

SUPPORT SB 19-191 FOR FAIR AND PROMPT PRETRIAL LIBERTY

Mickey Howard

He was jailed for five days on a \$10 bond because he could not pay \$80 in Denver fees. He was only released because the Colorado Freedom Fund paid his fees. His case was dismissed. In response to an ACLU lawsuit, Denver ended the practice of charging booking fees, bond fees, and GPS monitoring fees.



"Nobody should be stuck behind bars just because they cannot pay."

- Mickey Howard

Jasmine Still

She spent 26 days in jail after the court granted her a personal recognizance bond because she could not pay a \$55 fee. In order to retain custody of her newborn child, she plead guilty to secure her release. In a settlement, El Paso County agreed to stop holding people due to an inability to pay county fees and compensated Ms. Still and 183 other people who were incarcerated 1,043 days due to this practice.



"Every day I was in jail, I thought there had to have been some kind of mistake. I didn't think you could jail someone just because they were poor."

- Jasmine Still

Michael Bailey

He was held for 52 days in Teller County Jail without bond on a 4-year-old misdemeanor warrant from Pueblo County. When he was finally transferred to Pueblo County, he was released on a personal recognizance bond and his charges were dismissed. While in jail, he lost his job and missed 2 months pay. The ACLU filed a lawsuit that resulted in policy change and a substantial monetary payment.



"What does a person do when you realize you've lost everything? And I did. I lost my vehicle, my house and my job."

- Michael Bailey

L. B.

He took the bus to Denver for his court date, arrived an hour late and was arrested on a warrant for "failing to appear" on time. A surety tried to post his \$1,000 bond, but was told that Denver's clearance process would take 12-24 hours. In the end, L. B. was held in jail approximately 24 hours after his bond was set.



"Because I was one hour late, I was held for 24 hours. Even though I had the money to pay bond, they wouldn't let me out."

- L.B.

H. K.

A surety posted her \$1,000 bond for Aurora municipal traffic charges. Yet, she was held in the Arapahoe County jail 48 hours after her bond was paid, causing her to miss her court date. Despite being advised that H. K. missed court because Arapahoe failed to timely release her, the municipal court issued a warrant for her "Failure to Appear."

**POVERTY
IS NOT A CRIME.
JUSTICE DELAYED
IS JUSTICE DENIED.**