

## Discharge from Accountability – Event Code and Accepting Payments

### BACKGROUND:

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***The Discharge from Accountability does not release any defendant from Court ordered financial debt. All unpaid balances remain due to the Court.***

In April 2021, an inventory of 133,523 cases were **Discharged from Accountability** based on the following Local criteria:

- a) Infraction or Misdemeanor case
- b) The balance is too small to justify the cost of collection; or
- c) The likelihood of collection does not warrant the expense involved.
  - a. All the required reasonable collection efforts have been performed;
  - b. The debtor is deceased, has no assets, and a copy of the death certificate has been submitted;
  - c. At least 10 years has elapsed from the date the debt became delinquent.

The attached General Order is to serve as justification for the discharge: [Order of Discharge from Accountability Pursuant to Government Code Section 25259.9.](#)

### CASE DETAILS:

All cases have been updated with the following Event (dated 04/05/2021 - 04/14/2021):

Events		Previous	Next	
Date	Type and Comment			
04/12/2021	Gen Ord of Discharge from Accountability from Collections Outstanding balance still due			

### ACCEPTING PAYMENTS:

All Defendants remain responsible for any outstanding case balances. Payments are still encouraged and will be still accepted through the regular means of collections. ***There are no special steps or actions required to accept and process these payments.***

All questions pertaining to case specific collections and the Discharge from Accountability process should be referred to your Manager; please send additional inquiries to [Collections@sb-court.org](mailto:Collections@sb-court.org).

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**  
247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

**ORDER OF DISCHARGE FROM  
ACCOUNTABILITY PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 25259.9**


The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, having read and considered the information provided, determines that the request for discharge is justified and relieves the applicant from any further responsibility for collecting the discharged debt. This discharge does not constitute a release of any person from liability for payment of any amount owed.

The Court is directed to enter record of the discharge in the court case file for each debt and to post a copy of the order of discharge on the Court's Internet website for a period of not less than three weeks.

Within 45 days after the end of the month in which this discharge is approved, the Court shall report to the County the discharge from accountability.

It is so ordered.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021

  
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MICHAEL A. SACHS  
Presiding Judge  
Judge of the Superior Court



***Delinquent Debt - Summary of Inventory***

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A full inventory is available upon request and will be posted to the court’s website on March 1, 2021 until March 31, 2021, pursuant to Government Code 2525.69.

<b>Table 1: Statistical Summary</b>			
	<b>2021 Global Caseload</b>	<b>Infraction Cases</b>	<b>Misdemeanor Cases</b>
Mean	\$ 634.96	\$ 653.86	\$ 594.08
Median	\$ 549.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 400.00
Standard Deviation	\$ 429.91	\$ 355.71	\$ 555.41
Minimum	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.00
Maximum	\$ 7,185.00	\$ 7,185.00	\$ 6,812.00
Sum	\$ 84,782,274.89	\$ 59,706,949.57	\$ 25,075,325.32
Number of Cases	133,523	91,314	42,209



