

## **Felons who are homeless and jobless.**



"If you do the crime, you must do the time"; commonly used for those who have broken the law. But what happens to felons who have committed a crime, served their time, finished all of the required obligations made out from their probational officers, and yet can not restart their lives? Are felons being punished even after they have served their time? Because housing and jobs require people to answer questions about their criminal history, many people with felonies get denied. No matter what the felony charge consists of, many people who have felonies are left with a small selection of housing and job opportunities. If one were to lie about their criminal history, they could lose their jobs or housing. This leaves them homeless and without income.

Fortunately, some organizations give convicted felons a "second chance." Some facilities allow for housing and job seeker's help. These non-profit organizations' missions are to teach people are to build their resumes, find support groups, and find affordable housing. What is a problem is the lack of opportunity for those who have felonies? These non-profit organizations recognize this, and they aim to do what they can to make a difference in a person's life.

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