

How to Expunge Dismissed Charges



Background on Expunction Relief



Why Seek Expunction Relief

- ▶ Criminal records, even dismissed criminal charges, can be a significant barrier to employment, housing, and numerous other social benefits.
- ▶ Expunction allows you to remove these charges from the public record, so they will no longer adversely affect your life.

Definitions

- ▶ **"Expunction/ Expungement"**- The removal of information from court records, particularly info related to criminal charges/convictions
- ▶ **"Charge"**- When a person is accused of a crime.
- ▶ **"Conviction"**- When a judge or jury finds someone guilty of a crime, or a person pleads guilty.
- ▶ **"Dismissal/ Dismissed Charge"**- When a District Attorney chooses not to prosecute or pursue a criminal case against someone.
- ▶ **"Not Guilty/Not Responsible"**- When a judge or jury finds someone not guilty of a crime.
- ▶ **"Disposition"**- The current status or final result in a case.
- ▶ **"District" vs "Superior" Courts**-These are two different levels of state courts. Generally, misdemeanors are handled in District Court and felonies are handled in Superior Court
- ▶ **"Clerk of Court/Clerk"**- The front office staff in a courthouse, who help process court filings and expunctions.
- ▶ **"File Number"**- The string of letters and numbers assigned to a case, something like "25CR0194"

Who Qualifies For Relief

- ▶ Anyone who was charged with a crime which was later dismissed.
- ▶ Anyone who was charged with a crime and found "Not Guilty" or "Not Responsible."

Who DOES NOT Qualify For This Relief

- ▶ Anyone who was charged with a crime as an adult and was convicted. (may qualify for relief under N.C.G.S 15A-145.5 or other statutes)
- ▶ Anyone who was charged with a crime as a juvenile and was convicted. (may qualify for "Raise the Age Relief" under N.C.G.S 15A-145.8 or other statutes)
- ▶ Anyone who was charged with a crime that "has not reached final disposition" (i.e., is still moving through the court system, often marked as "pending")

How to Find Your Criminal Record

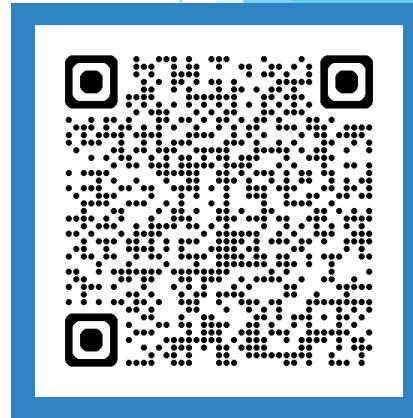


Background Information

You will need to use the **AOC CR 287** form to expunge charges which have been dismissed.

- ▶ This form is available from your local Clerk of Court's Office or online at this link or QR Code-
- ▶ https://www.nccourts.gov/assets/documents/forms/cr287_3.pdf?VersionId=bKRhl3A8alcjZg_A1TWOioHa3Yp0_wpE.

Before completing the form, **you will need to obtain a copy of your criminal record**. This can be obtained free of charge online through the eCourts Portal.



eCourts Portal

- ▶ You can access the eCourts Portal from any computer by going to this link or QR Code-
 - ▶ <https://portal-nc.tylertech.cloud/Portal/>
- ▶ Click "Smart Search"



eCourts Portal

- ▶ Start by entering your name in this format- "Last name, First Name" and hit submit
- ▶ If you have a fairly common name, you may need to click the "advanced filtering options" button and scroll down.
- ▶ In advanced filtering, you can add your date of birth, county where the record is located, type of records, etc. to narrow down to only your records.

