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# Suspended

— Persistent barriers to rejoining the  
workforce after you leave prison —

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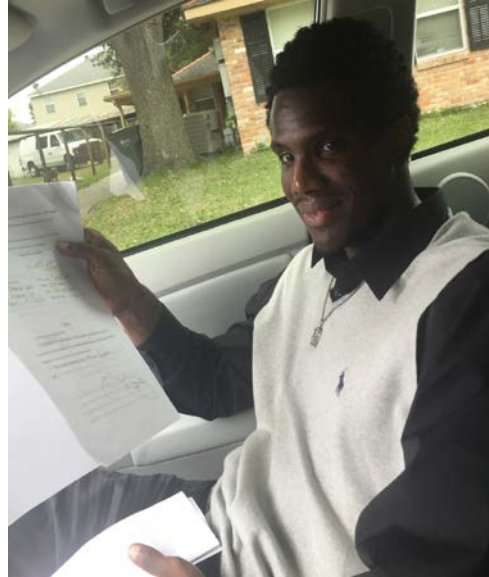
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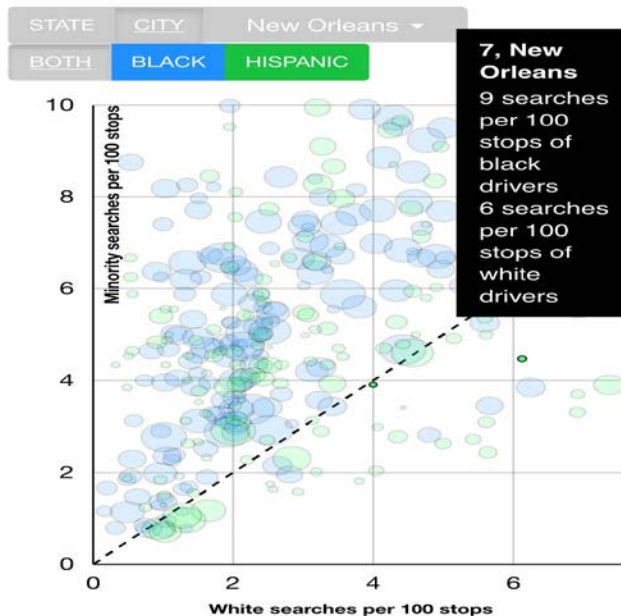
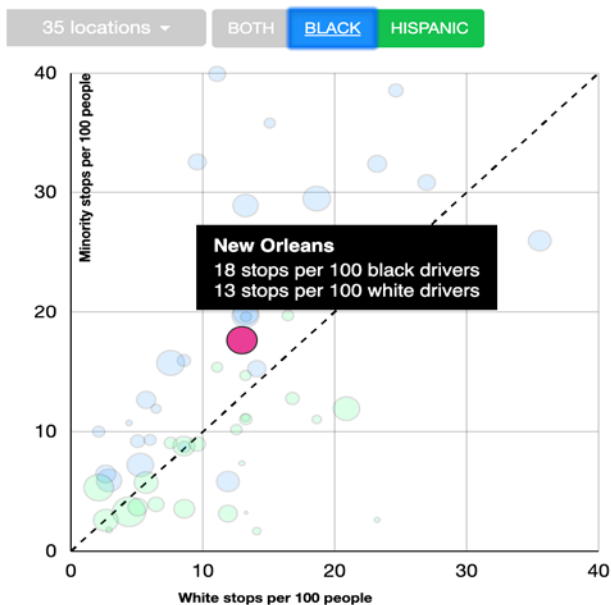


flight\_night\_industries T.b.t #blessed 🙏 #flightnight ✈️  
 this 30 days b4 I came home from jail this Wz 8years &  
 like 4 months a few days after this I was sent 7 hours  
 after from home with 28 days b4 I came home When I  
 made it to jail nobody made eye contact with me but  
 they where all talking bout me then it just happened the  
 ones from New Orleans lock them up and they just  
 laughed at me and Wz like cut it all off 3 minuets later All  
 my hair Wz cut off and I'm going to the lock the cell just  
 for being from the N.O did nothing to nobody after I let  
 them just cut my hair with 28 days left #the life of a  
 Black man 🖤 #Make your self a Boss #Flight Night  
 #Thanks to to the Gang Kelly Gang 🙏🙏🙏🙏



