

Sample 4 - Information for the court

Name	Lionel Ross BEDFORD
Date of birth	12 August 1987
List of charges	Wilful damage on 5 August 2011
Place and number of magistrates court	Brisbane Roma Street, Court 1
Date of court appearance	15 September 2011
What happened	<p>On 5 August 2011, I met some friends in the city after work to have a few drinks. It was a Friday night, I wasn't working the next day and I wasn't driving so I was ready to 'party on'. We went to several drinking places and I didn't have any food, just drinks. I look young for my age and I remember being hassled about being under-age. I remember producing my ID and having a bit of an argument with one of the staff in one place. Then I just threw my wallet and somehow it ended up hitting some glasses and breaking them. The security guys wouldn't let me leave – they called the police, who took me to the police station and gave me a piece of paper saying I had to appear in court in September.</p>

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Family background, education/work	I went to live with my grandparents when I was 14. I now live with my cousin in a two bedroom unit. I left school during Year 11 and have been working in a few different jobs since then. At the moment I work as a sales assistant at a sports store at Toowong. I live at Milton so I catch the train to and from work because it's nice and close. I earn \$550 in my hand each week and more if I do overtime. I pay \$190 a week in rent and my train fares to and from work. I have a prepaid mobile phone that costs about \$30 every two weeks or so. I don't own a car or have any debts yet.
Previous convictions	I've never been to court before.
Why you acted as you did and how you feel about what you did	I don't make a habit of damaging property. I guess because I was drunk I lashed out and didn't worry about if throwing my wallet might cause some damage. I feel really bad about it and I would have offered to pay for the damage if I'd been sober.
Whether you have any character references <i>Comments: Duty lawyer use only</i>	I have two references, one from a neighbour and another from my boss at work.