

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
OFFENDER INFORMATION**

I. FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS

Federal law prohibits persons with felony convictions, discharges from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions, and misdemeanor convictions involving domestic violence from possessing, using, or receiving firearms, ammunition, or destructive devices, which has ever traveled in or affected interstate or foreign commerce. The penalty is an imprisonment of (10) years and/or a \$250,000 fine. You have been convicted of such a crime, and therefore, you are prohibited from using, possessing, shipping, transporting, receiving or acquiring by purchase, gift, trade, loan or otherwise any firearm, regardless of the use you intend to make with it. A firearm is any gun, rifle, or other weapon which will (or can be converted to) expel a projectile by an explosive or electrical charge. If you now have any firearms, ammunition, or destructive devices (knives with a blade over six inches in length, bombs, grenades, rockets, missiles having an explosive charge, mines, etc.) in your possession, you must dispose of them immediately. Giving such weapons to anyone else in your household will not satisfy the prohibition against possession because you would still be considered to have “constructive” possession of a firearm, ammunition, or destructive device, if it remains in your household, automobile, or rental property. Title 18 United States Code, Section 3565 (b) and Section 3583(g) requires mandatory revocation of probation or supervised release if a person on Federal supervision is in possession of a firearm.

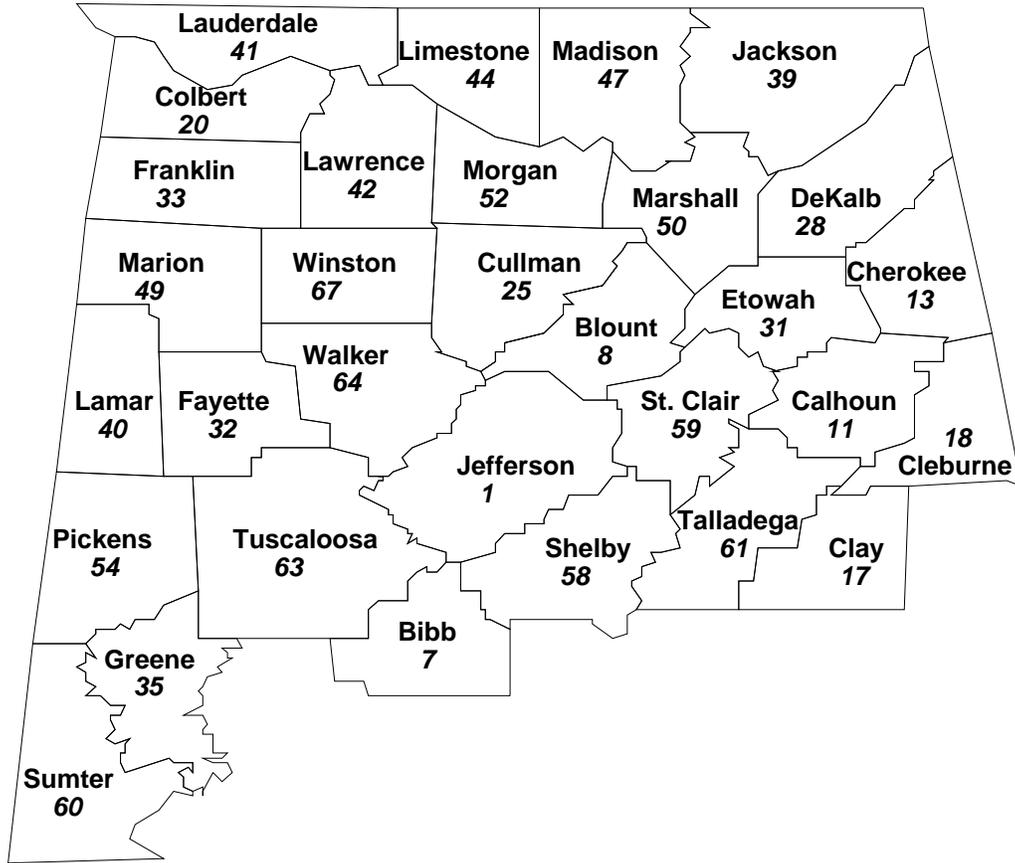
You also need to know that there is no provision by Federal law, except a Presidential pardon, that explicitly relieves persons of the Federal firearms disability. The United States Supreme Court in 1994 held that a “state’s” restoration of a convicted felon’s civil rights does not remove the disability to possess firearms imposed by Federal law as a result of a Federal conviction. Therefore, you may not possess a firearm, ammunition or destructive device even after you are no longer on supervision by this office. If you have any questions concerning this matter, you should consult with your attorney.

II. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS/VCCA NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

You may not leave the Northern District of Alabama without permission of the Probation Officer (See Attachment A - Travel Request Form or access this form at www.alnp.uscourts.gov). Any travel outside the district requires advance written permission. A map identifying the counties in the district is provided below. Unless otherwise instructed by your Probation Officer, you may travel within the district without special permission.

VCCA Notification Requirements: If this box is checked, you are subject to the requirements of the Violent Crime Control Act (VCCA) of 1994 because of your offense of conviction or past criminal convictions involved either a crime of violence or a drug trafficking offense.

MAP OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA



III. WRITTEN MONTHLY REPORTS

Written monthly reports are due by the 5th day of each month. Reports received after their due date are considered late. The report is to be filled out truthfully and completely (See Attachment B for example). Any false statements made on the report may result in revocation of supervision. This form can also be accessed through our website at www.alnp.uscourts.gov and emailed to your officer

IV. FELON REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to section 13A-11-181 of the Code of Alabama, persons convicted more than **TWICE** of a felony are required to register with the Sheriff's Office in the county in which they reside within 24 hours of their arrival in that county.

- Based on your prior felony convictions, you are instructed to report to the Sheriff's Office and/or Police Department in which you reside within 24 hours to register with them and provide proof of registration by providing a copy of the Felon Registration Card to your Probation Officer within 30 days.
- Based on your prior felony convictions, you are **NOT** subject to this requirement.

V. SUPPORT YOUR DEPENDENTS

The standard conditions of supervision require that you support your dependents and meet other family responsibilities. Therefore, you will be required to meet your child support obligations (either voluntary or court-ordered).

VI. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

The standard conditions of supervision require the offender to work regularly at a lawful occupation unless excused by the Probation Officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons. Employment is one of the most important aspects of being successful while on supervision and for life after supervision. The goals of the U. S. Probation Office are that people on supervision:

- (1) find employment as quickly as possible;
- (2) maintain employment in order to gain experience, create a good work history, and learn job skills; and
- (3) set long-term goals for seeking better employment and seek out ways to obtain goals (i.e., training classes, college classes adult literacy, etc.).

While on supervision you must work regularly at a lawful occupation unless excused by the Probation Officer for schooling, training or other acceptable reasons; you cannot quit a job unless given permission to do so by the Probation Officer; and, if you have a job when leaving the halfway house, you must keep the job until you find another and obtain permission from the Probation Officer.

VII. FINES/RESTITUTION

The Court has ordered that you pay a special assessment, restitution or fine. Any unpaid balance at the time your supervision begins will be subject to collection pursuant to 18 USC §§ 3563 and 3583. If the Court did not specify the manner in which the financial obligations are to be made, the probation office will conduct a financial review within the first 60 days of your supervision and establish a monthly payment plan. Should you fail to make payments in accordance with the plan or be in default (more than 60 days' delinquent), the Court will be notified and possible sanctions could be imposed. A payment transmittal form can be accessed through our website at www.alnp.uscourts.gov.

VIII. CIVIL RIGHTS

Alabama law deprives convicted felons of certain civil rights to include the opportunity to vote, serve on a jury, hold public office, and receive some professional licenses. However, upon expiration of supervision you will be given information to apply for restoration of your civil rights in the state of Alabama.

IX. DNA TESTING

As part of the USA Patriot Act which was enacted by the U. S. Congress, your federal felony conviction requires you to participate in the DNA collection program. Therefore, you may be instructed to report for fingerprinting and blood analysis if you haven't already done so.

X. CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

You must notify your Probation Officer within 72 hours of contact with ANY law enforcement officer in the following scenarios: (a) if you are arrested; (b) if you are questioned by a law enforcement official as a suspect, victim, or a witness to a crime; or (c) if you are given a traffic citation and/or a passenger in a vehicle that may have resulted in an inquiry as to your identity during an accident or traffic stop. Please note that should you be detained and unable to make contact with your officer within the 72-hour requirement, you are required to have a third party contact your officer to advise of your arrest and detention status. **Note: If your arrest is a result of an old warrant that occurred prior to your offense of conviction, it cannot be used against you for purposes of revocation.**

XI. OFFICE LOCATION

U.S. Probation Offices are located in Birmingham, Florence, Gadsden, Huntsville, and Tuscaloosa. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For specific location information, please refer to the Office Information tab on this site (www.alnp.uscourts.gov).

XII. EVACUATION POLICY IN CASE OF HURRICANE/MAJOR CATASTROPHE

If there is a **state of emergency** in the city or county where you live due to a hurricane or other major catastrophe and **evacuation** is recommended by the local government in the city or county where you live AND you choose to evacuate, you shall do the following:

- Contact your **Probation Officer within 24 hours** of your departure to advise him/her of your relocation plan, leaving the address and telephone number of the location where you can be reached.
- If you are unable to talk with the Probation Officer, you should attempt to talk to the **supervisor** of the Probation Officer or leave a **voice mail message** on your Probation Officer’s telephone to advise of your departure and relocation plan. (Do not endanger your life waiting to talk to or hear back from your Probation Officer or his/her supervisor.)
- If the Birmingham Office is closed due to the emergency, you should call one of our **field offices** and leave a message about your evacuation and relocation plan. The field offices are as follows:

Florence Alabama	1-256-766-2566
Gadsden, Alabama.	1-256-547-5722
Huntsville, Alabama.	1-256-551-2500
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.	1-205-561-1680

- If the telephone numbers to the field offices are not working, you should call the **toll free number** at 1-866-254-0863 and leave a message about your evacuation and relocation plan.

- If you are unable to reach any of the above telephone numbers, you should contact the **U. S. Probation Office** in the city where you have relocated, giving your name and the name of your Probation Officer, along with your relocation address and telephone number where you can be reached.
- Routinely check your voice mail and email for messages sent directly to you by the probation office through the Client Electronic Notification System (CENS). The messages may include information related to changes in reporting procedures, office operations, etc.

SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING EVACUATION PROCEDURES

If there is a **family member or friend** who regularly provides shelter to you in times of an emergency like a hurricane, you should give that information to your Probation Officer for a ready reference in times of an emergency. The information should include the family member's or friend's name, address and telephone number. Even if said information is given to your Probation Officer, you are still expected to advise your Probation Officer **on each occasion** when you are planning to evacuate.

If you are a **registered sex offender or violent offender** AND you evacuate to another city or county, you **SHALL** contact the local law enforcement authority (sheriff, police department, etc.) in that city, parish, or county **within 48 hours** of your relocation, advising them of your status, your new location, and the name and telephone number of your Probation Officer. You **SHALL** also contact the local **U. S. Probation Office** in the city or county where you have relocated, if your new location is outside the Northern District of Alabama, advising them of your status, your new location, and the name and telephone number of your Probation Officer. If you need to enter an **evacuation shelter**, you **SHALL** notify the authorities or person in charge at the shelter that you are a registered sex offender or violent offender, giving them the name and telephone number of your Probation Officer.

If you are participating in the **electronic monitoring program**, you should have already submitted an evacuation plan, which outlines your relocation plan and what you should do with the equipment. If you do not have an evacuation plan in order, you should call Sr. U. S. Probation Officer David Armstrong, the Electronic Monitoring Specialist at (205) 716-2919 or (205) 532-7623.

REMINDER: You are under orders of the Court as a condition of supervision to maintain contact with your Probation Officer at all times. Failure to maintain some level of contact, even during an emergency evacuation, is a violation of your supervision, which could lead to a warrant being issued for your arrest for absconding supervision and revocation of your supervision.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEARCH OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.ALNP.USCOURTS.GOV

