

King County's Post-Arrest Procedure



Booked at county jail
Initial bail can either be **assigned**, meaning they can pay to be released, or **withheld**, meaning they must stay in jail

If bail is assigned
Bail can be paid, or meet with **PR** officer to see if bail **stands**

PR= Personal Recognizance
Bail can be offered without financial backing

If bail is withheld
There will be a court appearance with a public defender either in the morning (Seattle charges) or the afternoon (King County charges)

If bail stands
Bail can be posted (see below).

If bail doesn't stand
Free to go at the next "release batch" (typically every 2-4 hours)

Things to know

King County has two detention centers: Downtown Seattle and Kent
Typically bail is covered in three ways: by a non-profit bail fund, by friends and family, or by paying a non-refundable fee to a for-profit bond agency