# Driving While Black

THE STANFORD  
OPEN POLICING  
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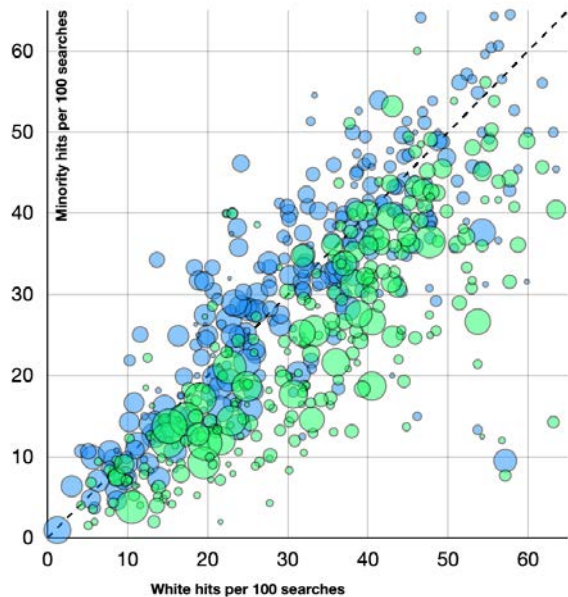


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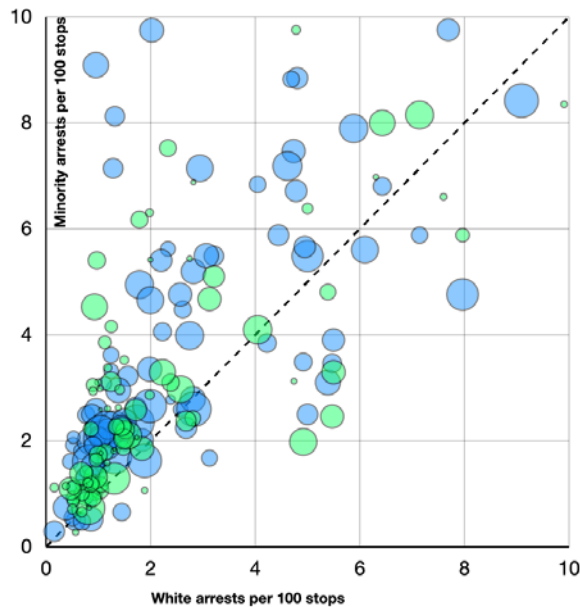
## The outcome test

