

Strategies for Improving Collection Rates & Understanding Court Debt



This session will cover...

- > Options for Increasing Collection Rates
- Getting Started with a Collection Agency
- Discharging Uncollectable Debt
- Essential Navigator Reporting Tools
- Financial Court Data Website Assessed/Collected Compare
- Helpful Resources



Options for Increasing Collection Rates

Increasing Tax Intercept Collection
 Increasing Portal Payment Traffic
 Increasing Stakeholder Involvement
 Contract with Collection Agency





Increasing Tax Intercept Collections

Ensure Financial Due Dates are Entered in Navigator (Odyssey)

TITLE 1

COURTS AND COURT OFFICIALS

CHAPTER 16

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1-1624. Set-off procedure for delinquent debts owed to the courts. (1) The purpose of this legislation is to enable the Idaho supreme court, as the supervisor of the unified and integrated judicial system of this state, to apply for a set-off of state tax refunds and credits owing to a taxpayer in payment of a delinquent debt owed by the taxpayer to the courts of this state. It is the intent of the legislature that this set-off remedy be in addition to and not in substitution of any other remedy or action provided for by law for the collection of such delinquent debts.

Increasing Portal Payment Traffic

Importance of Deferred Payment Plans

Idaho Infraction Rule 9. Judgment - Fixed Penalty Plus Court Costs for Infractions - Withheld Judgment and Suspended Penalties Prohibited - Deferred Payment Agreements

(e) Deferred Payment Agreement. After the entry of a judgment for an infraction, the court, or the clerk within the guidelines set by the court, may enter into an agreement with the defendant for the deferred payment of the fixed penalty plus court costs. Such agreement shall be signed by the defendant and the court, or the clerk on behalf of the court. Subsequent extensions of time to pay a fixed penalty plus court costs may be granted by the execution of a new agreement by the defendant and the court or the clerk.

Idaho Misdemeanor Criminal Rule 8. Deferred Payment Agreement - Form.

(a) Deferred Payment Agreement. After the entry of a judgment for a misdemeanor, the court, or the clerk within the guidelines set by the court, may enter into an agreement with the defendant for the deferred payment of the fine, court costs, and any other court ordered payment. Such agreement shall be signed by the defendant and the court, or the clerk on behalf of the court, and shall state that <u>failure</u> of the defendant to make the payments when agreed may result in the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the defendant. Subsequent extensions of time to pay a fixed penalty may be granted by the execution of a new agreement by the defendant and the court or the clerk. The deferred payment agreement does not affect the ability of a victim to collect restitution as provided in Idaho Code § 19-5305(1).



Increasing Stakeholder Involvement

Communication Between Judges, Clerks and Other Stakeholders

Greater coordination between judges, clerks and other criminal justice agencies, in particular state parole and county probation.

Some norms to consider:

- Establishment and adherence to procedures
- Clear roles and lines of responsibility
- Clear expectations for compliance
- Short time periods for compliance
- Quick responses to non-compliance



Contract with Collection Agency

Title 19 - Criminal Procedure - Chapter 47 – Dispositions of Fines, Forfeitures, and Costs

19-4708. Collection of debts owed to courts — Contracts for collection. (1) The supreme court, or the clerks of the district *court with the approval of the administrative district judge*, may enter into contracts in accordance with this section for collection services for debts owed to courts. The cost of collection shall be paid by the defendant or juvenile offender as an administrative surcharge when the defendant or juvenile offender as an administrative surcharge when the defendant or juvenile offender pursuant to this section.

