

Criminal History Information

Petitioners in adoptions are required to ask for criminal history from Texas Department of Public Safety.

Petitioner has to get a fingerprint card and have fingerprints taken.
Card is sent to TDPS in Austin with criminal history request and the processing fee (currently \$15).

Letter must contain Cause Number and Court (see cover letter provided).

Fingerprints cards may be obtained from your local police station.

Criminal History goes directly from TDPS to the court. Sometimes it's only the original cover letter with some "Received" information from TDPS on it.