

Abbreviations, Terms and Dispositions on Criminal History Records

Common Abbreviations:

- ❖ *MISD*: Misdemeanor
- ❖ *FEL*: Felony
- ❖ *TXT*: Theft by Taking
- ❖ *VGCSA*: Violation of Georgia's Controlled Substance Act
- ❖ *SID*: State Identification Number

Common Terms:

- ❖ *Acquittal*: A verdict of not guilty
- ❖ *Adjudicate*: To give judgment; to render or award judgment
- ❖ *Convictions*: An adjudication that a person is guilty of a crime based upon a verdict
- ❖ *Dismissal*: To discontinue; to order a cause, motion or prosecution to be discontinued, quashed or dismissed as finally adjudicated against the plaintiff
- ❖ *Felony*: A serious offense which, in Georgia, carries a sentence of 1 year or more

Common Dispositions:

- ❖ *DISM*: Dismissed/Dismissal
- ❖ *NPGJ*: Not presented to the Grand Jury – treat as a dismissal
- ❖ *NFAA*: No further action anticipated – treat as a dismissal
- ❖ *No Bill*: Treat as a dismissal
- ❖ *Nolo Contendere*: Treat as a conviction
- ❖ *Nolle Prosequi/Nolle Prossed*: Treat as a dismissal
- ❖ *First Offender*: Treat as a conviction unless it shows that there was a successful completion of the program