31.120 Determination of whether person needy -- Factors for determination -- Affidavit of indigency.

- (1) The determination of whether a person covered by KRS 31.110 is a needy person shall be deferred no later than his first appearance in court or in a suit for payment or reimbursement under KRS 31.211, whichever occurs earlier. Thereafter, the court concerned shall determine, with respect to each step in the proceedings, whether he is a needy person. However, nothing herein shall prevent appointment of counsel at the earliest necessary proceeding at which the person is entitled to counsel, upon declaration by the person that he is needy under the terms of this chapter. In that event, the person involved shall be required to make reimbursement for the representation involved if he later is determined not a needy person under the terms of this chapter.
- (2) In determining whether a person is a needy person and in determining the extent of his, and, in the case of an unemancipated minor under KRS 31.100(3)(c), his custodial parent's or guardian's inability to pay, the court concerned shall consider such factors as:
 - (a) Income;
 - (b) Source of income;
 - (c) Property owned;
 - (d) Number of motor vehicles owned and in working condition;
 - (e) Other assets;
 - (f) Outstanding obligations;
 - (g) The number and ages of his or her dependents;
 - (h) The poverty level income guidelines compiled and published by the United States Department of Labor;
 - (i) Complexity of the case;
 - (i) Amount a private attorney charges for similar services;
 - (k) Amount of time an attorney would reasonably spend on the case; and
 - (I) Payment of money bail, other than a property bond of another, whether deposited by the person or another, to secure the person's release from confinement on the present charge of which he or she stands accused or convicted; and
 - (m) Any other circumstances presented to the court relevant to financial status.

Release on bail, or any other method of release provided in KRS Chapter 431, shall not necessarily prevent him from being a needy person. In each case, the person, and, if an unemancipated minor under KRS 31.100(3)(c) and (d), his custodial parent or guardian, subject to the penalties for perjury, shall certify by affidavit of indigency which shall be compiled by the pretrial release officer, as provided under KRS Chapter 431 and Supreme Court Rules or orders promulgated pursuant thereto, the material factors relating to his ability to pay in the form the Supreme Court prescribes.

(3) The affidavit of indigency, to be subscribed and sworn to by the person, and, in the case of an unemancipated minor under KRS 31.100(3)(c), by his custodial

parent or guardian, shall be as set out herein and contain, at a minimum, the following information:

	"Commonwealth of Ken	tucky	
represented by private counsel and that he does not have the money or asset of which to employ one; that he or she is indigent and requests the court to approunsel. Affiant states that he or she is presently (fill in the blank with one (1) of the follounemployed, employed full-time, employed part-time, or employed on a sea basis)	County of		
unemployed, employed full-time, employed part-time, or employed on a sea basis)	represented by private of which to employ one	counsel and that he d	oes not have the money or assets out
receives (circle any of the following which apply and fill in the blank if necessary Welfare Food stamps Social Security Workers' compensation Unemployment Retirement disability Other Affiant states that he or she owns the following property: Description Value Affiant states that he or she has the following dependents: Name Age Relationship	unemployed, employed		
Food stamps Social Security Workers' compensation Unemployment Retirement disability Other	receives (circle any of the		
Social Security Workers' compensation Unemployment Retirement disability Other	Welfare		
Workers' compensation Unemployment Retirement disability Other	Food stamps		
Unemployment Retirement disability Other	Social Security		
Retirement disability Other	Workers' compensation		
Other	Unemployment		
Affiant states that he or she owns the following property: Description Value	Retirement disability		
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Affiant states that he or she has the following dependents: Name Age Relationship; Affiant states that he or she has the following obligations: To whom owed Amount owing			
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	Affiant states that he or	she has the following	obligations:
	To whom owed		Amount owing

Affiant understands and has been advised that he or she may be held responsible for the payment of part of the cost of legal representation. Affiant also understands that the cost of payment for legal representation will be determined by the judge after considering affiant's financial condition, what private attorneys charge for similar services, how complicated the affiant's case is, and the amount of time affiant's attorney spends on affiant's case.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this	, day of	Signature of affiant			
officer		Signature			 of
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oath

Perjury Warning: Affiant understands that any person knowingly making false statements in the above affidavit shall be subject to the penalties for perjury under KRS Chapter 523, the maximum penalty for which is five (5) years' imprisonment. Affiant declares under penalty of perjury that he or she has read the above affidavit and that it is true and complete to the best of his or her knowledge."

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