Essex County Circuit Court Payment Plan Policy

Traffic Convictions: Payment must be made within 30 days from the date of the conviction. (Unless more time was granted by the Judge)

Misdemeanor Convictions: Payment must be made within 6 months from the date of the conviction.

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Felony Convictions: Time the defendant is sentenced to jail or prison for our charges, subtract the time suspended then add the time of supervised probation ordered. Due date is by the end of supervised probation.

If defendant's sole financial resource is Social Security benefit or Supplemental Security Income, then the defendant is not required to pay until he/she has another resource or income. As long as defendant's sole income remains unchanged, his/her account will not go to collections. The defendant is responsible for notifying the court in writing if only source of income is social security.

Any restitution that the defendant has been ordered to pay is not included in this exemption of payment and is due as the court has ordered.

Any changes are at the discretion of the Clerk.

If costs and/or restitution are NOT paid by the due date given, the cases are turned over to the private collection agency.

Christina A. Ambrose

Clerk