

Proposal for consideration of the Task Force to Examine the Methods to Reduce Costs to Extradite:

There are approximately 40,000 active re-arrest warrants in CT and over 8,500 warrants are for individuals living outside the State. Many people come to CT and commit crimes and then go home with no fear of prosecution as we routinely choose not to extradite; citing cost as the main reason. Also cited are the costs of prosecution and inmate housing. The risk is CT becoming prime hunting grounds for out of state criminal predators coming in, hunting for prey, committing crimes and then failing to appear; knowing full well the consequences in our State are minimal.

There are tens of thousands of arrests in CT each year; many are released on Bail Bonds, some of which will miss a court date. When those absconders leave the jurisdiction of CT, Bail Bonds companies employ Bail Enforcement Agents or BEA who are licensed through DPS to retrieve them. When they are detained in a jurisdiction outside CT, many times they cannot be returned unless they are entered into the Nationwide Crime Information Center or NCIC database as an extraditable warrant. The cost of returning these absconders would be the responsibility of the Agent, Bail Bonds Company, or Surety if they could affect their return to CT. In many cases, BEA can return the absconders without them being in NCIC but more and more jurisdictions are requiring they be entered.

My proposal contains 4 parts.

1. All FTA warrants are able to be entered into NCIC.
2. The Bail Agent, Bail Bonds Company or Surety will pay \$25 to enter their absconder into NCIC.
 - a. The \$25 entry fee will be the binder and agreement to pay for the extradition.
 - b. If the estimated cost exceeds 50% of the face value of the bail bond, there will be the option to pay the forfeiture to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney.
 - c. Anyone failing to pay for an extradition within 30 days may have his or her license to write bail suspended immediately.
3. The cost of extradition from each state will be fixed based on \$1 per aerial mile with a minimum charge of \$250.
4. The cost of extradition from another jurisdiction outside of the US will be estimated and agreed upon between the responsible party and the Chief States Attorney's Office prior to extradition.