Counties currently utilizing Collection Agency Services*:

- Bannock County
- Gooding County
- Jerome County
- Kootenai County
- ✤ Latah County
- Nez Perce County
- Twin Falls County
- Washington County

*several other counties currently participating with on-boarding process



Getting Started with a Collection Agency



Collection Agency

Getting Started - Contract

• Contract Negotiations

- Contract requires approval of the administrative district judge
- Legal advice to be provided by county attorneys
- Agency compliance with the collection of court debts per statute/Fair Debt Collections Act

• Other Important Details to Consider:

- o Clarity for the percentage amount being charged
- Clarity for the minimum amount of debt turned over
- Clarity on the age of the debt
- Clarity on accepting payments from Tax Intercept/JRI
- Clarity to withdraw a case from the agency based on court order



Collection Agency

Getting Started Navigator (Odyssey)

Request Kickoff Meeting with Navigator Financial Team

- Gather Collection Agency Contact Information (sFTP Requirements)
- In-depth review of mandatory court processes
 - Update Navigator Rights & Roles as needed
- Review any collection statuses on cases:
 - Existing Contract Restarting
 - New Contract but previously used the collections processing

In-depth review Idaho Money Due:

- \circ Age of debt Review
- o Amount of debt review
- Discharging Debt Review (may require additional steps "clean-up" for new processing)



Discharging Uncollectable Debt



Idaho Infraction Rule 9

Discharging the Judgment

Idaho Infraction Rule 9. Judgment - Fixed Penalty Plus Court Costs for Infractions - Withheld Judgment and Suspended Penalties Prohibited - Deferred Payment Agreements. (Previous Discharge Rule Repealed)

(g) Discharge of Judgment. If, after entry of a judgment for the payment of a penalty, court costs or payment of money to any person or entity, the court determines that the unpaid portion of the judgment is not reasonably collectible for any reason, the court may enter an order discharging the judgment and close the file. A discharge of a judgment on a citation may be entered by endorsing the word "discharged" on the face of the citation together with the date and the signature of the court. Such discharge may be signed and entered by the clerk at the direction of the court. The entry of a discharge of judgment shall not affect the judgment other than to satisfy the duty to pay the balance of the penalty, court costs and the payment of money to any person or entity; provided, such discharge does not satisfy the duty of the defendant to pay victim's restitution ordered pursuant to Section 19-5305, Idaho Code.



Idaho Misdemeanor Criminal Rule 9

Discharging the Judgment

Idaho Misdemeanor Criminal Rule 9. Judgment of Conviction and Sentence - Judgment of Acquittal.

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Discharging the Judgment

Key Takeaways

- If the court determines that the unpaid portion of the judgment is not reasonably collectible for any reason, the debt may be discharged
- The entry of a discharge of judgment shall not affect the judgment other than to satisfy the duty to pay the balance of the penalty and court costs
- Restitution money due is not to be included when discharging debt



Essential Navigator Reporting Tools

Idaho Money Due Custom Report & More



Navigator (Odyssey) – Idaho Money Due Report

Report Parameter Options





Navigator – Idaho Money Due Report

No Payments and/or Missing Due Date (Due Date is a mandatory field for Tax Intercept Process)

