

## The Basics

- Look at your money judgment to see when you are supposed to start making payments. (If you need a copy, ask your Juvenile Counselor.)
- Whenever possible pay off your balance **before** you turn 18!
- Right after you turn 18, if you still owe money:
  - Contact Court Accounting (503-846-8888 x55003) to set up a payment plan for each case that has a money judgment.
  - If you do not make your payments, a one-time warning letter will be sent to the address in the court system.
  - If the letter is returned or you do not respond, your case will go to a collection agency (but no fees will be added to your case).



Your case number(s):

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Please keep for future reference.



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# Money Judgment Information



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## FAQs

### **A money judgment was ordered against me – What now?**

Look at your payment schedule at the bottom of the money judgment to see how much and when you need to start making payments.

### **Do I have to follow the payment schedule, or can I pay it all off at once?**

In general, you must make a payment every month for each case number - **But**, if you pay it all off before the payment schedule start date, you will not need to make monthly payments.

You can pay off your case at any time, even if you had been making monthly payments.

### **Will you send me or my parent/guardian a bill every month?**

No – It is up to you to keep track of making your payments every month.

### **What happens if I don't make my payments?**

It depends... If you are under age 18, the due date in the computer system is set as your 18th birthday. This is to keep cases from accidentally going to a collection agency before you turn 18. Even though the due date is your 18th birthday, the Judge expects you to follow the payment schedule and make a payment every month.

If you are 18 or older, the payment schedule on the money judgment **is** the payment schedule in the computer system. If you don't make your payments your case will be sent to a collection agency.

**Whatever your age, the Judge and your Juvenile Counselor will be keeping track of your payments while you are on probation. If you don't make your payments, it could be a probation violation.**

### **When I am off probation do I still need to make payments?**

Yes – You will keep making payments until the amount you owe is \$0. If you still owe money when you turn 18, you need to call Court Accounting to set up your official payment schedule.

### **I didn't do this by myself – am I the only one paying it back?**

If you have “codefendants” your money judgment might be Joint and Several (“J/S”). It means you may have one or more codefendants who also have a money judgement owed to the same victim. When one J/S codefendant makes a payment, everyone's balance decreases.

You could also have codefendants who have been asked to pay a part of the amount owed.

### **Can I just pay at the Juvenile Department?**

No – After a money judgment is ordered, the money you owe goes to the State of Oregon. The State of Oregon gives the money you pay to the victim(s).

### **How do I get started making payments?**

You might be able to work on the Juvenile Department's Community Service **Work Crews**. When you work a 4-hour crew, the Juvenile Department handles getting the money to the State of Oregon for your case. (Ask your Juvenile Counselor for details.)

**NOTE:** It takes an average of two weeks to process your payment. If you are not working regularly your payment could be late/miss a month due to processing time.

### **If I am earning money from work crews can I still make other payments?**

Yes.

## **Info & Ways to Pay...**

- To set up a payment plan, update your address or any questions about your account: Call 503-846-8888 x55003.
- **In a program and cannot make a payment?**  
Ask your attorney to file an order suspending payment obligations.
- **Can I pay online? No.** Because juvenile cases are confidential, an online payment option is not available at this time.
- **To Pay in Person:**  
Go to the cashier's window at the Washington County Courthouse (see address below). Cash, credit/debit, and personal checks and money orders made out to “State of Oregon” are accepted.
- **To Pay by Phone:**  
Call **1-888-564-2828**. Specify this is for a Juvenile case and have your case number available.
- **To Pay by Mail:**
  - Check or Money Order only (NO CASH) payable to: "State of Oregon"
  - Include your case number (JU number) on your payment.
  - Mail to:

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