

Dallas County Expunctions - Current Policies as of 02/15/2024

PRE-TRIAL INTERVENTION AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS

Article 55.01 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure provides for an immediate expunction (without waiting the expiration of the statute of limitations) for a defendant who successfully completes a veterans treatment court program created under Chapter 124 of the Government Code, a mental health court program created under Chapter 125 of the Government Code, or a pre-trial intervention program authorized under Section 76.011 of the Government Code. The Dallas County District Attorney's Office, on behalf of the Dallas County Respondents, will agree to an immediate expunction if a person has successfully completed any Dallas County administered pre-trial diversion or pre-trial intervention program, regardless of whether the program falls under the particular provisions of Chapter 124, Chapter 125, or Section 76.011.

DEFERRED ADJUDICATION PRIOR TO 9/1/2021 FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON

The expunction statute allows for the expunction of convictions prior to 9/1/2021 for Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon under Texas Penal Code, Section 46.02(a). The Dallas County District Attorney's Office will likewise agree to expunge those cases in which the defendant successfully completed deferred adjudication community supervision for Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon under Texas Penal Code, Section 46.02(a) in cases occurring prior to 9/1/2021. The District Attorney believes this policy is consistent with the legislative intent of the statute.

DISMISSED OR DEFERRED ADJUDICATION CLASS C MISDEMEANOR CASES OR CASES REDUCED TO A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR

When a Class C misdemeanor or a case reduced to a Class C misdemeanor is dismissed or the person successfully completes deferred adjudication community supervision, the District Attorney's Office will waive its statutory statute-of-limitations objection and agree to an early expunction, EXCEPT in all family violence cases and some child-victim cases (determined on a case-by-case basis).