Party Name	Case Number	Due Date	Delinquent	Total Case	Amount Past	Case Party	Last Payment	Charge Detail	Supervision Details
		Missed	Detail	Party	Due	Balance			
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Adams, Tanner Christopher	CRXX-22-2390	12/8/2022	Case on Active	\$856.90	\$856.90	\$856.90		1 - I18-8004 {M} - Driving Under the Influence	Supervised Probation
			Payment Plan					(Misdemeanor)	End Date: 11/24/2024
								Disposition: 11/22/2022 Conviction - Guilty	Unsupervised Probation
								(Plea Agreement)	End Date: 11/24/2024
								Charge Balance: \$856.90	
Aguirre, Drusilla C	CRXX-22-3787	10/7/2023	Case not on	\$802.50	\$802.50	\$802.50		1 - I18-8004(1)(a) {M} - Driving Under the	Unsupervised Probation
			Payment Plan					Influence (Misdemeanor)	End Date: 09/06/2024
								Disposition: 09/07/2023 Conviction - Guilty	
								(Plea Agreement)	
								Charge Balance: \$802.50	
Bailey, Danny Lee	CRXX-23-7104		Case not on	\$1,095.00	\$1,095.00	\$1,095.00		2 - I37-2732(c)(3) {M}{MARIJUANA} - Controlled	Supervised Probation
			Payment Plan					Substance-Possession of Marijuana	End Date: 04/29/2025
								(Misdemeanor)	Supervised Probation
								Disposition: 03/26/2024 Conviction - Guilty	End Date: 04/29/2025
								(After Trial)	
								Charge Balance: \$647.50	
								3 - I37-2734A(1) - Drug Paraphernalia-Use or	
								Possess With Intent to Use (Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 03/26/2024 Conviction - Guilty	
								(After Trial)	
								Charge Balance: \$447.50	
Baker, Jessy James	CRXX-23-3093	1/2/2024	Case on Active	\$1,096.30	\$600.00	\$1,096.30		1 - I37-2734A(1) - Drug Paraphernalia-Use or	Supervised Probation
			Payment Plan					Possess With Intent to Use (Misdemeanor)	End Date: 12/10/2024
								Disposition: 12/12/2023 Conviction - Guilty	
								(Plea Agreement)	
								Charge Balance: \$1096.30	
Beltran Bencomo, Jaime	JVXX-23-0176	10/25/2023	Case not on	\$24.80	\$24.80	\$24.80		2 - I37-2734A(1) - Drug Paraphernalia-Use or	Unsupervised Probation
			Payment Plan					Possess With Intent to Use (Misdemeanor)	End Date: 10/28/2026
								Disposition: 10/25/2023 Conviction - True	
								(Plea Agreement)	
								Charge Balance: \$24.80	
Beltran, Ismael Santos	CRXX-23-0717	8/13/2023	Case not on	\$1,091.90	\$1,091.90	\$1,091.90		1 - I18-8004(1)(a) {M} - Driving Under the	Unsupervised Probation
			Payment Plan					Influence (Misdemeanor)	End Date: 07/10/2025
								Disposition: 07/13/2023 Conviction - Guilty	
								(Plea Agreement)	
								Charge Balance: \$1091.90	
Beltran, Jose L	CRXX-23-5762	1/2/2024	Case on Active	\$1,423.80	\$600.00	\$ 1,423.80		2 - I37-2734A(1) - Drug Paraphernalia-Use or	Supervised Probation
			Payment Plan					Possess With Intent to Use (Misdemeanor)	End Date: 12/10/2024
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Navigator – Idaho Money Due Report

Due Date Missed – Oldest to Newest

Party Name	Case Number	Due Date	Delinquent	Total Case Party	Amount Past	Case Party	Last Payment	Charge Detail	Supervision Details
T	¥	Missed 🕞	Detail 🚽	Assessment 🖃	Due 🚽	Balance 🖃	-		
Wineman, Maria T	CR-1986-4240	12/22/1986	Case not on	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00		1 - I56-227(A) {F} - Fraudulently Obtain Welfare or Public	
			Payment Plan					Assistance, etc. (Felony)	
								Disposition: 12/22/1986 Conviction - Guilty	
Ibara, Manuel	CR-1987-4105	8/21/1987	Case not on	\$175.50	\$175.50	\$175.50		1 - I49-233 - Default Conversion - Statute Unknown for	
			Payment Plan					Converted Data (Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 08/21/1987 Conviction - Guilty	
Gentile, Joseph Carr	CR-1987-8126	12/30/1987	Case not on	\$50.50	\$50.50	\$50.50		1 - I49-456(2) - Vehicle Registration-Operating All-Terrain	
			Payment Plan					Vehicle or Motorbike Without Registration Sticker/Plate	
								(Misdemeanor)	
Hogue, Blaine Alber	CR-1987-2357	1/21/1988	Case not on	\$965.50	\$965.50	\$965.50		1 - I18-8004 {M} - Driving Under the Influence	
			Payment Plan					(Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 07/21/1987 Conviction - Guilty	
Torres, Paul R	CR-1988-79	1/29/1988	Case not on	\$529.50	\$121.50	\$121.50	3/20/2024	1 - I18-705 - Arrests & Seizures-Resisting or Obstructing	
			Payment Plan					Officers (Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 01/29/1988 Conviction - Guilty	
Hernandez, Julian	CR-1988-774	2/19/1988	Case not on	\$115.50	\$115.50	\$115.50		1 - I49-245 - Insurance Fail To Provide Proof Of Insurance	
			Payment Plan					(Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 02/19/1988 Conviction - Guilty	
Burge, Clyde W	CR-1987-5735	2/26/1988	Case not on	\$215.50	\$215.50	\$215.50		1 - I49-245 - Insurance Fail To Provide Proof Of Insurance	
			Payment Plan					(Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 08/31/1987 Conviction - Guilty	
Brown, Harry L	CR-1988-575	3/1/1988	Case not on	\$40.50	\$40.50	\$40.50		1 - I49-301 - Drivers License or Commercial Drivers License	
			Payment Plan					Violation (Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 02/12/1988 Conviction - Guilty	
Brown, Harry L	CR-1988-71	3/1/1988	Case not on	\$125.50	\$125.50	\$125.50		1 - MB-6-134 - Malicious Injury To Property	
			Payment Plan					(Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 01/11/1988 Conviction - Guilty	