Smart Search *Required

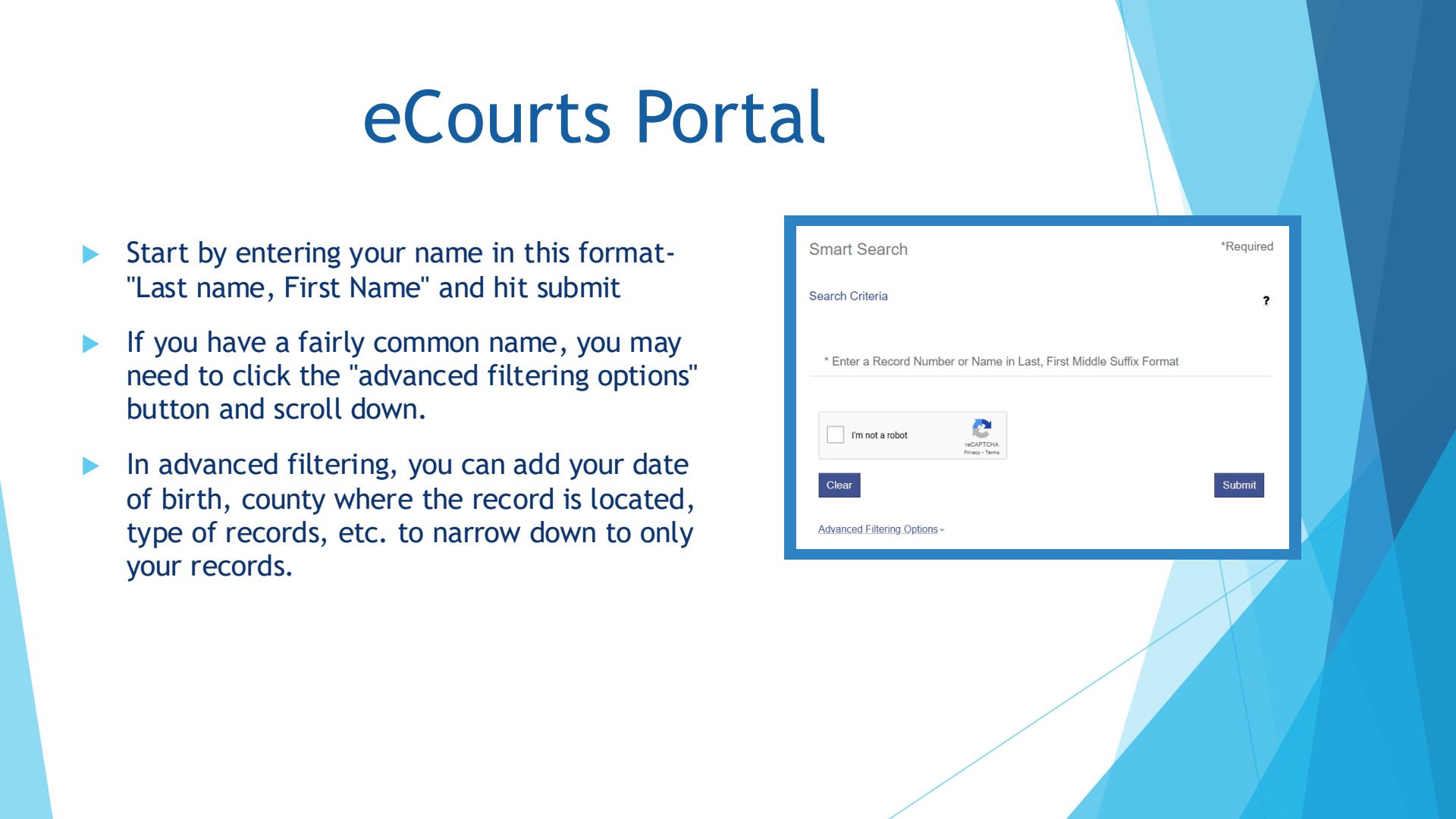
Search Criteria ?

* Enter a Record Number or Name in Last, First Middle Suffix Format

I'm not a robot  reCAPTCHA
Privacy - Terms

Clear Submit

[Advanced Filtering Options](#) ▾



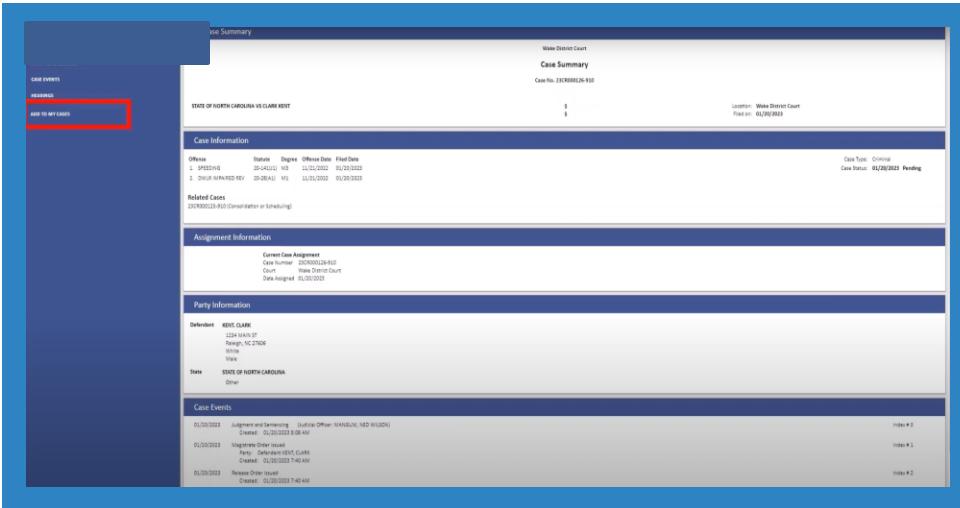
eCourts Portal

- ▶ Your results will appear in the format below. Each case number is a different case.
- ▶ To get more info, you will need to click on each case to determine if that record qualifies for this type of expunction relief.

