

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=bKRhI3A8alcjZg_A1TW_OioHa3Yp0_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.



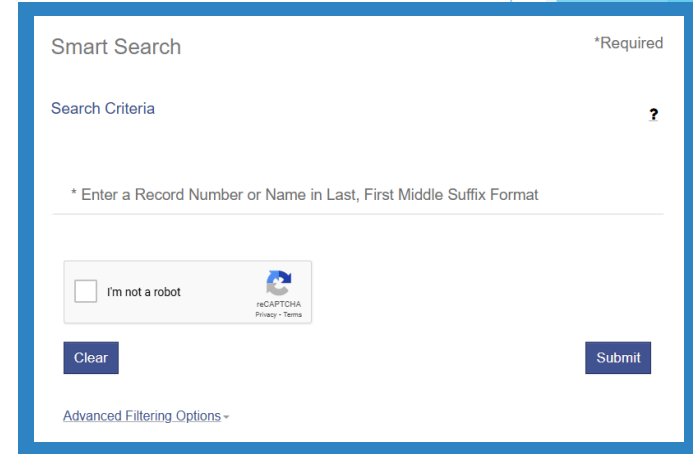
eCourts Portal

- ▶ 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.



The screenshot shows the 'Smart Search' interface of the eCourts Portal. At the top right, it says '*Required'. Below the title is a 'Search Criteria' label followed by a question mark icon. A horizontal line separates the title from the instructions: '* Enter a Record Number or Name in Last, First Middle Suffix Format'. Below this is a reCAPTCHA widget with the text 'I'm not a robot' and a small robot icon. To the right of the reCAPTCHA are links for 'reCAPTCHA', 'Privacy', and 'Terms'. At the bottom left is a 'Clear' button, and at the bottom right is a 'Submit' button. At the very bottom, there is a link for 'Advanced Filtering Options' with a dropdown arrow.

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 displays the eCourts Portal interface. At the top, there's a header with 'eCourts Portal' and a 'Register / Sign In' link. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'Smart Search' and 'Search Results'. The 'Search Results' tab is active, showing 'Party Search Results' for 'FISCIAL, ARTIE'. The results include personal information like current address, race, gender, height, weight, hair, and eyes. Below this, there's a table of cases with columns for Case Number, Style / Defendant, Status, Location, Party Name, and Party Type. The table lists five cases, all involving 'FISCIAL, ARTIE' as the defendant, with various case numbers and statuses (Disposed, Pending).

eCourts Portal Register / Sign In

Smart Search Search Results

Party Search Results Print

Name: FISCIAL, ARTIE Date of Birth: XX/XX/XXXX

Current Address: 123 ANYWHERE AVE DUNN, NC 28334

Race: Unavailable Height: 5' 10" Hair: Bald

Gender: Male Weight: 210 Eyes: Brown

Cases (5)

Case Number	Style / Defendant	Status	Location	Party Name	Party Type
23CR000046-420	FISCIAL, ARTIE	Disposed	Hammett District Court	FISCIAL, ARTIE	Defendant
23CV020004-420	DEW DROP INN VS ARTIE FISCIAL	Disposed - Trial by Magistrate	Hammett County	FISCIAL, ARTIE	Defendant
23IF000022-420	FISCIAL, ARTIE	Pending	Hammett District Court	FISCIAL, ARTIE	Defendant
23IF000023-420	FISCIAL, ARTIE	Pending	Hammett District Court	FISCIAL, ARTIE	Defendant
23MO000001-420	DEW DROP INN VS ARTIE FISCIAL	Pending	Hammett County	FISCIAL, ARTIE	Defendant

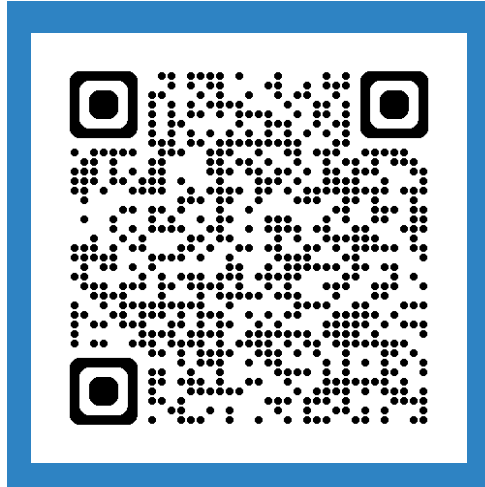
eCourts Portal

- ▶ 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.

