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### New Bonding Procedures

There are new bonding procedures in place for those wishing to make property bonds for persons arrested in Towns County. In the past the property bonds were approved with little or no check as to the true value of the property being offered. A property bond is a guarantee that an individual will show up to court if released on bond. The property is held as collateral for the amount of the bond. The new procedures and paperwork will be available online at [www.townscountysheriffsoffice.com](http://www.townscountysheriffsoffice.com). The Sheriff stated that he hoped this process would simplify the bonding procedures for those wishing to make property bonds. The new application for property bonds is similar to one you would expect to find at most professional Sheriff's Offices in Georgia. The paper work explains the process and has a worksheet to help the individual determine if they are eligible to apply to make a property bond. In the event that they are not the Sheriff's Office keeps a list of approved bonding companies in the booking area. Bonding companies will make bond for individuals for a fee. The Sheriff's Office does not promote any particular bonding company and does not make money from the process. These companies offer a service for those who are not eligible to make property bonds.