



## St. Petersburg cop killer Hydra Lacy Jr.'s bail bondsman is denied \$25,000 refund

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LARGO — A judge denied a request Thursday to repay the bail bondsman who spent \$25,000 after Hydra Lacy Jr. skipped trial.

Lacy killed two St. Petersburg police officers in January and died in the ensuing standoff. Before that, Webb's Bail Bonds paid \$25,000 because Lacy failed to show for a Nov. 1 trial on aggravated domestic battery. That made him a fugitive, prompting police to try to arrest him the day of the shootout.

Bail bondsman Henry Webb filed documents this month seeking repayment of the \$25,000. The documents cited a law allowing a bail bond company to recoup all or some of the bail when a fugitive is recaptured within two years.

Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge J. Thomas McGrady denied the request, saying the law didn't apply because Lacy died after he missed his court date. If he had died awaiting trial, Webb could have gotten the money back, McGrady said.

Webb's attorney, Joe Fritz, said they would appeal the decision.

"The lunacy of this thing is if a guy pulls a gun on you, you better not shoot him because you won't get your money back," he said.

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