Navigator – Idaho Money Due Report

Case Party Balance – Smallest to Largest

Party Name	Case Number	Due Date	Delinquent	Total Case Party	Amount Past	Case Party	Last Payment	Charge Detail	Supervision Details
		Missed	Detail	Assessment 🖃	Due 🔽	Balance			
Hernandez, Rica	CR-1988-138	11/22/1989	J Case not on	\$30.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	3/7/1990	1 - I23-1023 - Beer-procure,sell To Minor/consume,poss	
			Payment Plan					By Minor (Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 01/08/1988 Conviction - Guilty	
					<u> </u>			Charge Balance: \$0.50	
Jackman, Danie	CR-1998-2057	10/1/1999	J Case not on	\$63.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	2/13/2008	1 - I37-2732C(A) - Controlled Substance-Use or Under the	
			Payment Plan					Influence in a Public Place (Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 10/01/1998 Conviction - Guilty	
					(/			Charge Balance: \$0.50	
Otto, Alme	CR-2015-6959	5/22/2016	Case not on	\$507.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	4/18/2022	2 - I37-2734A(1) - Drug Paraphernalia-Use or Possess	
			Payment Plan					With Intent to Use (Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 05/19/2016 Conviction - Guilty	
	!				I/			Charge Balance: \$0.50	
Scott, Spike Ray	/CR-1991-3756	4/15/1991	Case not on	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		1 - M16-2-106 - Allowing Dog To Run At Large	
			Payment Plan					(Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 04/15/1991 Conviction - Guilty	
	!				L/			Charge Balance: \$1.00	
Dusenbery, Chri	JV-2007-55	9/5/2007	Case not on	\$20.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	6/10/2010	2 - I18-1502C - Minor-Possession of Marijuana or	
			Payment Plan					Paraphernalia, Use or Influence (Misdemeanor)	
								Disposition: 05/02/2007 Conviction - True	
		[_]			Ļ/			Charge Balance: \$1.00	
Marler, Misty M	CRXX-21-5450	10/28/2021	Case not on	\$10.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	10/27/2022	1 - I49-673(1) - Vehicle Safety Restraint-Fail to Use	
			Payment Plan					(Infraction)	
								Disposition: 11/05/2021 Conviction - Default (Infraction)	
								Charge Balance: \$1.00	

Navigator (Odyssey) Essential Reporting

Other Helpful Reports & Court Process Guides

- KB0012105 Overdue Debt Collections for All Case Types Court Process
- KB0012104 Idaho Cases with Collection Status Court Process

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Court Data Website Financial Dashboard Assessed/Collected Compare



Financials Court Data Website

Navigate to website: <u>https://courtdata.idaho.gov/</u>
Select: Financial Data at the top of the page



•Once the dashboard populates click the Assessed & Collected button





Financial Data Dashboard – Filter Ribbon

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411			AT			4	and June 30; county tiscal year is Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.



Financial Data Dashboard – Filter Ribbon Selections

•Select: Assessed Button

Note: the page should default to this button (the button will have a dark blue appearance)

Assessed

•Select: County Fiscal Year button

Note: the button will have a dark blue appearance

•Filter: Location > Expand District > Select County

State Fiscal Year County Fiscal...



