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PETITIONER *(Print Full Name)*

**PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION[[1]](#footnote-1)**

Petitioner, identified below, submits this petition under Article 55.02, Section 2 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and asks this Court to order the expunction of all records and files related to the arrests or citations described in this petition.

**1. Petitioner’s Information**:

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| Full Name: |  |
| Name at offense, if different: |  |
| Sex: |  |
| Race: |  |
| Date of Birth: |  |
| Driver’s License/ID Number: |  |
| Social Security Number: |  |
| Address at Time of Arrest: |  |
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**2. Offense/Arrest Information**:

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| Offense Charged: |  |
| Date of Offense: |  |
| Date of Arrest/Citation: |  |
| County of Arrest/Citation: |  |
| City of Arrest/Citation: |  |
| Arresting Agency: |  |
| Case Number: |  |
| Court: |  |

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**2a. Additional Offenses/Arrests**:

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| Offense Charged: |  |
| Date of Offense: |  |
| Date of Arrest/Citation: |  |
| County of Arrest/Citation: |  |
| City of Arrest/Citation: |  |
| Arresting Agency: |  |
| Case Number: |  |
| Court: |  |

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| Date of Offense: |  |
| Date of Arrest/Citation: |  |
| County of Arrest/Citation: |  |
| City of Arrest/Citation: |  |
| Arresting Agency: |  |
| Case Number: |  |
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| Date of Offense: |  |
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| City of Arrest/Citation: |  |
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**3. Respondent Agencies - Governmental**

Petitioner has reason to believe the following governmental agencies may have records or files pertaining to the arrest(s):

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| 3.1 | Dallas County District Attorney’s Office for itself and the following Dallas County entities: | |
|  | () District Clerk; | |
|  | () County Clerk (mark if any offense listed in petition is a misdemeanor) | |
|  | () Grand Jury (mark if any offense listed in petition is a felony) | |
|  | () Dallas County Sheriff’s Office – Bonds and Identification | |
|  | () Community Supervision and Corrections | |
| 3.2 | Arresting Agency: |  |
|  | (Police department, sheriff’s department, or constable’s office) |
| Mailing Address: |  |
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| 3.3 | Court: |  |
|  | (District court, county court, municipal court, or Justice of the Peace) |
| Mailing Address: |  |
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| 3.4 | Other Agency: |  |
|  | (Other state agency, including additional arresting agencies) |
| Mailing Address: |  |
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| 3.5 | Texas Department of Public Safety  Attn: Expunctions (Crime Records Division – MSC-0234)  P.O. Box 4143  Austin, TX 78765-4143  *Individually and for the Federal Bureau of Investigation* | |
| 3.6 | Texas Department of Criminal Justice – CJAD  Attn: CSTS Administrator  209 W. 14th St., Suite 400  Austin, TX 78701 | |
| 3.7 | Office of Court Administration  Attn: Efile & ReSearch TX  205 W. 14th St., Suite 600  Austin, Texas 78701-1614  *(List any additional agencies in section 3a)* | |
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**3a. Additional Respondents**:

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| Other Agency: |  |
|  | (List any other state agencies, including additional arresting agencies) |
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**4. Private entities and out-of-state agencies with criminal history record information subject to notification by the Texas Department of Public Safety of the order granting an expunction include:**

5.1 Any entity that purchases criminal history record information from DPS in accordance with Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Section 3(c-2);

5.2 PublicData.com;

5.3 Appriss Operations Center

Attn: VINELink

10401 Linn Station Road

Louisville, Kentucky 40223

5.4      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Legal Grounds for Expunction** (*Check All That Apply*)

**A. Acquittals, Pardons, & Certain Convictions for Unlawful Carrying Weapons**

Petitioner is entitled to an expunction of the above arrest(s) under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 55.01(a)(1) because Petitioner was tried for the offense for which Petitioner was arrested and was:

(1) acquitted by the trial court, Court of Appeals, or Court of Criminal Appeals, and Petitioner is not subject to prosecution for or was not convicted of another offense arising out of the same criminal episode as defined by Section 3.01 of the Texas Penal Code; **or**

(2) convicted and subsequently pardoned by the Governor; **or**

(3) convicted of an offense committed before September 1, 2021, under Section 46.02(a) of the Texas Penal Code for Unlawful Carrying Weapons as that section existed before September 1, 2021.