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<b>Table 2: Discharge from Accountability Totals</b>			
	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>Discharge Total</b>
<b>Infraction</b>	<b>91,314</b>	<b>\$ 59,706,949.57</b>	<b>\$ 59,706,949.57</b>
<b>Never Paid by Year of Delinquent Debt</b>	<b>79,939</b>	<b>\$ 53,666,086.09</b>	<b>\$ 53,666,086.09</b>
2000	1,568	\$ 845,216.12	\$ 845,216.12
2001	5,894	\$ 3,331,829.48	\$ 3,331,829.48
2002	5,234	\$ 3,008,045.40	\$ 3,008,045.40
2003	5,661	\$ 3,247,218.43	\$ 3,247,218.43
2004	6,059	\$ 3,682,976.45	\$ 3,682,976.45
2005	1,142	\$ 754,498.10	\$ 754,498.10
2006	4,337	\$ 3,209,148.73	\$ 3,209,148.73
2007	11,106	\$ 8,397,515.92	\$ 8,397,515.92
2008	13,415	\$ 9,370,538.93	\$ 9,370,538.93
2009	16,792	\$ 11,772,689.16	\$ 11,772,689.16
2010	8,731	\$ 6,046,409.37	\$ 6,046,409.37
<b>No collection activity in 10+ years by Year of Delinquent Debt</b>	<b>11,375</b>	<b>\$ 6,040,863.48</b>	<b>\$ 6,040,863.48</b>
2000	1	\$ 429.00	\$ 429.00
2001	221	\$ 94,093.50	\$ 94,093.50
2002	658	\$ 274,614.44	\$ 274,614.44
2003	635	\$ 279,926.12	\$ 279,926.12
2004	695	\$ 348,084.64	\$ 348,084.64
2005	637	\$ 331,333.83	\$ 331,333.83
2006	452	\$ 230,380.13	\$ 230,380.13
2007	965	\$ 552,761.01	\$ 552,761.01
2008	1,975	\$ 1,082,861.57	\$ 1,082,861.57
2009	2,829	\$ 1,518,190.60	\$ 1,518,190.60
2010	2,307	\$ 1,328,188.64	\$ 1,328,188.64
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>42,209</b>	<b>\$ 25,075,325.32</b>	<b>\$ 25,075,325.32</b>
<b>Never Paid by Year of Delinquent Debt</b>	<b>35,692</b>	<b>\$ 20,615,377.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,615,377.00</b>
2001	1	\$ 605.00	\$ 605.00
2006	1	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
2007	3	\$ 1,513.00	\$ 1,513.00
2008	30,383	\$ 17,357,912.45	\$ 17,357,912.45
2009	3,546	\$ 2,188,449.45	\$ 2,188,449.45
2010	1,758	\$ 1,066,592.10	\$ 1,066,592.10
<b>No collection activity in 10+ years by Year of Delinquent Debt</b>	<b>6,517</b>	<b>\$ 4,459,948.32</b>	<b>\$ 4,459,948.32</b>
2001	1	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
2002	1	\$ 232.00	\$ 232.00
2008	3,646	\$ 2,436,574.73	\$ 2,436,574.73
2009	1,892	\$ 1,353,873.46	\$ 1,353,873.46
2010	977	\$ 669,233.13	\$ 669,233.13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>133,523</b>	<b>\$ 84,782,274.89</b>	<b>\$ 84,782,274.89</b>

\*'Never paid' is defined as accounts referred to and returned by an Outside Collection Agency for which no collection has been made.