The screenshot shows the eCourts Portal interface. At the top, there are two buttons: 'Smart Search' and 'Search Results'. Below that is a 'Party Search Results' section for 'FISCIAL, ARTIE'. The results include:
- Name: FISCIAL, ARTIE
- Current Address: 123 ANYWHERE AVE, DUNN, NC 28334
- Race: Unavailable
- Height: 5' 10"
- Hair: Bald
- Gender: Male
- Weight: 210
- Eyes: Brown
- Date of Birth: XX/XX/XXXX
- Cases (5):
 1. Case Number: 23CR000046-420, Status: Disposed, Location: Harnett District Court, Party Name: FISCIAL, ARTIE, Party Type: Defendant
 2. Case Number: 23CV020004-420, Status: Disposed - Trial by Magistrate, Location: Harnett County, Party Name: FISCIAL, ARTIE, Party Type: Defendant
 3. Case Number: 23JF000022-420, Status: Pending, Location: Harnett District Court, Party Name: FISCIAL, ARTIE, Party Type: Defendant
 4. Case Number: 23JF000023-420, Status: Pending, Location: Harnett District Court, Party Name: FISCIAL, ARTIE, Party Type: Defendant
 5. Case Number: 23M000001-420, Status: Pending, Location: Harnett County, Party Name: FISCIAL, ARTIE, Party Type: Defendant

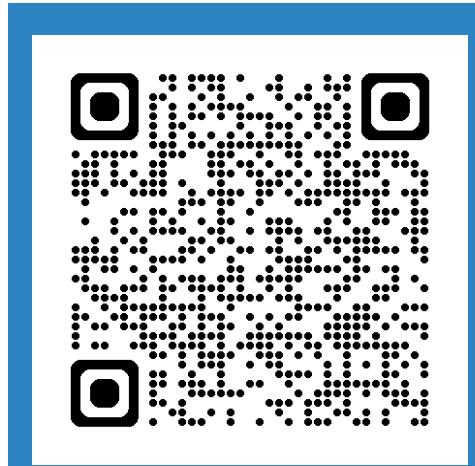
eCourts Portal

- When you click on the record, the screen below should appear.
- The two key fields to check are Case Status and Disposition
- Once you find your record, click the case number and click the print button in the top right corner to get a PDF version of the full record. Save each record you wish to expunge.



eCourts Portal

- ▶ If you are still having trouble navigating the eCourts Portal, there are tutorials at this link or QR Code-
 - ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTX65ytCjVClzZQeFDizytmPsjvrMkG1i>
- ▶ In particular, the "Smart Search" video goes over how to use the search feature discussed here.



How to Fill out an Expunction Petition For Dismissed Charges (N.C.G.S 15A-146)



eCourts Example File

An example of a eCourts file that will help you complete your AOC-287 file.

► Please reference this slide when completing the following steps.

Is your case over, or still moving through the courts? Check this line for words like "disposed"

Does this record qualify for relief? Check this line for words like "dismissal" or "not guilty"

Wake District Court
Case Summary
Case No. 08CR700645-910 1

2 3
Location: Wake District Court
Filed on: 01/07/2008

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA VS TEST TEST §
§

Case Information

Offense	8	Citation	Statute	Degree	Offense Date	Filed Date	Case Type: Criminal
01. SPEEDING	7E54132	20-141(J1)	MNC	01/04/2008	01/07/2008	Case Status: 06/25/2019 Disposed	
Agency: Garner Police Department				5	7		
912 Seventh Ave							
Garner, NC, 27529							
Actual Speed: 55 Speed Limit: 35							

Assignment Information

Current Case Assignment
Case Number: 08CR700645-910
Court: Wake District Court
Date Assigned: 01/07/2008

Party Information

Defendant: TEST, TEST 4
000 TEST ST
TEST CITY, NC 27529
White
Unknown

State: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA 5
** Confidential Address **
Other
FREEMAN, NANCY LORRIN
Retained

Complainant: MCGEE, R E
UNKNOWN
GARNER, NC 00000

Case Events

06/25/2019 Disposition 8
01. SPEEDING 8
VD-District Dismissals w/o Leave by DA - No Plea Agreement
Created: 06/25/2019 12:00 AM 9

Dispositions

06/25/2019 Disposition Hearing (6:00 PM)
Hearing Held
Created: 06/25/2019 12:00 AM

02/08/2008 Disposition Hearing (6:00 PM)
Hearing Held
Created: 02/08/2008 12:00 AM

Hearings

Background Information

Dismissed charges must be expunged in the county and court where they originally occurred.

If you have charges in Superior and District Court, or in multiple counties in North Carolina, you will need to file **separate petitions in each county and each level of court within the same county (i.e., 4 different petitions if you have charges in Mecklenburg District, Mecklenburg Superior, Cabarrus District, and Gaston Superior).**

On the following page, you will find a diagram explaining the 287 form and the various sections that need to be completed.

- ▶ If you complete the form by hand, please use blue or black ink and write as neatly as possible.

AOC-CR-287 DIAGRAM

The following slides will help explain where and how to fill the AOC-287 form out.

