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Cash Bail Payments by Credit Card Ruling Upheld by State of Florida

INDIANAPOLIS – (October 7, 2009) The Florida First District Court of Appeals concluded in a decision on July 13, 2009 that Government Payment Service, Inc. (GovPayEXP) may legally provide credit and debit card payment services for the purpose of posting cash bail by defendants in the State of Florida. This ruling upholds the original opinion by the Florida Department of Financial Services filed in May of 2008. GovPayEXP is a leading provider in processing credit and debit card payments for cash bail for clients throughout the U.S.

The 2009 appellate ruling also concluded that GovPayEXP is not required to be licensed as a bail bond agent to conduct these collection activities. As a result, Florida jails and sheriff departments now can take full advantage of GovPayEXP to streamline their collections processes and create increased efficiencies.

The GovPayEXP cash bail by credit card system is Internet-based, so no additional hardware is needed for installation. Within 48 hours, agencies can start collecting cash bail payments by payment credit card with no additional management burden. The payment service is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week, thus enabling constituents to use their credit or debit card to pay a fee even after government offices are closed.

Available at no cost to jails, correctional facilities and sheriff agencies, GovPayEXP's remote payment service provides many additional benefits, including:

- Increased efficiency and control – There is less cash to be handled by employees, no additional equipment is needed, and real-time reporting is available.
- Improved cost efficiency – There are no fees or chargeback liabilities, holding costs are reduced with accelerated defendant release, and funds are available quicker.
- Enhanced constituent satisfaction – With improved payment hours and options, the service is easy and convenient to use.
- Helps reduce jail population – Bail can be paid at any time of day, therefore reducing holding time for non-violent offenders. Additionally, booking and holding costs, can also be reduced with quicker releases.

For a complete copy of the ruling, [click here](#). For more company information, visit the website at www.GovPayEXP.com or call GovPayEXP toll-free at 888-561-7888.

About GovPayEXP

Government Payment Service, Inc. (GovPayEXP) is a national leader in electronic credit and debit card processing systems for government agencies. Founded in 1997 by retired Sheriff Dale Conrad, GovPayEXP processes millions of dollars in government payments each year for more than 1,200 jurisdictions in 41 states. The Internet-based payment processing software enables residents, constituents and offenders to pay cash bail, parking, speeding and traffic tickets, child support, court fees and fines, real estate and property taxes, utility bills or restitution via phone, online or on-site. For more information about the company call 888-561-7888 or visit www.GovPayEXP.com.