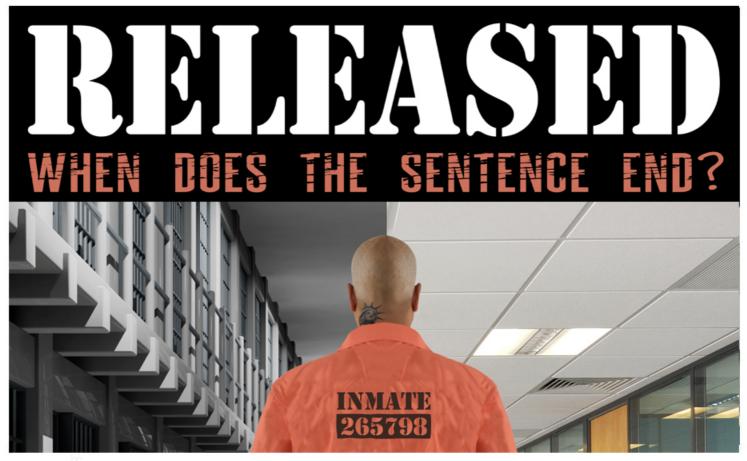


Governor, U.S. Attorney, GSU to Host 'Released' Premiere

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A movie documenting the struggles of former prisoners returning to private life will premiere in downtown Atlanta Aug. 23 at the Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University, located on Forsyth Street near the federal courthouse.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia and the governor are hosting the premiere, which will be followed by a panel discussion including some of the people who appear in the 45-minute documentary, titled, "Released: When Does the Sentence End?" Those appearing include Gov. Nathan Deal, U.S. Attorney John Horn and men and women talking about their own experiences with work, home and life after prison.

"This is the governor of the state trying to help them and they still have trouble," Deal said in the movie trailer.

Deal has made reentry into society from prison a major initiative in his criminal justice reform efforts.

Also in the trailer, Horn discussed the importance of removing obstacles to finding jobs, "so they don't turn back to a life of crime."

Forrest Tuff, founder of "One Vision Productions," directed the film. Tuff has described his hope for the film as a call to action for business owners.

The Rialto is now a part of Georgia State University, which is helping to host the event. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. The screening begins at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. The U.S. Attorney's Office has set up a registration and RSVP link online at www.usaogantraining.org/Released. The trailer is available at www.releasedthemovie.com.