

EXPUNGE OR SEAL CRIMINAL RECORD

STEP 2: PETITION

OVERVIEW

This guide provides information to assist those who wish to petition the court to expunge or seal a criminal history record *after* receiving the Certificate of Eligibility from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Note: the original Certificate of Eligibility from the FDLE is required to file the Petition to Expunge or Seal.

Ask your librarian for additional resources.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Click on the links below for further online information:

- [Florida Statute 943.0585](#) – Expunge a Criminal History Record
- [Florida Statute 943.059](#) - Seal a Criminal History Record
- [FDLE Seal and Expunge Process](#)
- The Hillsborough County Clerk of the Court [Petition to Seal or Expunge Packet](#) - Includes: Instructions for the Sealing or Expungement of Criminal History Records, Petition to Expunge or Seal, Sworn Statement (Affidavit), Order to Expunge and Order to Seal (Quick Links > Forms > Expungement and Sealing > Petition to Seal or Expunge Packet)
- The Hillsborough County Clerk of the Court [E-Portal Instructions for the Sealing or Expungement of Criminal History Records](#) – Pursuant to Administrative Order S-2020-014 (Quick Links > Forms > Expungement and Sealing > E-Portal Instructions for the Sealing or Expungement of Criminal History Records)

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1. [Florida Jurisprudence 2d](#), Volume 15A, Criminal law – Procedure, section 2254 & 2257
2. [Florida Pleading and Practice Forms](#), Volume 11B, section 97:14 & 97:33
3. [Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure](#), Rule 3.692
4. Petition to Expunge or Seal forms
5. GALE Legal Forms Database – has Florida specific forms and non-Florida specific examples to use as a template
6. Westlaw is available for customer use at the following branches: James J. Lunsford Law Library, John F. Germany and Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library

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IF YOU ARE ACTING AS YOUR OWN ATTORNEY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT INVOLVES YOUR CASE.

Remember: Check with the Clerk of the Court for filing fees/court costs.

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