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To the Opinion Committee of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas,

The Angelina County district attorney sends this letter to formally request an opinion from the attorney general. This opinion request is concerned with the timing and enforceability of bond conditions. More specifically:

1. **Do bond conditions become enforceable when the defendant signs the order of conditions or do they only become enforceable upon the defendant bonding out from custody?**
2. **If a person violates their bond conditions after they have been rearrested, are the bond conditions still enforceable even though the defendant is no longer on bond?**

These issues mainly arise in the context of "no contact" bond conditions. Some bond conditions, such as meeting with a community supervision officer, are understandably inapplicable upon the defendant remaining in or returning to custody. However, we would like to know if we can enforce bond conditions that protect the victim while the defendant is in custody and not on bond.

Despite diligent efforts, our office has not been able to find a clear answer to these questions and therefore requests that the Attorney General issue an opinion to address them.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Layne Thompson".

Layne Thompson
District Attorney
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