay under a deferred, modified deferred, or installment payment agreement and the amount of the payments, the Court shall consider the defendant's financial resources and obligations as set forth on a form developed by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court or conduct an oral examination.

A down payment will not be required as a condition of a defendant entering an initial deferred, modified deferred, or installment payment agreement. To enter a subsequent payment agreement, a down payment of \$25.00 will be required unless the Court orders otherwise as authorized by law. The Clerk is authorized to allow defendants to enter into any subsequent agreement.

At any time during the duration of a payment agreement, the defendant may request a modification of the agreement in writing on a form provided by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, and the Court may grant such modification based on a good faith showing of need.

In any case in which a defendant owes fines and costs and where such defendant's sole financial resource is a Social Security benefit, such defendant shall be exempt from making payments until the defendant has another source of income.

The Clerk will post public notice of this order in the Clerk's Office and on the Court's website, and certify a copy of this order to Jenny Perilli in the Department of Legislative and Public Relations in the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court.

This order supersedes the order previously entered on May 7, 2021 addressing collection of fines and costs.

ENTER: June 12, 2024

James W. Updike, Jr., Judge