

SEALING OF *ADULT* RECORDS IN JUVENILE COURT

Ohio Revised Code §2953.32

You may request the Warren County Juvenile Court issue an order to seal and/or expunge your record whether you are found guilty or not guilty, or your case is dismissed.

§2151.355 (A) "Expunge" means to destroy, delete, and erase a record, as appropriate for the record's physical or electronic form or characteristic, so that the record is permanently irretrievable.

§2151.335(B) "Seal a record" means to remove a record from the main file of similar records and to secure it in a separate file that contains only sealed records accessible only to the juvenile court.

If this application is being made to expunge a conviction, the Defendant states that they **have fulfilled all sentencing provisions** and **that more than one year has passed since the Defendant was released from the Court's jurisdiction** (all fines and costs have been paid and community service has been served). Further, by submitting the application, Defendant contends that he/she is entitled to the relief requested because he/she meets all of the prerequisites provided in the Ohio Revised Code; to wit,

- (1) Defendant is an eligible offender;
- (2) that there are no criminal proceedings pending against the Defendant;
- (3) that the Defendant's rehabilitation has been attained;
- (4) that the expungement of this record is consistent with the public interest.

There is a filing fee of \$50.00 for applications in which you were found **guilty**.

If there is a finding of **not guilty** or the complaint is **dismissed**, the application to seal may be filed at any time after the finding or dismissal is entered upon the court journal. There is no filing fee for any case that was dismissed, or you were found not guilty.

Upon the filing of an application for the sealing of a record, the Court shall:

- Schedule a hearing.
- Scheduled an evaluation with the Juvenile Probation Department to determine if the person has been rehabilitated to a satisfactory degree.
- Promptly notify Prosecutor's Office
 - The Prosecutor's Office may file an Objection to the Application

You may wish to read portions of the Ohio Revised Code, §2953.31 to §2953.521 for further details, available at most libraries or online: codes.ohio.gov

By signing this Application, I am stating that:

- 1. I have no criminal cases pending against me.**
- 2. My interests in having my conviction records and/or bail records sealed and/or expunged outweighs any needs of the government to maintain records of same.**
- 3. I understand I may attach additional documents in support of this Application, such as letters from a school, business or individual, certificates, etc.**
- 4. I understand that I am required to attend the hearing on my Application.**
- 5. I certify that the information provided in this Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that filing a false document with the Court is a criminal offense.**

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

Applicant Name : Case Nos. _____
: Judge Joseph Kirby
:
: Confidential Disclosure of Personal Identifiers
For Applications to Seal or Expunge Record of
Expungement under R.C. 2953.32
:
: (Rule 45(D) of the Rules of Superintendence for
the Courts of Ohio)

The following personal identifiers are omitted from the Application to Seal or Expunge Record of Conviction under R.C. 2953.32. In accordance with Rule 45(D) of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, this information is submitted separately on this form.

Full Legal Name of Applicant

SSN of Applicant

Driver's License Number of Applicant (if applicable)

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DATE