Collected

Financial Data Dashboard – Filter Ribbon Selections

•Filter: Case Category: Felony (Example)

•Copy and paste filtered numbers into an Excel Document

- •You may select another filter, as desired, for assessed
- Copy results into your spreadsheet

Financial Data Dashboard - Assessed - Excel Sample

Collection Rates for County								
Criminal Cases								
County Fiscal year 10-1 to 9-30								
Category FY 2017 FY 2018 FY 2019 FY 2020 FY 2021 FY 2022								
Felony								
Amount Ordered	\$ 11,091,874	\$ 19,316,883	\$ 24,579,616	\$23,972,714	\$23,496,484	\$26,747,904		



Financial Data Dashboard – Reset for Collected Amounts

- Select: Clear All Filters button
- Select: Collected Button

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- Reset filters to the same elements chosen for assessed
 - $\circ~$ Copy and paste filtered numbers for collected into the Excel Document
 - You may select other filters, as chosen when gathering assessed data
 - Copy results into your spreadsheet



Financial Data Dashboard – Collected – Excel Sample

Collection Rates for County Criminal Cases County Fiscal year 10-1 to 9-30								
Category	Category FY 2017 FY 2018 FY 2019 FY 2020 FY 2021 FY 2022							
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Amount Collected	\$ 3,871,014	\$ 6,793,419	\$ 10,553,712	\$ 11,624,669	\$ 12,573,651	\$ 12,585,190		

Financial Data Dashboard

Assessed/Collected Excel

Please reach out to our team to request additional information.

Odyssey Financials: OdyFin@idcourts.net

Collection Rates for County Criminal Cases County Fiscal year 10-1 to 9-30								
Category	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	% change Previous Year	
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Amount Collected	\$ 3,871,014	\$ 6,793,419	\$ 10,553,712	\$ 11,624,669	\$ 12,573,651	\$ 12,585,190	0.09%	
Percent Collected	34.90%	35.17%	42.94%	48.49%	53.51%	47.05%	-6.46%	
Misdemeanor								
Amount Ordered	\$ 7,180,415	\$ 16,848,117	\$ 22,615,361	\$ 18,861,487	\$ 19,992,078	\$ 19,953,463	-0.19%	
Amount Collected	\$ 5,058,228	\$ 11,672,965	\$ 17,573,537	\$16,060,225	\$ 16,419,347	\$ 17,531,373	6.77%	
Percent Collected	70.44%	69.28%	77.71%	85.15%	82.13%	87.86%	5.73%	
Infractions								
Amount Ordered	\$ 3,900,259	\$ 11,719,223	\$ 18,784,785	\$17,276,637	\$ 17,539,336	\$ 13,934,488	-20.55%	
Amount Collected	\$ 3,568,566	\$ 9,710,610	\$ 13,976,870	\$13,598,663	\$ 14,726,032	\$ 13,987,495	-5.02%	
Percent Collected	91.50%	82.86%	74.41%	78.71%	83.96%	100.38%	16.42%	
Grand total								
Amount Ordered	\$22,172,548	\$47,884,223	\$65,979,762	\$ 60,110,838	\$ 61,027,898	\$60,635,855	-0.64%	
Amount Collected	\$12,497,808	\$28,176,994	\$ 42,104,119	\$41,283,557	\$ 43,719,030	\$ 44,104,058	0.88%	
Percent Collected	56.37%	58.84%	63.81%	68.68%	71.64%	72.74%	1.10%	



Helpful Resources:

ServiceNow Knowledge Base Court Process Guides:

- KB0010740 Idaho Money Due (v2) Report Court Process
- KB0012105 Overdue Debt Collections for All Case Types Court Process
- KB0012104 Idaho Cases with Collection Status Court Process

ServiceDesk: https://idcourts.service-now.com/home

Email any questions or requests for assistance: Odyssey Financials <u>OdyFin@idcourts.net</u>





Service Now Knowledge Base Access

This court process is intended to assist users on how to search the Service Now Knowledge Base for all published articles.

- Navigate to the Service Portal
 - o <u>https://idcourts.service-now.com/home</u>

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