



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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July 3, 2024



Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-24-5

Dear Ms. [REDACTED],

We received your request for an advisory opinion. You indicate that you have one or more felony convictions and request whether you are eligible to vote, including whether you have any outstanding legal financial obligations under section 98.0751, Florida Statutes, which would otherwise make you ineligible to vote and, if so, a statement of the amount that must be paid to make you eligible to vote, and an explanation of how the amount was calculated.

The Division hereby responds to your request pursuant to its legal authority under section 106.23(2), Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.010, to provide an advisory opinion to you as an individual seeking to be involved in a political activity (voting) and the particular activity in your inquiry (eligibility to vote).

Per Rule 1S-2.010(4)(f), the requestor must provide the precise factual circumstances giving rise to the request. In your request, you identify yourself as "[REDACTED]" and give your date of birth as [REDACTED]. In your request, you did not provide the case numbers, court that convicted you, and which county two of the offenses took place in. You also mention a conviction from June or July 2018, in Clay County for a stolen car but do not give a case number or otherwise explain the offense. You note that you have served 18 months but do not explain for which offense. The Division's ability to determine an individual's eligibility to vote is hampered when it does not receive such information. Nonetheless, the Division was able to find the following felony cases associated with your file:

In [REDACTED] County:

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1. [REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty for Forgery, section 831.07, Florida Statutes, and Uttering a Forgery, section 831.09, Florida Statutes. On November [REDACTED], 20[REDACTED], the Court sentenced you and ordered you to pay **\$200** in fines, fees, and costs. Our records indicate that you have not paid any of this amount.

2. [REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty for Grand Theft, section 812.014, Florida Statutes. This sentence was ordered to run concurrent with [REDACTED]. On November [REDACTED], 20[REDACTED], the Court sentenced you and ordered you to pay **\$150** in fines, fees, and costs. Our records indicate that you have not paid any of this amount.

In Clay County:

3. [REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate that you were ordered to pay **\$773.00** for Felony Court costs for Grand Theft Auto, section 812.014(2)(c)6, Florida Statutes. Our records further indicate that, as of this date, you have not paid this amount.

Accordingly, due to the remaining combined amount of **\$1,123.00** from [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], you have not paid all fines, fees, and costs associated with your felony and are ineligible to vote. *See* Article VI, Fla. Const. § 98.0751(1), (2)(a)5. b., Fla. Stat. (articulating restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence including the payment of all fines, fees, and costs). We conclude, based upon the information we located, that you are ineligible to vote.

Nothing in this opinion should be construed as evaluating your voting eligibility with respect to any other felony convictions you may have, given the incomplete information you have provided to the Division. If there are additional cases or convictions you would like the Division to examine, please don't hesitate to contact us. For future inquiries regarding voter eligibility, please answer the questions in the form attached to this letter.

Thank you for submitting your request. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Florida Division of Elections