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Probation Department Offers Juvenile Record Seal Services

Individuals age 18 or older, previously in trouble with the law in Yolo County as a teenager, might be eligible to have their juvenile record sealed. The Yolo County Probation Department can assist in that process.

The law allows the court to order most types of records sealed. In order to have this done, one must:

- Now be at least 18 years of age
- Off probation for at least five years
- Not have, at age 14 or older, a sustained juvenile offense for a serious or violent felony act as listed in California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 707(b)
- Not have, as an adult, a felony conviction
- Not have, as an adult, a conviction for any misdemeanor crime involving moral turpitude. (Moral turpitude is a legal term that means “a gross violation of standards of moral conduct, vileness, such that an act involving moral turpitude was intentionally evil, making the act a crime.”)

For individuals meeting these criteria, it may be worthwhile to have their record sealed. When a record is sealed:

- The proceedings in the case shall be deemed never to have occurred, and one may reply so accordingly to any inquiry about the events. This does not apply however to inquiries one might receive from a federal agency such as military service, employment screens, etc.
- The court clerk will send a copy of the court order to each agency and official named in the petition, directing them to seal whatever record they may have in their possession, and directing them to advise the court of compliance with the order.
- Generally, it cannot be unsealed unless requested. Unsealing a record for any purpose requires a court hearing and a special order.

To learn more, contact the Yolo County Probation Department at (530) 406-5320 or visit: www.yolocounty.org (go to: “I want to... > Apply... > Apply to have my juvenile record sealed) for information, instructions and an application form.

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