STATE CITY 9 locations ▾ BOTH BLACK HISPANIC

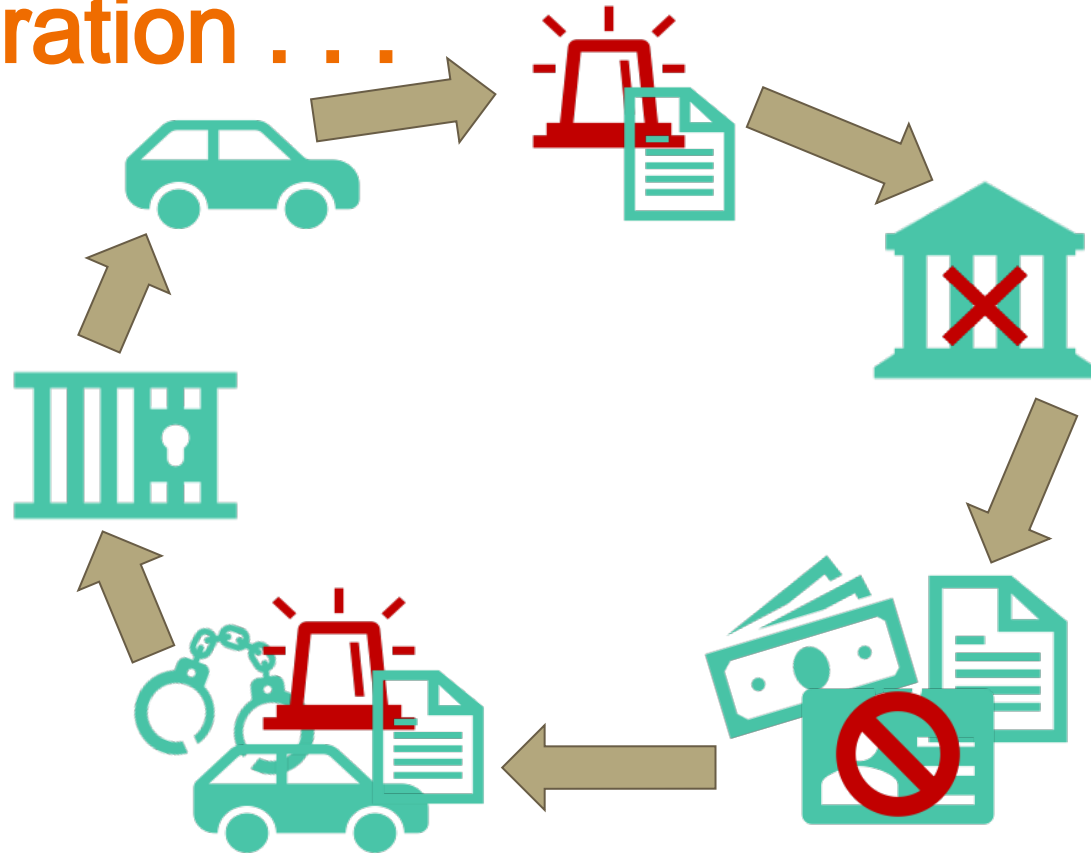


## After the stop

STATE CITY 9 locations ▾ BOTH BLACK HISPANIC



# How 1 traffic ticket creates a cycle of debt & incarceration . . .



# Project Mission

The mission of my project was to improve employment outcomes and security for formerly incarcerated people by addressing an often ignored access to a driver's license after prison.

My project had three components:

- 1) Research
- 2) Advocacy
- 3) Direct service

My intent was to improve the reach of the existing programs and pioneer over the last 4 years to ensure all formerly incarcerated Louisiana may benefit.

# Project Goals

1. Create a toolkit to help formerly incarcerated people access and maintain a driver's license after returning home from prison.
1. Identify areas in existing statutory law, administrative policy, and administrative practices / procedures which are impeding access / retention of a driver's license
1. Create a trifold brochure to be distributed by the Department of Public Safety and subsidiary agencies.
1. Lay foundation and identify partner to create web platform to assist in advocacy.





# What we got done!



**Successful Re-Entry:  
Addressing Legal Needs after Incarceration**  
Friday, July 12, 2019  
9:00 AM – 2:15 PM  
Louisiana State Bar Center  
601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130

This training, sponsored by the LSBA Access to Justice Commission, is designed to educate attorneys listed on the LSBA's Modest Means Directory and attorneys who volunteer for the Re-Entry Legal Clinic, operated by the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana, First 72+, and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services. The Re-Entry Legal Clinic was created to reduce the legal barriers people face after incarceration in order to ensure their successful reentry.

8:30 - 9:00 AM	<b>Registration and Opening Remarks</b> <i>Laura Tuggle, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services</i>
9:00 - 10:00 AM (1.0 CLE)	<b>A First Step to Successful Re-Entry – Drivers' Licenses</b> <i>Kelly Grimes, First 72+ and Rising Foundations</i>
10:05 - 11:05 AM (1.0 CLE)	<b>Handling Traffic Matters, Fines &amp; Fees</b> <i>Cherie Toomer, Toomer Law</i> <i>Sarah Whittington, Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana</i>
11:20 - 11:50 AM (0.5 CLE)	<b>TWIC Applications and Appeals</b> <i>Amy Meyers, First 72+ and Rising Foundations</i>
11:50 - 12:20 PM (0.5 CLE)	<b>Consumer Debt Collection</b> <i>Samuel Ford, Scott, Vickair, Hair &amp; Checki</i>
12:30 - 1:00 PM (0.5 Prof. CLE)	<b>Lunch &amp; Learn - Re-Entry Clinic &amp; the Modest Means Directory</b> <i>Virginia Listach, Southern University Law Center</i> <i>Vanessa Spinicola, Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana</i>
1:15 - 2:15 PM (1.0 Ethics CLE)	<b>Ethical Considerations for SRL and Limited Scope Representation</b> <i>Eric Barefield, Louisiana State Bar Association</i>

Register online or contact Jordan Maier at [jordan.maier@lsba.org](mailto:jordan.maier@lsba.org).\*

\*Registration is free and only open to attorneys on the LSBA Modest Means Directory or attorneys who volunteer with JAC, First 72+, and SLS's Re-Entry Legal Clinic.

