

**Dallas County Criminal Courts Revised Misdemeanor Bond Guidelines**

The Dallas County Criminal Court Judges establish the following Guidelines for the setting of bonds for Class A and B Misdemeanor offenses committed in Dallas County. The Magistrate Judges setting the bonds may set a bond in proportion to the facts of the alleged offense after evaluating the special circumstances concerning each offense. These circumstances include the nature of the offense, the safety of the complaining witness and the community, as well as ensuring the appearance of the Defendant at court settings. Until the Courts have risk assessments and indigency assessments, these Guidelines are available.

All bonds are cash or surety unless otherwise specified by the Judge. These Guidelines also incorporate the bond conditions for cases alleging family violence as written by Judges Canas and Kelly. These revised guidelines, which include the family violence conditions, replace all preceding bond schedules or guidelines.

**Bond Ranges:**

**Class A: \$1,000.00**

**Class B: \$500.00**

**Special Circumstances for setting bond:**

- Burglary of a Vehicle: \$1,500.00**
- New Misd. arrest when *already* on bond: \$1,500.00**
- Driving While Intoxicated BAC>.15: \$1,500.00\***
- Driving While Intoxicated 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$1,500.00\***


*\*interlock device & no alcohol consumption required as conditions of bond*

- Assault Family Violence: \$1,500.00\*\***
- Assault Family Violence 2<sup>nd</sup> arrest: \$3,000.00\*\***

*\*\*all Family Violence conditions of bond, including no contact with/stay away from the complaining witness*

**If the Arrestee is on Felony Probation:**

- New Misd. arrest: \$3,000.00**
- New Misd. arrest alleging Family Violence: \$25,000.00**

  
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