

Understanding JUVENILE Court Fees, Costs and Restitution

Misdemeanor Case

(not *Violation of Probation*)

\$50 Public Defender Application Fee

\$50 Court cost

\$50 Cost of Prosecution Fee

\$50 Cost of Representation Fee

**\$20 fine only if adjudicated (775.083(2))*

Violation of Probation:

Misdemeanor

\$50 Public Defender Application Fee

\$50 Cost of Prosecution Fee

\$50 Cost of Representation Fee

**\$20 fine only if adjudicated (775.083(2))*

Felony Case

(not *Violation of Probation*)

\$50 Public Defender Application Fee

\$50 Court cost

\$100 Cost of Prosecution Fee

\$100 Cost of Representation Fee

**\$50 fine only if adjudicated (775.083(2))*

Violation of Probation:

Felony

\$50 Public Defender Application Fee

\$100 Cost of Prosecution Fee

\$100 Cost of Representation Fee

**\$50 fine only if adjudicated (775.083(2))*

COSTS ABOVE ARE PER EACH CASE

(minimum cost per case)

For Felony sex offenses, additional fees may be applied

Am I Indigent?

- Decided by the Clerk, based on an application that you/guardian completes at Court. If the income is equal to or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines = indigent

- Fees are **not** waived for indigent youth

• **What If I Am In Foster Care?**

You are still responsible for the fees unless you parents' rights have been terminated. In that case, DCF or ChildNet is responsible for payment

• **How Can I Pay?**

- Forms of payment accepted: personal check, money order, cash and credit card (any)
**no payments online

- Report to the Clerk's Office at these locations:

1. Main Courthouse (205 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach)
2. South County Courthouse (200 W. Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach)
3. West County Courthouse (2950 State Road 15, Belle Glade)

Understanding JUVENILE Court Fees, Costs and Restitution

- **What Happens When I Don't Pay?**

- * *Court fees/costs* remain on your case; could impact future financial situations, including buying a car/house

- * *Restitution* remains on your case; could impact future financial situations, including buying a car/house

- Probation may be violated

- Court always retains jurisdiction over restitution

- Court may enter a **Civil Restitution Order** - Judgment against you which may impact future financial situations/credit

- **What Else Can I Do If I Cannot Pay?**

- Speak with your attorney about the possibility of completing community service to pay down court costs/fees

- Upon motion by the youth and/or youth's attorney and further determination by the Court, fees and fines (NOT restitution) may be converted to community service hours

- **What Happens To My Fees If My Case Is Dropped?**

- If fees/fines were paid on a case(s) AND the case(s) is Nolle Prosequi or No Filed, you may be entitled to receive monies back, per Florida Statute 961.03, 961.04

For additional information, to make payments or set up a payment plan, please contact:

**Palm Beach County Clerk
Unified Family Court Division
(561) 355-6511**

— THE —
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
— OF FLORIDA —

