



YOUTHFUL OFFENDER RECORD RESTRICTION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS



Under a new law in Georgia, if you were convicted of certain nonviolent misdemeanor charges when you were UNDER the age of 21 (age 17-20), you can petition to have your record restricted (expunged). If:

- You were convicted of a nonviolent misdemeanor or a series of misdemeanors arising from a single incident that are not excluded under the law. SEE BELOW FOR EXCLUDED OFFENSES.
- You must have been under the age of 21 when convicted
- You successfully completed the sentence
- You have had good conduct since your conviction.
- You have not been charged with a criminal offense in the last five (5) years before you are petitioning for restriction (excluding non-serious traffic offenses).

The following misdemeanor offenses are **NOT** eligible for restriction:
Driving Under the Influence (DUI); Reckless Driving; Aggressive Driving; Theft (does **NOT** include Shoplifting); Child Molestation; Enticing a Child for Indecent Purposes; Pimping; Keeping a Place of Prostitution; Pandering by Compulsion; Masturbation for Hire; Giving Massages in a Place used for Lewd Sexual Acts; Sexual Battery; Sexual Assault by Persons with Supervisory or Disciplinary Authority; Sexual Exploitation of Children; Electronically Furnishing Obscene Material to Minors; Obscene Telephone Contact with a Minor; Computer Pornography.

VERY IMPORTANT (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

In order for us to screen you for eligibility for the record restriction and assist you in filing the Petition for Record Restriction, it is **MANDATORY** that you bring the following documents to the Back to School Bash Youthful Offender Record Restriction Event or upload on the The Lindsey Firm, P.C. website (www.thelindseyfirm.com) under the About The Firm-Current Community Events Tab: (1) certified copy of the final disposition from the clerk of court in the county (Rockdale, Newton or Walton ONLY) of the misdemeanor conviction, (2) Your criminal history. (This can be obtained at any Local Police Station or the Sheriff Department) and (3) Proof of successful completion of the sentence from the Probation Office.