Attachment A

Case Type	Case Number	Date Assigned to Collections	Amount to be Discharged	Last Payment Date	Last Payment or Year of Delinquency	Discharge Reason
Infraction	00026UWIA	5/24/2005	\$ 721.00	-	2005	Never Paid
Infraction	05904LDJC	2/22/2010	\$ 631.00	-	2009	No collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	04838HVRS	9/8/2008	\$ 835.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	1780139CT	4/6/2009	\$ 528.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	2632852	10/16/2007	\$ 1,341.00	-	2007	Never Paid
Infraction	2837817JT	1/5/2009	\$ 630.00	6/14/2010	2010	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	2891084TV	4/20/2009	\$ 140.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	33567DKJK	12/3/2007	\$ 613.00	-	2007	Never Paid
Infraction	388971JP	3/29/2001	\$ 245.00	4/17/2008	2008	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	48978CAMB	7/28/2008	\$ 603.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	69127PLMK	5/30/2001	\$ 429.00	-	2001	Never Paid
Infraction	C115542LS	9/8/2008	\$ 477.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	CF015740EM	2/23/2009	\$ 577.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	04203HVRW	12/8/2008	\$ 533.50	1/9/2009	2009	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	38174SPKU	4/12/2004	\$ 505.00	-	2004	Never Paid
Infraction	536585RP	2/9/2007	\$ 550.00	-	2006	Never Paid
Infraction	650482JB	11/14/2001	\$ 375.00	-	2001	Never Paid
Infraction	860759LW	3/10/2008	\$ 555.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	M686610JH	8/11/2008	\$ 140.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	MS34251DK	3/29/2001	\$ 1,571.00	-	2000	Never Paid
Infraction	126028RB	1/30/2004	\$ 200.00	-	2003	Never Paid
Infraction	15037CWMH	4/9/2007	\$ 720.00	-	2007	Never Paid
Infraction	31045SWMD	2/19/2004	\$ 168.45	2/15/2006	2006	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	36018DKJL	12/17/2007	\$ 394.20	1/25/2008	2008	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	79065RQGE	2/20/2003	\$ 441.00	-	2002	Never Paid
Infraction	81188AG	2/6/2009	\$ 420.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	LU31424JW	4/6/2009	\$ 469.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	21680SWAH	2/19/2004	\$ 250.60	2/24/2004	2004	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	226780DK	8/7/2003	\$ 981.00	8/4/2006	2006	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	2479759RG	11/20/2006	\$ 533.00	-	2006	Never Paid
Infraction	2564543	6/22/2009	\$ 916.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	2742097JC	12/15/2008	\$ 1,705.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	347616LL	11/17/2008	\$ 589.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	431015HPM	8/5/2003	\$ 187.00	-	2003	Never Paid
Infraction	46697PWCD	3/6/2002	\$ 156.00	-	2001	Never Paid
Infraction	629936LR	11/12/2002	\$ 491.00	-	2002	Never Paid
Infraction	65731CPHS	2/22/2007	\$ 533.00	-	2006	Never Paid
Infraction	66960LW	8/4/2008	\$ 635.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	C156877DC	12/13/2010	\$ 489.00	-	2010	Never Paid
Infraction	05831BP	2/7/2007	\$ 1,430.00	-	2006	Never Paid
Infraction	279910AR	10/13/2004	\$ 479.00	-	2004	Never Paid
Infraction	2917805JV	5/26/2009	\$ 701.00	6/19/2009	2009	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	34193KLPH	5/4/2009	\$ 1,136.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	47701JNLG	2/9/2009	\$ 830.00	4/2/2009	2009	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	56413JWAS	12/15/2008	\$ 736.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Infraction	63333AU	3/16/2009	\$ 866.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	723094GF	11/23/2004	\$ 671.00	-	2004	Never Paid
Infraction	78024KKAS	6/14/2010	\$ 631.00	-	2010	Never Paid
Infraction	93326DRCM	1/2/2008	\$ 1,134.00	-	2007	Never Paid
Infraction	NA65271NL	4/17/2001	\$ 152.92	5/7/2008	2008	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	P122298MO	2/5/2007	\$ 571.00	-	2006	Never Paid
Infraction	U3185085Q	7/24/2003	\$ 1,023.00	6/21/2004	2004	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	U4188200A	7/27/2009	\$ 781.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	079800AM	1/9/2004	\$ 41.00	-	2003	Never Paid
Infraction	13515KLSA	5/18/2009	\$ 1,035.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	14444JM	6/4/2007	\$ 735.00	-	2007	Never Paid
Infraction	210670DM	9/17/2001	\$ 563.00	-	2001	Never Paid
Infraction	56398CNBG	7/16/2007	\$ 613.00	-	2007	Never Paid
Infraction	68065JWVB	5/19/2009	\$ 742.00	6/29/2009	2009	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	88128TPFL	12/29/2004	\$ 970.00	-	2004	Never Paid
Infraction	926514TH	8/23/2010	\$ 555.00	-	2010	Never Paid
Infraction	AVP5093MA	7/20/2009	\$ 735.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	22491CAMG	3/13/2007	\$ 533.00	-	2007	Never Paid
Infraction	250382WG	3/19/2002	\$ 635.00	-	2001	Never Paid
Infraction	666948DE	9/3/2003	\$ 650.00	-	2003	Never Paid
Infraction	73819DE	11/23/2009	\$ 580.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	92081GJ	1/8/2003	\$ 525.00	-	2002	Never Paid
Infraction	94644LNRC	4/5/2010	\$ 441.00	-	2010	Never Paid
Infraction	99802DRJR	11/5/2007	\$ 537.00	-	2007	Never Paid
Infraction	LL96270HA	4/6/2009	\$ 469.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	11377KLLB	8/3/2009	\$ 932.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	277383TB	3/16/2009	\$ 904.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	2868530TI	7/20/2009	\$ 637.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	32233RWUB	6/3/2003	\$ 1,685.00	-	2003	Never Paid
Infraction	410197BH	10/1/2001	\$ 64.00	10/9/2001	2001	No Collection activity in 10+ years
Infraction	544642TA	7/11/2002	\$ 200.00	-	2002	Never Paid
Infraction	68112JWJA	5/19/2009	\$ 741.00	-	2009	Never Paid
Infraction	72678BNRM	2/25/2008	\$ 940.00	-	2007	Never Paid
Infraction	81532RQCR	4/3/2003	\$ 735.00	-	2003	Never Paid
Infraction	C163637MZ	7/30/2007	\$ 918.00	-	2007	Never Paid