**OR**

**B. Cases Filed in Court, But Later Dismissed or Quashed**

Petitioner is entitled to an expunction of the above arrest(s) under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 55.01(a)(2) because:

(1) Petitioner has been released; and

(2) the charge has not resulted in a final conviction and is no longer pending; and

(3) there was no court-ordered community supervision under Chapter 42A (former Article 42.12) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure for the offense, unless the offense is a Class C misdemeanor; and

(4) an indictment or information charging Petitioner with the commission of a misdemeanor offense based on Petitioner’s arrest or charging Petitioner with the commission of any felony offense arising out of the same transaction for which Petitioner was arrested ***was presented*** against Petitioner following the arrest; *and*

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|  |  | [*Statute of limitations has expired*] the indictment or information was dismissed and the prosecution of Petitioner for the offense for which Petitioner was arrested is no longer possible because the limitations period has expired; |
| **or** | | |
|  |  | [*Absence of probable cause*] the indictment or information was dismissed or quashed because the presentment had been made because of mistake, false information, or other similar reason indicating absence of probable cause at the time of the dismissal to believe Petitioner committed the offense; |
| **or** | | |
|  |  | [*Veterans treatment court, pretrial intervention, or mental health court programs*] the indictment or information was dismissed because Petitioner completed a veterans treatment court program created under Chapter 124 of the Texas Government Code, a pretrial intervention program authorized under Section 76.011 of the Government Code, or a mental health court program created under Chapter 125 of the Government Code; |
| **or** | | |
|  |  | [*Void indictment or information*] the indictment or information was dismissed or quashed because the indictment or information was void. |

**OR**

**C. Cases Never Filed in Court** (*Including Not-Filed, Rejected, and No-Billed Cases*)

Petitioner is entitled to an expunction of the above arrest(s) under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 55.01(a)(2) because:

(1) Petitioner has been released; and

(2) an indictment or information charging Petitioner with the commission of a misdemeanor offense based on Petitioner’s arrest or charging Petitioner with the commission of any felony offense arising out of the same transaction for which Petitioner was arrested ***has not been presented*** against Petitioner following the arrest; *and*:

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|  |  | [*Statute of limitations has expired*] prosecution of Petitioner for the offense for which Petitioner was arrested is no longer possible because the limitations period has expired. | | |
| **or** | | | | | |
|  |  | [*Class C misdemeanor – Limited Expunction*]   * at least 180 days have elapsed from the date of arrest; * the arrest was for an offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor; and * there was no felony charge arising out of the same transaction.   (A limited expunction applies only if the statute of limitations has not expired. In a limited expunction, the district attorney and police agency will retain their records.) | | |
| **or** | | | | | |
|  |  | [*Class A or B misdemeanor – Limited Expunction*]   * at least one year has elapsed from the date of arrest; * the arrest was for an offense punishable as a Class A or B misdemeanor; and * there was no felony charge arising out of the same transaction.   (A limited expunction applies only if the statute of limitations has not expired. In a limited expunction, the district attorney and police agency will retain their records.) | | |
| **or** | | | | | |
|  |  | [*Felony – Limited Expunction*]   * at least three years have elapsed from the date of arrest; and * the arrest was for an offense punishable as a felony or there was a felony charge arising out of the same transaction.   (A limited expunction applies only if the statute of limitations has not expired. In a limited expunction, the district attorney and police agency will retain their records.)    **or** | | |
|  | [*Certification*] The District Attorney certifies that the applicable records and files are not needed for use in any criminal investigation or prosecution, including an investigation or prosecution of another person. | |
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**6. Prayer**

Petitioner requests that this matter be set for a hearing, that each official or governmental agency be given reasonable notice of the hearing, and this Court enter an order directing the records and files related to the offense/arrests alleged in this Petition be expunged.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Attorney for Petitioner | |  | |
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| State Bar No. |  | |  |
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| I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. | | | | |
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PETITIONER (*Print Full Name*)

**ORDER SETTING HEARING DATE**

This expunction case is hereby set for a hearing on \_     \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ 202\_\_, at \_     \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o’clock.

Signed on \_     \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

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1. This form is provided for the convenience of the public and is not intended as a substitute for independent legal analysis by an attorney. Petitioners are strongly encouraged to consult an attorney with any questions regarding their eligibility for relief under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 55.01. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)