

## **Central Pa. county sets tougher rules for bondsmen**

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LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — Law enforcement officials say a new policy will make bail bondsmen in one Pennsylvania county more choosy about the clients they take on.

The new rule requiring bondsmen to have a \$25,000 bond account goes into effect later this month in Lancaster County. The new policy also caps the amount bondsmen can owe over fugitive prisoners.

District Attorney Craig Stedman tells the Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era that bondsmen will have to be more selective about bailing out prisoners under the new rules.

According the newspaper's report (<http://bit.ly/pfbmhI> ), Stedman says bondsmen currently have little incentive to avoid high outstanding debt owed on fugitives.

The county solicitor's office says one bondsman had a \$500,000 tab for such clients, but is paying down the figure.

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