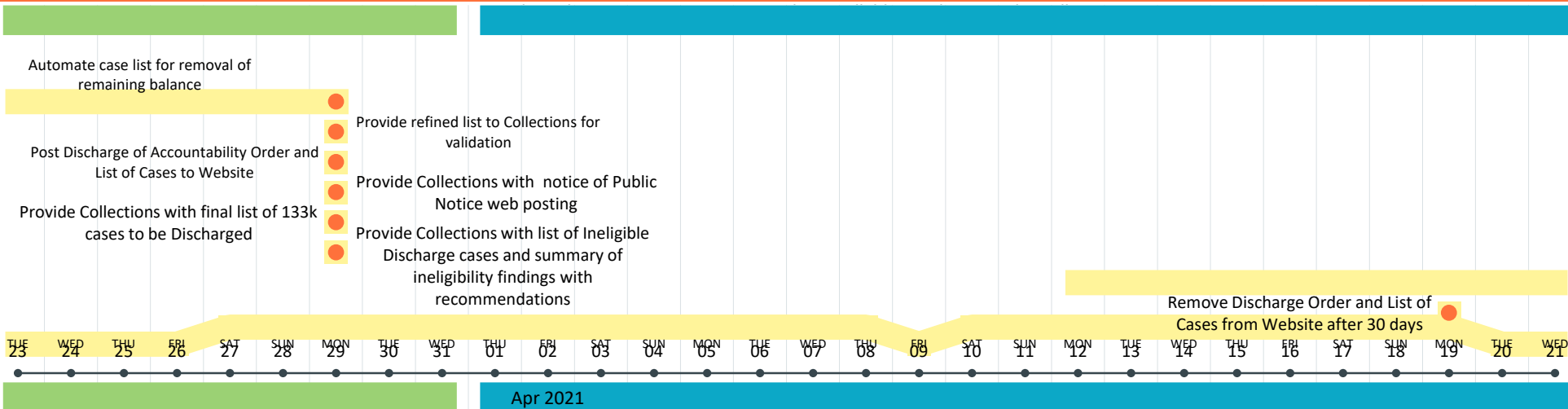


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Case Type	Case Number	Date Assigned to Collections	Amount to be Discharged	Last Payment Date	Last Payment or Year of Delinquency	Discharge Reason
Misdemeanor	X462862FC	2/12/2009	\$ 355.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Misdemeanor	X464806RJ	2/12/2009	\$ 544.00	-	2008	Never Paid
Misdemeanor	Y121496DR	2/12/2009	\$ 586.00	-	2008	Never Paid



# FY 2020-21 Discharge of Accountability Timeline



ENTER START DATE: 10/1/2020

ACTIVITY	START	END	NOTES
Review Government Code sections 25257-25259.95 authorize and establish the eligibility criteria for discharging court-ordered debt.	10/1/2020	10/2/2020	Identify Discharge of Accountability Statutes
Notify all contributing parties of project Involvement (Court Tech Services, Senior Accounting Assistants, COSB County Collections, Court Executive Teams, and District Managers and Supervisors).	10/20/2020	10/20/2020	
Identify Cases eligible for Discharge of Accountability	10/20/2020	10/21/2020	Filter for time parameter set at greater than 10 years, Last payment received, Sentence date, Sentence modification date, No future hearings, Balance less than \$10-amount too small to collect/cost of collections, Determine additional limiters that impact case eligibility (Participant death, incarceration), Remove Non-eligible cases.
Query eligible cases from Central Collections server	10/26/2020	11/13/2020	
Exclude Victim Restitution Cases	11/15/2020	12/1/2020	Fee ID: 302- Priority 1 Victim Restitution. Excluded from Discharge Fee ID: 202- Priority 3 PC1202.4 (b)- State Restitution Fine (often \$98). Recommended for inclusion in Discharge



