

The San Francisco Public Defender's office also began examining fines and fees charged to clients in their Clean Slate program, which works with people to expunge their criminal records in order to secure stable employment, housing, and get back on their feet.

The image below is of a bill received in 2017 by an individual in the San Francisco Public Defender's Clean Slate program, who hoped to clear his record to gain stable employment. The bill includes two dozen line items for fines and fees he was charged after his conviction in 2013. These fines and fees add up to more than \$5,000. Clients need to pay off large portions of their fines and fees before their records can be expunged.

Account Information		Number:	
Account type:	12D Delinquent Adult Probation	Interest start date:	06/07/2013
Status:	Forwarded	Interest rate:	0.00
Interest type:		Last payment amount:	\$0.00
Last charge amount:	\$0.00	Original balance:	\$5,020.00
Current balance:	\$5,020.00	Paid by all defendants:	\$0.00
Paid by this defendant:	\$0.00	Days since entered:	1529
Adjusted:	\$0.00	Forwarded to tax intercept:	No
Forwarded to OCA:	Yes	CUBS Number:	
Court Number:			

  

Facility							
Code	Incurred Date	Charged Amount	Adjusted Amount	Paid Amount	Canceled Amount	Balance	
Pre-Sentence Rept	06/07/2013	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	
PenSB1773 2/10	06/07/2013	\$107.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107.80	
CrimConvAssmnt	06/07/2013	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	
Auto Fingerprint	06/07/2013	\$268.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$268.96	
State Penalty 70%	06/07/2013	\$377.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$377.30	
EMS Maddy Fund	06/07/2013	\$107.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107.80	
DNA 2nd	06/07/2013	\$210.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$210.70	
DNA 1st	06/07/2013	\$53.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53.90	
State 20% Surchrg	06/07/2013	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	
STConstFund4.99/10	06/07/2013	\$268.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$268.96	
Court Operations Assessment	06/07/2013	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	
Civil Assessment Penalty	06/07/2013	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	
Crim Lab Fee	06/07/2013	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Admin Fee	06/07/2013	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	
HS BF County	06/07/2013	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	
2%StateAtmFnd	06/07/2013	\$31.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31.80	
Booking Fee	06/07/2013	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135.00	
Base Fine	06/07/2013	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
CCA ICNA	06/07/2013	\$0.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.54	
Probation Costs	06/07/2013	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	
Restitution Fine	06/07/2013	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	
MovingCrtConstructn	06/07/2013	\$0.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.54	
HS BF State	06/07/2013	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	
State Penalty 30%	06/07/2013	\$161.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161.70	

Figure 1: A bill received by a client of the San Francisco Public Defender's Clean Slate Program in 2017. Source: Public Defender's Office.

**“I have twice faced these fees, and the effort to pay these fees contributed to my eviction and homelessness. The use of these fees to pay for the mechanics of incarceration is disheartening because it makes the system dependent on people staying incarcerated”**  
**- Denny, San Francisco Resident**