

STATE OF _____

COURT: _____

COUNTY OF _____

V.

Defendant.

Case No. _____

Judge: _____

DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR REDUCTION OF BAIL OR BOND

Defendant, _____, by and through undersigned counsel,
_____, hereby moves this Court to reduce the bail or bond currently
set in this matter. In support of this Motion, Defendant respectfully states as follows:

I. PROCEDURAL POSTURE AND CURRENT BOND TERMS

1. Defendant is currently charged with _____, which constitutes a _____ under state law.

2. Defendant was arrested on _____ and had an initial appearance on _____.

3. Defendant's current custody status is: _____.

4. Bail was set on _____ by _____ in the amount of \$_____ as a _____.

5. The current terms and conditions of the bond include: _____.

6. Defendant is requesting that this Court reduce the bond amount to \$_____ and order a _____.

II. FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND UNAFFORDABILITY

7. The current bail amount of \$_____ is excessive, unaffordable, and operates as a de facto order of detention. Defendant and Defendant's family can realistically afford to post a bond of \$_____.

8. Defendant's current financial circumstances demonstrate an inability to meet the current bond:

a. Defendant's approximate monthly income is \$_____.

b. Defendant has approximately \$_____ in cash or savings available

1 to secure release.

2 c. Defendant supports _____ dependents who rely on Defendant for
3 financial and physical care.

4 d. The current bond is unaffordable and excessive because: _____.
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7 **III. COMMUNITY TIES AND STABILITY**
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9 9. Defendant has strong ties to the local community, indicating that Defendant is not a flight
10 risk and will appear for all scheduled court proceedings:

11 a. **Employment/Education:** Defendant is currently _____ at
12 _____. Defendant's specific role and schedule are as follows:
13 _____.

14 b. **Residence:** If released, Defendant will reside at:

15 Street Address: _____

16 City: _____

17 State: _____

18 Zip Code: _____

19 This residence is controlled or shared by _____, and Defendant
20 has been connected to this residence or community for _____.

21 c. **Other Ties:** Defendant has additional community ties, including:
22 _____.
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25 **IV. COURT APPEARANCE HISTORY AND PUBLIC SAFETY**
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27 10. Defendant has a history of compliance with judicial processes:
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3 11. Defendant's release on a reduced bond will not endanger the safety of the public or any
4 specific person. Specifically: _____.

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6 12. Regarding firearm or weapons restrictions: _____.

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8 13. Defendant's criminal history, as relevant to this application, is as follows:

9 _____.

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12 **V. CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES AND BASIS FOR RELIEF**

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14 14. Since the initial bond determination, the following facts and changed circumstances support
15 a reduction in bond at this time: _____.

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19 16. Defendant is willing to comply with reasonable non-monetary conditions of release to
20 ensure appearance and public safety, including: _____.

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22 **RELIEF REQUESTED**

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24 WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests that this Court schedule a hearing on this
25 matter, lower the bail or bond to \$_____, approve the proposed bond
26 type of _____, and impose any other reasonable non-monetary
27 conditions of release that the Court deems appropriate.
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Dated: _____

Respectfully submitted,

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Bar No.: _____

Firm/Office: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Attorney for Defendant

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NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the foregoing Motion for Reduction of Bail or Bond will be held on _____ at _____ before the Honorable _____, in _____.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion was served upon the prosecuting authority listed below on this _____, via _____.

Recipient Prosecutor's Office: _____

Assigned Prosecutor: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____