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**To:** [County Attorney Office](#)  
**Subject:** Request for CRLO forgiveness  
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**Attachments:** [Benson Restitution.pdf](#)  
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1-15-2026

To: Hernando BCC,

My name is Robert Benson. I was sentenced to 6 years prison and 5 years probation on February 8, 2011. The terms of my probation was that I would be immediately eligible for early termination of probation after all of my court costs and restitution was paid in full.

I was released early from prison for good behavior on June 3, 2015. In less than a year I successfully paid all of my financial responsibilities and the judge terminated my probation during a court hearing in the Brookesville courthouse. According to the Clerk of Court and my early probation termination, all of my restitution and court costs were paid in full. At least I thought, until now.

I bought a property in Spring Hill in January of 2025. It was a way I could help my elderly mother, that has lived in Spring Hill for approximately 20, to save money on costs of living and she could also assist me since I'm currently permanently physically disabled.

Towards the end of 2025 I ended up having to pay for repairs and replacements to my property, pay for my mother's car repairs, and a death in our family ended up wiping out my savings and piling up massive debt on my credit cards.

Because my mother and I are both on fixed income,(mother- SSI retirement) (I'm on SSDI- See attachment)(I'm the victim of a hit and run crime as a pedestrian in 2018), I had no choice but to start applying for home equity loans to pay everything off and have one possible payment to make each month in order to become stable again.

Because of my debt to low income ratio and a big drop of my credit score, I've been struggling to get approved for a loan ever since I began applying in early December.

I did finally get approved for an amount to get me caught up. That was until we got close to closing on Tuesday January 13th when they did a title search and discovered a Civil Restitution Lien Order. A lien I was never told or advised ever existed.(see attachment)

After spending 2 days speaking with the Clerk of Court and the Finance Department at the County Commissioners Office, I was advised that I owed \$14,150.00 plus interest since March 15, 2011, equaling approximately \$26,766.00.

According to the records, the only notice that was given was on March 16, 2011 by mail to the address; 7345 Hiawatha Parkway, Spring Hill, FL. I no longer lived at that address because I was already in state prison. Never being served notice denied me due process and the ability to pay the lien. Which would have been possible because I was better off financially because I was working and before the interest compounded for over 10 extra years.

In order to move forward with my loan with the mortgage company I have to have forgiveness of this lien. They already told me that they won't loan me \$27,000.00 more than I need. Nor should I deserve to have to after being denied due process.

I ask that you please forgive the entire amount of my lien taking into consideration that I satisfied all other restitutions and court costs promptly, my property taxes are being paid and I'm now finding out about the lien when I'm less financially secure to address it since I'm now on a fixed income.

If forgiving the entire lien amount isn't possible than please at least forgive the interest accumulated after never being given due process. I would at least be given a fair and realistic chance to satisfy it. I'll find a way immediately if need be.

Thank you all for your time, understanding and consideration!

Sincerely,  
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