## THE REENTRY LEGAL CLINIC

Free legal assistance for the formerly incarcerated

Behind on child support  
and need your license  
reinstated?

Come Hear From The



About Their New  
On the Road Again  
Program



When: August 15<sup>th</sup>, Check in from 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Where: Propeller - 4035 Washington Ave. New Orleans

### AREAS OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Child custody/ visitation, child support, paternity - TWIC appeals and  
waivers - Court fines and fees - Consumer debt and taxation issues -  
Drivers license reinstatements - Problems with benefits



The **FIRST 72+**



# What we got done!

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 764

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUIE

ENROLLED  
**ACT No. 280**

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:415.3(A)(5), relative to the issuance of an ex-offender provisional driver's license; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:415.3(A)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§415.3. Ex-offender provisional driver's license

A.

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(5) For the purposes of this Section, a "person who is released from incarceration" includes but is not limited to any individual who is housed in a federal residential reentry management center, also known as a halfway house.

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National

## One in 7 adults in New Orleans have a warrant out for their arrest, new data shows



### RAD Request Form

\* Required

Client Name \*

Your answer

Date of Birth \*

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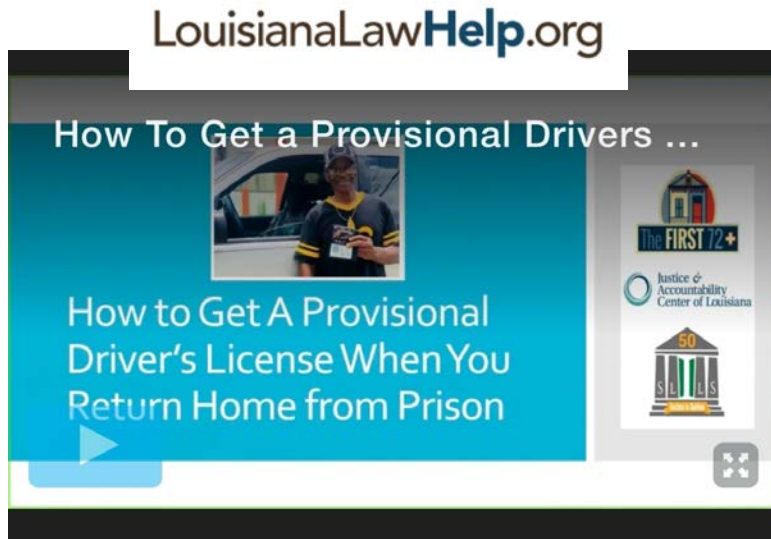
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Your answer



# What we got done!



TO DO! Add in screen shots of template motions for

Motion to recall attachment and reset court date

Motion to quash based on prescription

Motion for credit for time served

Motion to withdraw guilty plea

# 552

Provisional Driver's Licenses issued between  
January 1, 2018 - Today

# 817

Tickets resolved through the  
Reentry Attachment Docket

# \$500,000+

Debt forgiven by local courts



**Subject:** RE: OMV Provisional License information pamphlet feedback.

This is not a legal question.

However, it is what it is. These are ex-offenders and what they get is a provisional license.

The stigma is because they were convicted of a crime and did jail time. This is a consequence of their action(s). The stigma is not the brochure.

These individuals are already catching a huge break that a non-convicted citizen cannot get with the same record. Be happy with what you have.

# Some . . . Hicc

1. “These are ~~ex~~-offenders . . . Be happy with what you have.”

1. The Temporary Instructional Permit

1. ‘OMV batch request’ ~~notice~~

1. Frequent shifts in OMV personnel.

# Where we are headed

 Louisiana Civil Legal Navigator



## Louisiana Civil Legal Navigator Project

FINDING LEGAL HELP IS HARD. LOUISIANA CIVIL LEGAL NAVIGATOR IS THE NEXT STEP IN CLOSING THE JUSTICE GAP.



New Orleans City Council moves toward wiping out old municipal and traffic warrants



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