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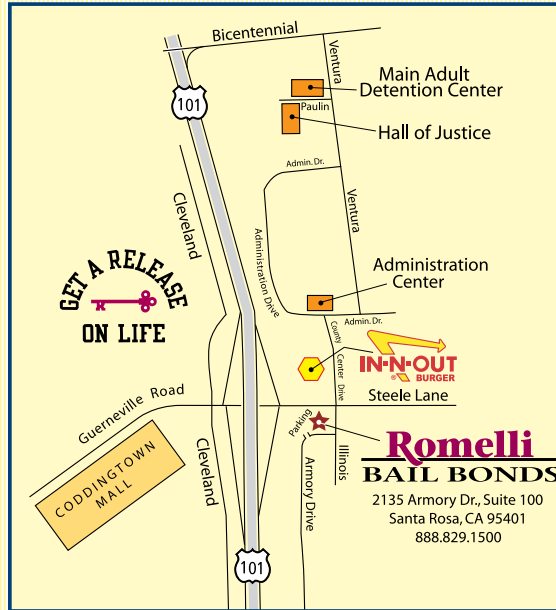


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Marie has been a licensed bail agent since 1994. She is an officer of the North Bay Bail Agents Association. For fun she trains twice a week with her Doberman Pinscher and is the Treasurer of the New World Schutzhund Club in Sonoma County.

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WHAT IS A BAIL BOND?



A bail bond is a three party contract between the Court, the Defendant and **Romelli Bail Bonds**. The terms of the contract are that **Romelli Bail Bonds** will guarantee the Defendant's bail and that the Defendant will make all of his court appearances.

HOW MUCH DOES A BAIL BOND COST?



In most cases the fee for a bail bond is 10% of the bail amount. For example, if the bail is set at \$10,000 than the bond will cost \$1,000.

Romelli Bail Bonds is one of the few agencies that can offer an **8%** premium rate if the defendant meets certain criteria:

- 1) the Defendant is a union member
- 2) the Defendant has retained and is represented by a private attorney
- 3) the Defendant is a veteran or an active military personnel
- 4) the Defendant is a senior citizen.

Note - Proof of either of the qualifying conditions must be presented prior the posting of the bond to receive the 8% premium rate.

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WHAT IS THE DEFENDANT RESPONSIBLE FOR?



Romelli Bail Bonds is not a babysitter, we expect defendants to take responsibility for themselves and their court case. This means being on time to court and appropriately dressed. This also means making any Court ordered appointments and classes. Failure to make these appearances and appointments will jeopardize your case and could result in the forfeiture of your bail and the issuance of a warrant for your arrest.

WHAT IS THE CO-SIGNER RESPONSIBLE FOR?



The Co-Signer helps the Defendant meet his or her obligations. The Co-Signor is the one who signs on the dotted line (along with the Defendant) promising that all of the conditions of bail will be met. Ultimately, the Co-Signor is responsible for any financial losses **Romelli Bail Bonds** may incur **if** the defendant does not go to court.

DO I GET ANYTHING BACK ONCE THE CASE IS OVER?

Yes, and no. If you pledged any collateral to secure the bail bond, (i.e. deed of trust on real estate, pink slip to a vehicle, etc) once the case is over and the bond exonerated, you get your collateral back. Assuming there is not a balance owed on the bail premium. However, you do not get any of the bail premium back.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR ANYBODY CAUGHT IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



The wheels of justice grind slowly, but grind they do. Here are a couple pointers to keep in mind if you find yourself a participant in the court system.

1. A judge sees dozens of defendants in a day and barely speaks to any of them. But they do see and read the police and probation reports. Help yourself make a favorable impression - **DRESS APPROPRIATELY**.
2. A judge is mindful of two scarce resources - time and the court budget. The best way for a judge to conserve the limited supply of either is to require that everybody be prepared and ready to go when a matter is called. What is the tip here? **BE ON TIME**. There is no better way to make a judge mad then to show up late for court. Unless you don't show up at all.
3. **Bring your supporting documents with you**. You say your license was not suspended when they arrested you for driving on a suspended license? Bring the letter from DMV supporting your claim. Arrested for a speeding ticket 5 years ago that you swear you paid? Bring a copy of the cancelled check to court with you. Get the idea?
4. **Hire a good lawyer**. Forget all the bad jokes. A lawyer is your best friend (next to **Romelli Bail Bonds**). How do you find a good lawyer? Ask around. Talk to your friends and other people that might be in a position to know. Then talk to a couple attorneys yourself.