File No. _____		Scan No. (x) (Official Use Only)		
In The General Court Of Justice <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Court Division				
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA				
County _____				
STATE VERSUS _____				
Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name) _____				
PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1) (CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)				
G.S. 15A-146, 15A-150				
Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney For Expunction Petition				
Drivers License No. _____	State _____	Race _____		
Sex _____	Date Of Birth _____			
Full Social Security No. _____		Age At Time Of Offense _____		
NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any State or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will make a copy of this petition to the agency named and will address the petition to that agency. The clerk will not provide witnesses for you. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles. If the order is granted, those agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any private entity, like a company that provides criminal background checks. The clerk will not send a copy of this order to any entity that is not an agency of the State of North Carolina or one of its local governments. A private entity required to expunge records will be notified directly by the State or local agencies that distribute criminal justice information to that entity.				
Name And Address Of Arresting Agency _____		Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any) _____	Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an AOC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition. (attach form)				
File No.(x) _____	Date Of Arrest _____	Offense Description _____	Date Of Offense _____	Date Of Dismissal _____
PETITION TO EXPUNGE				
I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) or (a1) and certify as follows:				
1. In this court of the county named above I was charged with (x) misdemeanor(s) or felony(es) (or an infraction under G.S. 16B-302) prior to December 1, 1999, the file number(s) of which is/are set out above.				
2. The charge(s) listed above was/were disposed of by a dismissal.				
3. <input type="checkbox"/> If you are petitioning to expunge multiple dismissals under G.S. 15A-146(a1), check one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> a. I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges. <input type="checkbox"/> b. I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charges resulted in a conviction on the day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (Insert file no.(x) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.				
4. There is a civil revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge. _____ (Insert file no.(x) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Note: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.				
Date _____	Name (Type or print) _____		Signature _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner's Attorney
(Over)				
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A = The File Number (File No.) is located at the top of the *CIPRS file* (See item 1 in the sample CIPRS file).

- ▶ If there are two dismissals, list both File Numbers (e.g., 12CR055123, 17CR055321).
- ▶ If there are three or more dismissals, list the first and last File Numbers, separated by a hyphen (e.g., 12CR055123 - 17CR055321).

B = The **County name is located at the top of the *CIPRS file* (See item 2).**

- ★ **All petitions must be filed in the county and court where the underlying criminal case was heard.**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
County

STATE VERSUS
Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name)

PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1)
(CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)
G.S. 15A-146, 15A-150
Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney (For Expunction Petition)

NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any State or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will send a copy of this order, if granted, to the agency name(s) and address(es) provided below. The clerk will not provide addresses for you. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles. If the order is granted, those agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any private entity, like a company that provides criminal background checks. The clerk will not send a copy of this order to any entity that is not an agency of the State of North Carolina or one of its local governments. A private entity required to expunge records will be notified directly by the State or local agencies that maintain criminal justice information to that entity.

Name And Address Of Arresting Agency Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any) Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any)

Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an AOC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition. (attach form)

File No.(s)	Date Of Arrest	Offense Description	Date Of Offense	Date Of Dismissal

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) or (a1) and certify as follows:

1. In this court of the county named above I was charged with (a) misdemeanor(s) or felony(es) (or an infraction under G.S. 18B-302(j)) prior to December 1, 1999, the file number(s) of which I name set out above.
2. The charge(s) listed above was/were disposed of by a dismissal.
3. If you are petitioning to expunge multiple dismissals under G.S. 15A-146(a1), check one of the following:
 a. I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges.
 b. I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charges resulted in a conviction on the day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (insert file no.(s) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.

4. There is a civil revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge.

I certify that this petition has been filed in this case and that the information set forth above is a complete and accurate statement of the information on file in the office of the clerk of superior court.

No charge listed above was dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution agreement or a conditional discharge and dismissal.

NOTE TO CLERK: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.

Date	Name (Type or Print)	Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner's Attorney
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C = Check the box of the court where the charge was disposed of (See item 3 below).

- ▶ Typically, File No.'s that include “CR” are at the District Court level, and File No.'s that include “CRS” are at the Superior Court level.
- ▶ However, a CRS file No. may include a charge that is dismissed at the District Court level if the same File No. also has a charge disposed of at the Superior Court level.

File No. (A) (Official Use Only)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

County _____

STATE VERSUS _____

Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name)

PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1)
(CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)

G.S. 15A-146, 15A-150
Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney (For Expunction Petition)

Driver's License No. _____ Race _____ Sex _____
Date Of Birth _____ Full Social Security No. _____ Age At Time Of Offense _____

NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any State or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will send a copy of this order, if granted, to the agency name(s) and address(es) provided below. The clerk will not provide addresses for you. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles. If the order is granted, those agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any private entity, like a company that provides criminal background checks. The clerk will not send a copy of this order to any entity that is not an agency of the State of North Carolina or one of its local governments. A private entity required to expunge records will be notified directly by the State or local agencies that maintain criminal justice information to that entity.

Name And Address Of Arresting Agency _____ Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any) _____ Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any) _____

Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an AOC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition. (attach form)

File No.(s)	Date Of Arrest	Offense Description	Date Of Offense	Date Of Dismissal

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) or (a1) and certify as follows:

1. In this court of the county named above I was charged with (a) misdemeanor(s) or felony(es) (or an infraction under G.S. 18B-302(j)) prior to December 1, 1999, the file number(s) of which I have set out above.
2. The charge(s) listed above was/were disposed of by a dismissal.
3. If you are petitioning to expunge multiple dismissals under G.S. 15A-146(a1), check one of the following:
 a. I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges.
 b. I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charges resulted in a conviction on the day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (insert file no.(s) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.
4. There is a civil revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge.

I certify that this petition has been filed in this case and that the information set forth above is a complete and accurate statement of the information on file in the office of the clerk of superior court.

No charge listed above was dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution agreement or a conditional discharge and dismissal.

NOTE TO CLERK: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.

