

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Superior Court Administrative Order 2011-44

Violations of Court Order

- I. Violations of Court Order
 - (A) When a court issues an order for fines or restitution to be paid through the Department of Corrections in an amount of \$200.00 or less, and a defendant fails to make payment, no hearing will be scheduled, no warrant will be issued and the matter will be administratively closed. Any order for restitution shall remain valid.
 - (B) When a court issues an order for fines or restitution to be paid through the Department of Corrections in an amount between \$200.00 and \$500.00, and a defendant fails to make payment, a bench warrant will issue with bail set in the amount of the debt owed, and if bail is posted it will be paid to the Department of Corrections in satisfaction of the debt, regardless of who posts bail. The court may issue the warrant at the request of the Department, or after a hearing at which the defendant fails to appear.
 - (C) When a court issues an order for fines or restitution to be paid through the Department of Corrections in an amount over \$500.00, and a defendant fails to make payment, a bench warrant will issue with bail to be set upon apprehension. The court may issue the warrant at the request of the Department, or after a hearing at which the defendant fails to appear. If bail is posted, it will be paid to the Department of Corrections in satisfaction of the debt, regardless of who posts bail.
- II. Paragraph 1 (A) shall apply to all orders for fines and restitution in effect as of October 1, 2011.
- III. Any order for fines or restitution made after October 1, 2011, in an amount of \$200.00 or less, shall be paid at the time of sentencing.
- IV. The court retains the right to authorize the suspension of the defendant's motor vehicle license for the failure to pay fines and/or restitution, pursuant to RSA 263:56-a(b).

Date: September 14, 2011

Tina L. Nadeau
Chief Justice Superior Court