Case Details	Case Summary	
	<div> <div>Case Summary</div> <div> <div>White Starline Court</div> <div>Case No. ZK5891234-910</div> </div> </div>	
	<div> <div>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA VS CLARK KEVE</div> <div> <div>1</div> <div>1</div> </div> </div>	
	<div> <div>Location: White Starline Court</div> <div>Filed on: 01/20/2023</div> </div>	
Case Information		
<div> <div>Offense</div> <div> <div>1. SPEEDING</div> <div>25-42(a)101</div> <div>101</div> <div>01/20/2023</div> <div>01/20/2023</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>2. DRUG VIOLATED REV</div> <div>20-28(a)</div> <div>101</div> <div>01/20/2023</div> <div>01/20/2023</div> </div>	<div> <div>Case Status</div> <div>On Hold</div> <div>Case Status: 01/20/2023 Pending</div> </div>
Related Cases		
<div> <div>20-28(b)(2)-910 (Consent letter or scheduling)</div> </div>		
Assignment Information		
<div> <div>Current Case Assignment</div> <div> <div>Case Number: 20-28(b)(2)-910</div> <div>Court: White Starline Court</div> <div>Date Assigned: 01/20/2023</div> </div> </div>		
Party Information		
<div> <div>Defendant</div> <div> <div>KEVE CLARK</div> <div>1234 Main St</div> <div>Raleigh, NC 27601</div> <div>White</div> <div>Male</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>State</div> <div>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA</div> <div>Other</div> </div>	
Case Events		
01/20/2023	<div> <div>Assignment and Scheduling</div> <div> <div>Assigned Officer: JAMES J. LEE</div> <div>01/20/2023 9:08 AM</div> </div> </div>	View # 1
01/20/2023	<div> <div>Signatures Order issued</div> <div> <div>Per: JAMES J. LEE</div> <div>01/20/2023 7:40 AM</div> </div> </div>	View # 2
01/20/2023	<div> <div>Reserve Order issued</div> <div> <div>01/20/2023 7:40 AM</div> </div> </div>	View # 3

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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA VS TEST TEST §
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Location: Wake District Court
Filed on: 01/07/2008

Case Information

Offense	8	Citation	Statute	Degree	Offense Date	Filed Date	Case Type:
01. SPEEDING		7Eg4132	20-141(J1)	MNC	01/04/2008	01/07/2008	Criminal
Offense Reports							Case Status: 06/25/2019 Disposed
Agency: Garner Police Department							
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 000 TEST ST TEST CITY, NC 27529 White Unknown	4
State	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ** Confidential Address ** Other	FREEMAN, NANCY LORRIN Retained
Complainant	MCGEE, R E UNKNOWN GARNER, NC 00000	

Case Events

Dispositions

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

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

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.

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

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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

File No. **A** County **B**

☐ 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 (Type or print full name)

Drivers License No. State Race Sex

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

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 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:

- 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) prior to December 1, 1999, the file number(s) of which is/are set out above.
- 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.
- 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

(Over)

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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.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No. _____

County _____

C

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 (Type or print full name)

Drivers License No. _____ State _____ Race _____ Sex _____

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

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 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:

- 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.
- 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(x1), 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 _____ ☐ Petitioner ☐ Petitioner's Attorney

(Over)

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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

County _____

STATE VERSUS _____

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

Drivers License No. _____ State _____ Race _____ Sex _____

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

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 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(ies) (or an infraction under G.S. 18B-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. 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 _____

☐ Petitioner
☐ Petitioner's Attorney

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J = Petitioner's social security number.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA		File No. _____	Scan No. (if Official Use Only) _____
County _____		In The General Court Of Justice <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Court Division	
STATE VERSUS		PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION UNDER G.S. 15A-146(a) OR G.S. 15A-146(a1) (CHARGE(S) DISMISSED)	
Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name)		Name And Address Of Petitioner's Attorney For Expunction Petition	
Drivers 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 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. This 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)		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):			
<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.(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.			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
(Over)			
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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. _____ Scan No. (if Official 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 **K**

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

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

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- The charge(s) listed above was/were disposed of by a dismissal.
- ☐ 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 \$775.00 fee.

Date _____ Name (type or print) _____ Signature _____
☐ Petitioner
☐ 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

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 _____

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 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 this box 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(s)	Date Of Offense	Date Of Dismissal

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

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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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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).

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

Drivers License No. _____ State _____ Race _____ Sex _____

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

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

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

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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.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No. _____ Court No. (Official 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 _____

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

PETITION TO EXPUNGE

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

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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.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

County _____ In The General Court of Justice
☐ District ☐ Superior Court Division

STATE VERSUS _____ PETITION AND ORDER OF EXPUNCTION
Name And Address Of Petitioner (Type or print full name) _____ 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 _____

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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

File No. _____ Scan No. (x) (Official 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 _____

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

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

Date _____ Name (Type or print) **X** Signature _____ ☐ Petitioner **Y**
☐ 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.