

Consent Form: SO

Title of Research Study: Community Corrections Fines and Fees Study

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Key Information About This Research Study

The following is a short summary to help you decide whether or not to be a part of this research study. More detailed information is listed later on in this form.

What is research?

The goal of research is to learn new things in order to help people in the future. Investigators learn things by following the same plan with a number of participants, so they do not usually make changes to the plan for individual research participants. You, as an individual, may or may not be helped by volunteering for a research study.

Why am I being invited to take part in this research study?

We are asking you to take part in this research study because you were identified by a study participant as a support person.

What should I know about a research study?

- Someone will explain this research study to you.
- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you.
- You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?

This study is being done in order to help us better understand how criminal justice fines and fees impact the lives of those on probation and their significant others (SOs). It is important for us to understand the time and resources that supervisees and their SOs devote to the payment of supervision fees and fines as this may have implications for their success on community supervision and recidivism.

How long will the research last?

We expect that you will be in this research study for approximately 1 hour while we interview you.

What will I need to do to participate?

You will be asked to sit for a one-hour interview on the phone or on Zoom (virtual meeting platform) and answer a series of questions related to you experience assisting your significant other with the requirements of probation, including fines and fees.

More detailed information about the study procedures can be found under “What happens if I say yes, I want to be in this research?”

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Is there any way that being in this study could be bad for me?

It's possible that some of the questions we ask during the interview may make you feel uncomfortable, however, you may choose not to answer those questions or any other questions that you do not want to answer. In this study, you may share information private and confidential to you and other people may see these answers – however, your answers will not be connected to you. We will remove any details that may uniquely identify you or your family members (e.g. family member names, unique offense details) prior to publication or sharing the data. You will not be identified in any publication from this study or in any data files shared with other researchers. Federal or state laws may require us to show information to university or government officials, or sponsors, who are responsible for monitoring the safety of this study, but your identifying information will not be part of that.

This interview is voluntary.

The one exception to confidentiality is if you share that you are going to hurt yourself or others, or any information about child abuse. In this case, the research staff may provide you with referrals for treatment, work with you to contact your personal physician, trusted family member, or therapist to discuss your thoughts of harming yourself; or contact law enforcement authorities to alert them that someone might be in danger.

Will being in this study help me in any way?

There are no direct benefits to you from your taking part in this research. However, study participation may provide a benefit to supervision agencies interested in making policy changes based on your experiences.

Detailed Information About This Research Study

The following is more detailed information about this study in addition to the information listed above.

How many people will be studied?

We expect about 50 people will be in this research study.

What happens if I say “Yes, I want to be in this research”?

We will interview you about your experiences on probation over the phone or Zoom for approximately one hour. The interview will be recorded and the audio portion retained. Once the audio has been transcribed (i.e. written out), it will be deleted. You may not participate in the study if you do not consent to being recorded.

What happens if I say “Yes”, but I change my mind later?

You can leave the research study at any time and no one will be upset by your decision. If you decide to leave the research study, contact the investigator so that the investigator can delete your information. Choosing not to be in this study or to stop being in this study will not result in any penalty to you or loss of benefit to which you are entitled.

Will it cost me anything to participate in this research study?

There will be no cost to you for any of the study activities or procedures.

What happens to the information collected for the research?

Efforts will be made to limit the use and disclosure of your personal information, including research study and medical records, to people who have a need to review this information. We cannot promise complete confidentiality. Organizations that may inspect and copy your information include the Institutional Review Board (IRB), the committee that provides ethical and regulatory oversight of research, and other representatives of this institution, including those that have responsibilities for monitoring or ensuring compliance. We may publish the results of this research. However, we will keep your name and other identifying information confidential.

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Data Collected

If identifiers are removed from your identifiable private information that information could be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without your additional informed consent.

What will be done with my data when this study is over?

Your data will be stripped of all identifiers, which means that nobody who works with them for future research will know who you are. We will use and will share this anonymized data for future research through a public database. This may include researchers/institutions outside of University of Minnesota or for-profit companies. We will not ask for your consent before using or sharing them. Therefore, you will not receive any results or financial benefit from future research done on your data.

Whom do I contact if I have questions, concerns or feedback about my experience?

This research has been reviewed and approved by an IRB within the Human Research Protections Program (HRPP). To share feedback privately with the HRPP about your research experience, call the Research Participants' Advocate Line at [612-625-1650](tel:612-625-1650) (Toll Free: 1-888-224-8636) or go to z.umn.edu/participants.

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research participant.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

Will I have a chance to provide feedback after the study is over?

If you would like to share feedback, please contact the study team or the HRPP. See the "Investigator Contact Information" of this form for study team contact information and "Whom do I contact if I have questions, concerns or feedback about my experience?" of this form for HRPP contact information.

Will I be compensated for my participation?

If you agree to take part in this research study, we will pay you \$25 (in an emailed Amazon gift card code) upon completion of the interview. You must completed the whole interview to receive the gift card. However you are free to skip any question you do not want to answer and still receive the gift card.

If you choose to participate, we will ask for your recorded verbal consent on our recorded call or virtual meeting. Your verbal consent documents your permission to take part in this research.