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****PRESS CONFERENCE**

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For Immediate Release: The District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and the District Clerk's Office Host 3rd Annual Expunction Expo

(Dallas, Texas) – The Dallas County District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, and the Dallas County District Clerk's Office are hosting their 3rd annual Expunction Expo. The Expo aims to clear criminal records of people who, by law, are eligible for an expunction.

"We want to help people who qualify for an expunction get a fresh start so they can become productive and contributing members of society," says Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot. "Many people may not be able to obtain gainful employment, attend college or serve in the military because of something on their record that can be eliminated. This is an opportunity for them to change their lives for the better."

The Expunction Expo is convened in partnership with local volunteer attorneys, as well as students from the University of North Texas (UNT) Dallas College of Law and the Southern Methodist University (SMU) Dedman School of Law. Dallas County District Judges and the Dallas City Attorney Community Courts are also vital partners in this endeavor. This year's Expo is at Jubilee Park Community Center, 907 Bank Street, Dallas.

Since its inception in 2017, this event has helped clear over 400 criminal records.

Per Texas statute, individuals who have offenses on their criminal record MAY qualify for an expunction if any of the following apply:

- They were arrested but a charge was **never filed** with the DAs Office or was **no billed** by the grand jury;
- They have a criminal charge that was **dismissed**;
- They were **acquitted** on their charge by a judge, jury, or appellate court, or;
- They were convicted of a crime but later **pardoned** by the Governor of Texas or the President of the United States.

You are **not** eligible for an expunction if:

- YOUR CASE IS STILL PENDING;
- YOU WERE CONVICTED, EVEN IF YOU JUST PAID A FINE; OR
- YOU WERE PLACED ON PROBATION, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, OR DEFERRED ADJUDICATION, EVEN IF YOUR CASE WAS LATER DISMISSED.

How To Participate in the Expunction Expo:

- Anyone who believes they are eligible for an expunction **must pre-register** between July 8, 2019 through July 28, 2019 at **www.dallascounty.org/expunction**; or in person at one of the designated locations **listed below**.
- If the individual has any offenses that may be eligible for expunction, they will be contacted and invited to meet with a volunteer attorney at the Pre-Qualification Clinic on Saturday, September 14, 2019.
- Those granted expunctions will be invited to a graduation ceremony on Saturday, December 7, 2019.
- Only Dallas County offenses will be considered.

LOCATIONS:

- **Clerk's Office Frank Crowley Courthouse**
- **Clerk's Office George Allen Courthouse**
- **City of Dallas Community Courts (List all NE, NW, SE etc.)**

For additional information, individuals may call (214) 653-2905.

*****Join us for the Press Conference announcement on Monday, July 8, 2019.***

2019 EXPUNCTION EXPO

WHAT: Press Conference Announcing 3rd Annual Expunction Expo

WHEN: Monday, July 8, 2019

WHERE: Media Room, 10th Floor, Frank Crowley Courthouse

TIME: Arrival 11:00am. (Press Conference will begin at 11:15am)

*****No "Live video feeds" or videotaping outside in the atrium on the 10th floor. This is for the protection of victims who might walk through the area.***

****Please help the Dallas County District Attorney's Office spread the word about the Expunction Expo by sharing this information with your viewers, listeners, and readers as well as on your websites and social media channels.**