Date _____	Name (Type or Print) _____	Signature _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner
			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner's Attorney

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D = Name and Mailing Address of the petitioner. Do not rely on the name or address listed on the *CIPRS file* because it may be old, use the current name and address.

- ▶ It is important to provide a reliable address, as the court will mail you copies of the petition once it is granted.
- ▶ If petitioner has more than one name (e.g., prior marriage, etc.), list multiple. For example: “Rebecca Bain McDouglas a/k/a Rebecca Lee Bain”

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No. (S) (Official Use Only)

In The General Court Of Justice
 District Superior Court Division

STATE VERSUS
 Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name)

D

PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
 UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1)
 (CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)

G. S. 15A-146, 15A-150
 Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney For Expunction Petition

Driver's License No. State Race Sex
 Date Of Birth Financial Recovery No. Age At Time Of Offense

NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any State or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will send a copy of this order, if granted, to the agency name(s) and address(es) provided below. The clerk will not provide addresses for you. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles, if the order is granted, these agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any entity, like a company, that you are currently employed by or any entity that you have ever worked for, even if you are no longer employed by that entity. The clerk of the State or local court or of the State or local government. A person orally required to expunge records will be notified directly by the State or local agency that distribute criminal justice information to that entity.

Name And Address Of Arresting Agency	Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any)	Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any)
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Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an AOC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition. (attach form)

File No.(s)	Date Of Arrest	Offense Description	Date Of Offense	Date Of Dismissal
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PETITION TO EXPUNGE

I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) or (a1) and certify as follows:

- I, the clerk of the court named above, was charged with a misdemeanor(s) or felony(es) (or an infraction under G.S. 18B-302(j)) prior to December 1, 1999, and the file number(s) and offense set out below.
- The charge(s) listed above was/were disposed of by a dismissal.
- If you are petitioning to expunge multiple dismissals under G.S. 15A-146(a1), check one of the following:
 - a. I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges.
 - b. I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charges resulted in a conviction on the day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (insert file no.(s) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.
4. There is a civil revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge.

I certify that this petition has been filed in this case and that the information set forth above is a complete and accurate statement of the information on file in the office of the clerk of superior court.

No charge listed above was dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution agreement or a conditional discharge and dismissal.

NOTE TO CLERK: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.

Date	Name (Type or Print)	Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner's Attorney
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E = Driver's License or ID Card Number of the petitioner.

F = State where Petitioner's license was issued.

G = Petitioner's race.

H = Petitioner's sex.

I = Petitioner's date of birth.

J = Petitioner's social security number.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
County _____

STATE VERSUS
Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name) _____

PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1)
(CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)
G.S. 15A-146, 15A-150
Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney For Expunction Petition

Driver's License No. E	State F	Race G	Sex H
Date Of Birth I	Full Social Security No. J	Age At Time Of Offense	

NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any State or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will send a copy of this order, if granted, to the agency(ies) and address(es) provided below. The clerk will not provide addresses for you. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, the Division of Motor Vehicles; if the order is granted, those agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any private entity, like a company that provides criminal background checks. These will not send a copy of this order to any entity that is not an agency of the State of North Carolina or one of its local governments. A private entity required to expunge records will be notified directly by the State or local agencies that maintain criminal justice information to that entity.

Name And Address Of Arresting Agency	Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any)	Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an AOC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition. (attach form)				
File No.(s)	Date Of Arrest	Offense Description	Date Of Offense	Date Of Dismissal

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) or (a1) and certify as follows:

1. In this court of the county named above I was charged with (a) misdemeanor(s) or felony(ies) (or an infraction under G.S. 18B-302(j)) prior to December 1, 1999, the file number(s) of which is/are set out above.
2. The charge(s) listed above was/were disposed of by a dismissal.
3. If you are petitioning to expunge multiple dismissals under G.S. 15A-146(a1), check one of the following:
 a. I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges.
 b. I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charges resulted in a conviction on the day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (insert file no.(s) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.
4. There is a civil revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge.

I certify that this petition has been filed in this case and that the information set forth above is a complete and accurate statement of the information on file in the court of the county of superior court.

No charge listed above was dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution agreement or a conditional discharge and dismissal.

NOTE TO CLERK: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.

Date _____	Name (Type or print) _____	Signature _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner's Attorney
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K = Petitioner's age at the time of the offense or offenses.

- ▶ To calculate, use the “Date of Birth” under the “Defendant” section and the “Offense Date” under the “Case Information” section of the *CIPRS file* (See items 4 and 5, respectively).

L = Name and Address of Petitioner's Attorney.

Not required if you are completing the form without the assistance of an attorney.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
File No. _____
Sear No.(s) (Officer Use Only)

County _____
In The General Court Of Justice
District _____ Superior Court Division _____

STATE VERSUS
Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name)

PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(m)
(CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)

G.S. 15A-146, 15A-150
Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney For Expunction Petition

Driver's License No. _____ State _____ Race _____ Sex _____
Date Of Birth _____ Full Social Security No. _____ Age At Time Of Offense _____

NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any State or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will send a copy of this order, if granted, to the agency name(s) and address(es) provided below. The clerk will not provide addresses for you. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles. If the order is granted, those agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any agency that is not a court, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles. If the order is granted, any agency to which this is not an appeal, or any court in North Carolina or one of its local governments, a process server required to execute records will be notified directly by the clerk or local agency that handles criminal justice information to that agency.

