



## **About the Survivor Reentry Project: Criminal Record Relief for Survivors of Human Trafficking**

Survivors of both labor and sex trafficking in the US are often left with criminal records as a result of their victimization. These records are a barrier to safe housing, employment, education, licensure, and parenting. Most states now offer some criminal record relief (expungement, vacatur, or sealing) for records that result from trafficking.

Freedom Network USA's Survivor Reentry Project (SRP) provides criminal record relief to survivors of human trafficking who have records in more than one state. SRP helps survivors to get their full criminal record, understand which records are eligible for relief, and then matches survivors with attorneys who will file their cases.

### **Will I need to pay for services?**

No. All criminal record relief services are free for the survivor. Any fingerprint or court filing fees will be covered by FNUSA or the assigned pro bono attorney.

### **Will I have to appear in court?**

Possibly. Some jurisdictions require a hearing, but some do not. Once you have been assigned representation, the pro-bono attorney will discuss your options.

### **How long does the process take?**

The first step is to get a copy of your criminal record and understand which charges are eligible for relief. This step will take about 1-3 months.

The next step is to file applications to clear those records. The time frame for this step varies based on jurisdictions and our legal partners' capacity. Generally, this step takes at least a year or sometimes longer.

### **If I have a current or open case, can SRP assist me with locating a defense attorney?**

No. SRP doesn't provide legal services for any open or pending charges. We address only post-conviction matters at this time.

### **Can I clear federal charges?**

No. There is no federal criminal record relief for survivors of human trafficking.

### **To Request Assistance:**

If you have an arrest or conviction history directly related to being trafficked, please fill out the form (linked to this QR Code) to schedule a screening call. Our SRP Advocate will follow up with you within 3 business days to schedule a screening call.



**Questions?** Email SRP Advocate Chanel Toleston [chanel@freedomnetworkusa.org](mailto:chanel@freedomnetworkusa.org)

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