



4. In fact, a 20 million dollar bail amount is tantamount to an denial of bail, as only a very small number of persons are capable of depositing the required two (2) million dollars necessary to satisfy this amount. As the US Bill Of Rights states in the Eighth Amendment:

"Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." USCS Const. Amend. 8

Also, Illinois law is clear:

"Yet excessive bail should not be required for the purpose of preventing a prisoner from being admitted to bail." People v. Ealy, 49 Ill. App. 3d 922, 934 (Ill. App. Ct. 1st Dist. 1977)

5. A review of the factors in this case in the light of 725 ILCS 5/110-5 show that the Defendant is entitled to a substantial bail reduction:

6. Defendant Drew Peterson is 55 years old and is a life long resident of Illinois. He has no history of any criminal convictions. He has lived in Bolingbrook, Will County, Illinois since 1977, and before that lived in Lombard, Illinois. The only time Defendant lived outside of Illinois was when he was in the United States Army stationed in Washington DC, from 1974 to 1976.

7. Mr. Peterson is a veteran, having served in the US Army from 1974 to 1976. He was based in Washington DC, and served in the Military Police unit out of Arlington, VA. Part of his duties was to provide security for dignitaries, including the President Of The United States. On occasion Mr. Peterson provided security for President Gerald Ford. Mr. Peterson was granted an Honorable Discharge from the US Army in 1976.

8. Since 1977, Mr. Peterson has lived in Bolingbrook, Will County, Illinois. His current residence is 6 Pheasant Chase Court, Bolingbrook, Illinois, where he lives with his four (4) minor children, Lacy, age 4, Anthony, Age 5, Kristopher, Age 14 and Thomas, Age 16.

9. Defendant Drew Peterson has extensive family contacts in the Will County, and Northern, Illinois area, and has no family outside of Northern, Illinois.