Name And Address Of Arresting Agency _____ Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any) _____ Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any) _____

Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an ADC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition. (attach form)

File No. (s)	Date Arrest	Offense Description	Date Of Offense	Date Of Dismissal

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) or (m) and certify as follows:

1. In this court, the county name(s) above, I was charged with (a) misdemeanor(s) or felony(es) (or an infraction under G.S. 18B-302(j)) prior to December 1, 1999, the file number(s) of which is/are the(s) above.
2. The charge(s) listed above was/were dismissed under a: a. I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges.
3. b. I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charges resulted in a conviction on the day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (insert file no. (s) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.
4. There is a civil revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge.

I certify that this petition has been filed in this case and that the information set forth above is a complete and accurate statement of the information on file in the office of the clerk of superior court.

No charge listed above was dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution agreement or a conditional discharge and dismissal.

NOTE TO CLERK: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.

Date _____	Name (Type or Print) _____	Signature _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner's Attorney
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M = Name and Address of Arresting Agency. If you are unsure of the agency or agencies that were involved in the case, please contact the clerk's office, and ask them to check the file.

- ▶ Always include the "Fingerprinting" or "Arresting" Agency from the record. (See item 6)
- ▶ Typically, the Sheriff's Office and a local Police Department should be included as well, but this varies greatly from case to case.
- ▶ If you need to include more than three arresting agencies, you can check the box and add a supplemental petition (described on next slide).

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No. _____ Date No. (if Officer Use Only)

County _____

In The General Court Of Justice
 District Superior Court Division

STATE VERSUS
Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name): _____

**PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1)
(CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)**

G.S. 15A-146, 15A-150
Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney For Expunction Petition

Driver's License No. _____ State _____ Race _____ Sex _____
Date Of Birth _____ Full Social Security No. _____ Age At Time Of Offense _____

NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any State or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will send a copy of this order, if granted, to the agency name(s) and address(es) provided below. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles, if the order is granted, those agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any agency that is not a court, a county or state government, like a county sheriff's office. The clerk will not send a copy of this order to any agency that is not an agency of the State of North Carolina or one of its local governments. A private entity required to supply records will be notified directly by the State or local agency that distributes court justice information to that entity.

Name And Address Of Arresting Agency	Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any)	Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any)
M	M	M

Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an ADC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition (attach form).

File No. (D)	Date Of Arrest	Offense Description	Date Of Offense	Date Of Dismissal

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) (a1) and certify as follows:

- I, the court of the county named above I was charged with a misdemeanor(s) or felony(es) (or an infraction under G.S. 18B-302(j)) prior to December 1, 1999, the number of which is/are set out above.
- The charges listed above were dismissed by a dismissal.
- If you are petitioning to expunge multiple dismissals under G.S. 15A-146(a1), check one of the following:
 - a. I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges.
 - b. I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charges resulted in a conviction on the day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (insert file no. (s) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.
- There is a civil revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge.

I certify that this petition has been filed in this case and that the information set forth above is a complete and accurate statement of the information on file in the office of the clerk of superior court.

No charge listed above was dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution agreement or a conditional discharge and dismissal.

NOTE TO CLERK: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.

Date _____	Name (Type or Print) _____	Signature _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner's Attorney
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N = Check box if filing more than ten dismissal charges or including more than three arresting agencies. List *additional charges and/or arresting agencies in the supplemental petition* (form AOC-CR-285).

This form is available in the clerk's office or at this QR Code.



O = Use the **File No.** located at the top of the CIPRS file (See item 1).

P = Use the **date that the “Case Was Served On,”** which is also listed under “Case Information” (See item 7 below).

File No. _____ Scan No. (n) (Official Use Only)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
County _____

STATE VERSUS
Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name)

In The General Court Of Justice
District _____ Superior Court Division _____

PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1)
(CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)

G.S. 15A-150
Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney For Expunction Petition

Drivers License No. _____ State _____ Race _____ Sex _____

Date Of Birth _____ Full Social Security No. _____ Age At Time Of Offense _____

NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any state or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will send a copy of this order, if granted, to the agency named(s) and address(es) provided below. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles; if the order is granted, those agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any private entity, like a company that provides criminal background checks. The clerk will not send a copy of this order to any entity that is not an agency of the State of North Carolina or one of its local governments. A private entity required to expunge records will be notified directly by the state or local agencies that distribute criminal justice information to that entity.

Name And Address Of Arresting Agency _____ Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any) _____ Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any) _____

N Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an AOC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition. (Attach Form)

O File No. (n) _____ Date Of Arrest _____

P Offense Description _____ Date Of Offense _____ Date Of Dismissal _____

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) or (a1) and certify as follows:

1. In this court of the county named above I was charged with (a) misdemeanor(s) or felony(es) (or an infraction under G.S. 18B-302(j)) prior to December 1, 1999, the file number(s) of which is/are set out above.
2. The charge(s) listed above was/were disposed of by a dismissal.
3. If you are petitioning to expunge multiple dismissals under G.S. 15A-146(a1), check one of the following:
 - a. I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges.
 - b. I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charges resulted in a conviction on the day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (insert file no. (s) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed); I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.
4. There is a civil revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge.