ACTIVITY	START	END	NOTES
Case validation. Identify and exclude Hidden OTS cases, Test cases, Purged cases, and Balance Discrepancies.	12/1/2020	1/4/2021	
Provide Potential impact to CEO Finance and Court Executive Team for approval to proceed	1/6/2021	1/13/2021	
Determine Odyssey transaction code for Discharged cases.	1/11/2021	1/29/2020	Include Operations
Collaborate with Operations to determine Events verbiage	1/11/2021	1/29/2020	A single Event code will be shared for INF and MISD cases The existing 'ODA' description will be changed to: 'General Order of Discharge from Accountability from Collections' The following Event comment will be added: 'Outstanding balance still due' With General Order in place, there is no need to attach a copy of order to each case. Financial Services will create a memo to Operations Managers and Supervisors to educate staff on the Discharge process and future actions for these cases.
Write coding/criterion that flags case to no longer report as FTP in future reports.	1/19/2021	2/19/2021	
Complete full data validation prior to initiating Discharge- cases are manually audited for acceptance.	1/19/2021	1/29/2021	One (1) MISD case out for IRS intercept in 2020. Identified 6,728 cases (\$3.7M) with payment received 2011-2021.
Approvals (Court Executives and Presiding Judge).	2/22/2020	2/26/2020	Documents are finalized, audited, and signed by reviewing staff, Financial Manager, and then given to the CEO to review & signature.
Request Discharge of Accountability Order from PJ	2/22/2020	2/26/2020	GC 25259.9
Provide a complete list of all cases that have been signed and approved for Discharge is made and paired with a General Order to be signed by the Judge to complete the process.	2/22/2021	2/26/2021	
Submit list of cases to CTS to prepare for Odyssey updates in April	3/1/2021	3/12/2021	
Submit Item to Executive Committee (Info Item)	3/15/2021	3/15/2021	
Automate case list for removal of remaining balance	3/15/2021	3/29/2021	Collaborative effort with William Chiu, Ann Beal, and Camille Valverde
Provide refined list to Collections for validation	3/29/2021	3/29/2021	List provided in Excel
Post Discharge of Accountability Order and List of Cases to Website	3/29/2021	3/29/2021	Include: 1. Signed Order 2. Application 3. Summary of Case Inventory 4. Final Discharge list with optical character recognition (OCR) for public search





ACTIVITY	START	END	NOTES
Provide Collections with notice of Public Notice web posting	3/29/2021	3/29/2021	
Provide Collections with final list of 133k cases to be Discharged	3/29/2021	3/29/2021	
Provide Collections with list of Ineligible Discharge cases and summary of ineligibility findings with recommendations	3/29/2021	3/29/2021	
Deliver notification of Staff Procedure for Discharge cases	4/12/2021	4/26/2021	Deliver to Mangers for distribution
Remove Discharge Order and List of Cases from Website after 30 days	4/19/2021	4/19/2021	
Court Tech Services runs script to update cases on Odyssey	4/19/2021	4/23/2021	Nightly run of 40k cases (10k per instance in parallel servers in PROD)
Daily validation of Event Code Script in Odyssey	4/20/2021	4/26/2021	Daily - 100 cases to be selected at random for validation in Odyssey and Portal
Notify Court Executive Team of the final Discharge amounts and status	4/26/2021	4/26/2021	
Notify County Collections of the final Discharge amounts and status	4/9/2021	4/9/2021	
Document process for Discharge of Accountability cases	1/18/2021	5/28/2021	
Document odyssey data-entry process for future payments made on Discharge of Accountability cases	1/18/2021	5/28/2021	
Establish an annual timing for Discharge process to coincide with case list submission Franchise Tax Board and IRS for non-payment	1/18/2021	5/28/2021	
Report on cases discharged for Annual CRT	4/26/2021	4/26/2021	
Develop PLAN with Central Collections to triage and reconcile Ineligible Cases	6/7/2021	6/18/2021	
Collaborate with Central Collections to reconcile Ineligible cases	6/21/2021	10/29/2021	