

CLEARING PROSTITUTION CHARGES FROM YOUR RECORD

New Jersey Law for Survivors of Sex Trafficking

HOW IT WORKS

Your criminal record can be a barrier to getting a job, housing, and legal immigration status, and it can also impact family law issues.

However, there is a New Jersey law that may allow you to get certain convictions off your record permanently.

The law applies to convictions from anywhere in the state of New Jersey, no matter how long ago they occurred, and allows for the following charges to be vacated:

- Prostitution
- Loitering for the Purpose of Engaging in a Prostitution Offense

Convictions other than prostitution and loitering may be able to be vacated if they were the result of trafficking.

Once a conviction is vacated, it will not appear in any public record.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible for this remedy* if you were trafficked at the time of your arrest. Being trafficked means you engaged in prostitution when you were younger than 18 OR someone made you engage in prostitution through:

- Threats
- Physical force
- Judgment-impairing drugs
- Lies or false promises
- The withholding of personal information or documents

*Please note that this relief is different from general expungement relief available in NJ, and does NOT have the same limitations regarding the type and number of convictions.

WHO TO CONTACT

If you were a victim of trafficking, and were ever arrested as a result, please contact us to see if you are eligible under New Jersey law, at **(973) 645-1955**.

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