I certify that this petition has been filed in this case and that the information set forth above is a complete and accurate statement of the information on file in the office of the clerk or superior court.

No charge listed above was dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution agreement or a conditional discharge and dismissal.

NOTE TO CLERK: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.

Date _____ Name (Type or print) _____ Signature _____ Petitioner _____
Petitioner's Attorney _____

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Q = Use the same description listed under the District or Superior Court “Offense Description” section on the CIPRS file (See item 8).

R = Use the date listed for “Offense Date” under the “Case Information” section on the CIPRS file (See item 5 below).

S = Use the date listed for “Disposed on:” under District or Superior Court “Offense Description” section (See item 9 below).

► Not that different dismissed charges on the same file may have different disposition dates.

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File No. In The General Court Of Justice
County District Superior Court Division

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATE VERSUS
Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name)

PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1)
(CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)
G.S. 15A-146, 15A-150
Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney For Expunction Petition

Driver's License No. State Race Sex
Date Of Birth Full Social Security No. Age At Time Of Offense

NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any State or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will send a copy of this order, if granted, to the agency name(s) and address(es) provided below. The clerk will not provide addresses for you. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles. If the order is granted, those agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any private entity, like a company that provides criminal background checks. The clerk will not send a copy of this order to any entity that is not an agency of the State of North Carolina or one of its local governments. A private entity required to expunge records will be notified directly by the State or local agencies that distribute criminal justice information to that entity.

Name And Address Of Arresting Agency Name And Address Of Other Agency (If Any) Name And Address Of Other Agency (If Any)

Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an AOC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition. (attach form)

File No.(s)	Date Of Arrest	Offense Description	Date Of Offense	Date Of Dismissal

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) or (a1) and certify as follows:

1. In this court of the county named above I was charged with (a) misdemeanor(s) or felony(es) (or an infraction under G.S. 11B-302(j)) prior to December 1, 1999, the file number(s) of which is/are set out above.
2. The charge(s) listed above was/were dismissed by a dismissal.
3. (a) If you are petitioning to expunge multiple dismissals under G.S. 15A-146(a1), check one of the following:
 a. I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges.
 b. I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charges resulted in a conviction on the day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (insert file no.(s) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.
 4. There is a civil revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge.

I certify that this petition has been filed in this case and that the information set forth above is a complete and accurate statement of the information on file in the office of the clerk of superior court.

No charge listed above was dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution agreement or a conditional discharge and dismissal.

NOTE TO CLERK: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.

Date	Name (Type or Print)	Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner's Attorney
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Q

R S

T = Check this box if:

The petition includes **more than one** dismissal

AND

None of CIPRS files with dismissal charge(s) include a conviction or prayer for judgment.

U = Check this box if the CIPRS file(s) includes both a dismissal and conviction.

- If so, list the File No. (item 1) and the conviction description (item 8) in the blank space.

V = This box is typically left blank.

Scan No. (if Official Use Only)

File No. _____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
County _____

STATE VERSUS _____
Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name)

In The General Court Of Justice
District Superior Court Division

PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1)
(CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)
G.S. 15A-146, 15A-150
Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney For Expunction Petition

Driver's License No. _____ State _____ Race _____ Sex _____
Date Of Birth _____ Full Social Security No. _____ Age At Time Of Offense _____

NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any State or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will send a copy of this order, if granted, to the agency name(s) and address(es) provided below. The clerk will not provide addresses for you. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles. If the order is granted, those agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any private entity, like a company that provides criminal background checks. The clerk will not send a copy of this order to any entity that is not an agency of the State of North Carolina or one of its local governments. A private entity required to expunge records will be notified directly by the State or local agencies that distribute criminal justice information to that entity.

Name And Address Of Arresting Agency _____ Name And Address Of Other Agency (If Any) _____ Name And Address Of Other Agency (If Any) _____

Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an AOC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition. (attach form)

File No.(s)	Date Of Arrest	Offense Description	Date Of Offense	Date Of Dismissal

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) or (a1) and certify as follows:

1. In this court of the county named above I was charged with (a) misdemeanor(s) or felony(es) (or an infraction under G.S. 11B-302(j)) prior to December 1, 1999, the file number(s) of which is/are set out above.

T If you are petitioning to expunge multiple dismissals under G.S. 15A-146(a1), check one of the following:

U I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges.

V I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charges resulted in a conviction on _____ day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (insert file no.(s) and offense description(s) of charges that were not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.

2. There is a civil revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge.

I certify that this petition has been filed in this case and that the information set forth above is a complete and accurate statement of the information on file in the office of the clerk of superior court.

No charge listed above was dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution agreement or a conditional discharge and dismissal.

NOTE TO CLERK: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.

Date _____ Name (Type or Print) _____ Signature _____
Petitioner _____
Petitioner's Attorney _____

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W = Most dismissed charges do not require a filing fee to expunge. Check with the clerk's office to determine if your charge or charges will require a filing fee.

You may complete and submit an AOC-G-106 form to request waiver of those fees if you cannot afford to pay. You can get it from the clerk's office or use this QR Code



X = Type or print the petitioner's name here.

