

What can the family do during this process?

There are many things you can do for yourself, your family and the client

- **Mitigation, mitigation, mitigation**
It is key to show the courts that rehabilitation is a priority.
- **If it is a child/sex related offense:**
The accused should quit their job if they are working with children.
 - Seek counseling
 - Consider going to SA 12 step meetings — sa.org
- **Family members can find support:**
 - S-Anon at chicagosanon.org
 - S-ATeen at sanon.org/find-a-meeting/s-ateen-meetings/
- **For drug offenses:**
 - Clients can get treatment/counseling.
 - Connect with family & community for support.

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Your loved one got arrested.

What next?



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You are not alone!

There is help for you.

After the arrest you must:

Get a lawyer

- You will meet your lawyer at the jail. Your lawyer will explain the charges.
- Your lawyer will appear before the judge with the client. The charges will be read and the judge will set bail.
- If you have enough cash you can start the process of release immediately.
- Once bail is paid and the client is released, he must comply with the conditions of pre-trial release that the court will set. For example:
 - House arrest
 - Electronic monitoring
 - Curfew
 - No computer
 - No cell phone
 - No contact with the victim
- There will be many court dates ahead called status dates. These are set for both sides to review, share and evaluate the evidence.
- Release conditions may be modified at this time. For example:
 - Your attorney can petition for a cell phone for safety if necessary.
 - The client may request permission to work.
 - Any reasonable request will be considered.
- Once all evidence is shared your attorney will advise on the best course of action.

Now you have been convicted and sentenced

What next?

All prisoners go to Stateville Prison in Joliet for processing

They may be held at 26th and California for several days

- Once they leave 26th and Cal you have 48 hours to come to pick up the clothes and shoes otherwise they will donate them to charity.
- There is no contact with family during this processing time.
- They will attempt to locate the “best fit” facility considering the charges and any special circumstances. This may take several weeks.

When they are at Stateville there are things that you can do:

- Send books and magazines. (Call Stateville for rules and regulations.)
- Put money on a commissary account using jpay.com (\$20 is the maximum at this time.)
- Register with IDOC so that you are notified when they move.
- Write letters



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Once they are transferred:

- Set up a phone account with Secures securustech.net (1-800-844-6591)
- Add money to commissary at their facility

Visiting:

- Call the facility to be sure that you can visit. Only immediate family can visit before he makes his official visitors list
- Except for the first visit the offender must make a list of potential visitors. If your name is not on the list you cannot visit.
- First time paperwork: This is available online. It is much easier and faster to fill it out and bring it with you.
- You will need 2 forms of ID for the first visit. Only one thereafter.

Attire for visits:

- No jewelry, no watches, no leggings, no shoulders exposed. Women must wear a bra. (Not a bra top)
- During the visit you can purchase a vending machine card. You must have a \$5 bill to purchase the card.
- Only bring money to put on the card. No extra money is allowed in.
- Nothing but the card and your ids are allowed in your pockets for the visit.
- You can bring books, magazines and newspapers at the time of the visit. Do not bring any greeting cards.



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