



## **Your term of probation supervision has been completed. Are you considering an expungement?**

An expungement is the removal and isolation of certain records on file related to your offense. Most expungements require a period of time to elapse before a person can apply.

### **Not all records can be expunged.**

Expunged records include complaints, warrants, arrests, commitments, processing records, fingerprints, photographs, index cards, “rap sheets” and “judicial docket records.” If an expungement is granted, with certain exceptions, the offense is considered not to have occurred. Please be aware that if you obtain new charges, the law permits expunged records to be used for certain purposes.

### **You can represent yourself or have an attorney for the expungement process.**

To apply for an expungement, you or your attorney must apply online in the eCourts Expungement System. The System will compile your court history records, based on the information in the Judiciary’s systems, and automatically generate the petition. The prosecutor must submit a response to your petition. If the prosecutor objects to your petition and you do not have an attorney, you should contact the Public Defender’s office, in the county where you were convicted or adjudicated delinquent. The Public Defender’s office may submit a response to the prosecutor’s objection on your behalf.

A judge will decide whether you should be granted an expungement.

For additional information on applying, an instructional video and links will be available on the NJ Courts website ([njcourts.gov](http://njcourts.gov)) under the SELF-HELP CENTER. For help accessing online services, please see the court’s Ombudsman.