Y = Check the box for Petitioner and be sure to sign and date before filing.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
County _____

File No. _____ Scan No.(s) (Official Use Only)

In The General Court Of Justice
 District Superior Court Division

PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1)
(CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)

G. S. 15A-146, 15A-150
Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney For Expunction Petition

Driver's License No. _____ State _____ Race _____ Sex _____

Date Of Birth _____ Full Social Security No. _____ Age At Time Of Offense _____

NOTE TO PETITIONER: List the arresting agency and any State or local government agency that has a record of your case. You must provide complete information for each agency. The clerk of superior court will send a copy of this order, if granted, to the agency name(s) and address(es) provided below. The clerk will not provide addresses for you. Do not list the courts, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Motor Vehicles, if the order is granted, those agencies will be notified automatically. Do not list any private entity, like a company that provides criminal background checks. The clerk will not send a copy of this order to any entity that is not an agency of the State of North Carolina or one of its local governments. A private entity required to expunge records will be notified directly by the State or local agencies that distribute criminal justice information to that entity.

Name And Address Of Arresting Agency	Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any)	Name And Address Of Other Agency (If any)

Check here to indicate that additional agencies and/or additional file nos. and offenses are listed on an AOC-CR-285 form that is attached to this petition. (attach form)

File No.(s)	Date Of Arrest	Offense Description	Date Of Offense	Date Of Dismissal

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

I hereby petition for an expunction pursuant to G.S. 15A-146(a) or (a1) and certify as follows:

1. In this court of the county named above I was charged with (a) misdemeanor(s) or felony(es) (or an infraction under G.S. 18B-302(j)) prior to December 1, 1999, the file number(s) of which is/are set out above.
2. The charge(s) listed above was/were disposed of by a dismissal.
3. (If you are petitioning to expunge multiple dismissals under G.S. 15A-146(a1), check one of the following):
 a. I was charged with multiple offenses, and all of the charges were dismissed. I therefore am requesting the expunction of all the charges.
 b. I was charged with multiple offenses, and while the charges listed above were dismissed, the following charge(s) resulted in a conviction on the day of the dismissal or had not yet reached final disposition: _____ (insert file no.(s) and offense description(s) of charges that was not dismissed). I therefore am requesting the expunction only of the dismissed charges listed above, and not all of the charges.

4. There is a prior revocation record that resulted from the offense(s) I am seeking to expunge.

I certify that this petition has been filed in this case and that the information set forth above is a complete and accurate statement of the information on file in the office of the clerk of superior court.

No charge listed above was dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution agreement or a conditional discharge and dismissed.

NOTE TO CLERK: If this box is checked, do not assess the \$175.00 fee.

Date _____ Name (type or print) _____ Signature _____ Petitioner
 Petitioner's Attorney

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Do not fill any of the fields
on the back of the form.
That is for the clerk and
judge to complete.

**After you've filled out
your Expunction Petition,
what's next?**



How to File Your Form

- ▶ Once you have completed this form, you should hand-deliver or mail this to the Clerk of Court in the county where the charge originally occurred.
- ▶ Again, generally, you will not need to pay a filing fee to get dismissed charges expunged (other types of charges may require one).

Next Steps/ Timeline

- ▶ After filing, you should continue to check your mail at the mailing address provided on the petition for further correspondence from the Clerk of Court.
- ▶ If you move before the expunction is granted, call the Clerk's Office and update the address on your filed petition.
- ▶ How long it will take to grant your petition varies widely from county to county, some can be as short as a couple weeks, others can take many months.

**After your record is
expunged, what steps
do you need to take?**



Your Expungement was GRANTED!

- ▶ Congratulations! What does this mean?
- ▶ Verify the expungement has been executed
 - Portal
 - Department of Adult Corrections
 - NC State Bureau of Investigations
- ▶ Zombie Records
- ▶ Practical Tips

Your Expungement was GRANTED!

- ▶ What does this mean?
 - ▶ Once a dismissed charge has been expunged, you can legally deny that the dismissed charge ever existed.
 - ▶ There are a few exceptions, such as applying for a job in law enforcement.
 - ▶ Once a judge has granted an expunction, a clerk executes it by removing the records from the court system. Once this is done, the clerk will mail you a certified copy of the court order. It is important that you keep this document in a safe place.
 - ▶ The expungement only removes the CRIMINAL court records. If there are CIVIL court records, such as civil judgments for money or bond forfeiture cases, those will not be removed.

Your Expungement was GRANTED!

- ▶ Verify the expungement has been executed
 - After you receive your granted expunction order, you will want to check and make sure criminal records have been removed.
 - Portal
 - Department of Adult Corrections Offender Search
 - State Bureau of Investigation

Your Expungement was GRANTED!

- ▶ Zombie Records
 - ▶ Private background check companies
 - ▶ Online mugshots
 - ▶ Fair Credit Reporting Act

Your Expungement was GRANTED!

► Practical Tips

- ▶ If you followed the instructions on this website, you only expunged dismissed charges.
- ▶ Convictions still remain on your record, unless you expunged those separately.
- ▶ Use your best judgment when applying for jobs and housing about whether to disclose an expunged offense.