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CRIMINAL CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE DIVISION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEALING AN ADULT OR JUVENILE CRIMINAL COURT RECORD

A. Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Certificate of Eligibility packet

1. Visit FDLE to fill out an [online application](#) or download a [blank application form](#).
2. Know the date of arrest, address at time of arrest, arresting charge(s), arresting agency, and arresting agency case number.
3. Obtain a certified copy of the Final Disposition (judgment & sentence) in your case from the Clerk's Office. The cost is not included in the Clerk's filing fee.
4. Submit this packet, along with a \$75.00 money order or cashier's check to FDLE, Special Services Bureau, ATTN: Expunge Processing, Post Office Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302. FDLE will mail a Certificate of Eligibility to you.

B. Court forms: Petition to Seal, Affidavit, and Proposed Order

1. Obtain these forms from the Clerk's Office and sign the petition/affidavit in the presence of a notary public/deputy clerk. A photo ID is required. On the proposed order, fill in your name, case number, current mailing address, and telephone number.
2. Complete all documents as thoroughly as possible; the Clerk's Office cannot complete these forms for you or correct any errors. Please understand that incomplete documents sent to the judge could result in a delay or possible denial of the petition.
3. Send copies of these forms, and a copy of the Certificate of Eligibility (received from FDLE), to the Leon County State Attorney's Office.
4. File your Petition to Seal, the affidavit, the proposed order, and the original FDLE Certificate of Eligibility with the Clerk's Office.
5. Please be aware that your seal request will not be processed without payment of the required \$66.50 filing fee. This does not include fees for copies of the judgment and sentence and seal packet.
6. Also, because of the implementation of Marsy's Law (Fla. Const., art. I, section 16(h)), the State Attorney may contact the victim of the case, if any, and allow them 30 days to file an objection to your petition which may result in a hearing that you must attend.

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7. Once we receive the Response from the State Attorney, the Clerk's Office will forward your paperwork to the judge. If you meet all statutory criteria for sealing a criminal record, the judge will seal your records by order. However, if you are participating in the Clerk's payment program, all documents relating to your participation will remain open to the public until payment is made in full. See Administrative Order 2000-10. All other aspects of your criminal record will be sealed pursuant to the court order. Once full payment is made, you must notify the Clerk's Office so that the payment program documents can be sealed.
8. The Clerk's Office will send copies of the court order to you, the arresting agency, the State Attorney's Office, the Leon County Sheriff's Office, and any other applicable parties associated with the case. This is done so that these agencies can take the necessary actions for sealing their own records.

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