EXPUCTION
Procedure in which certain criminal history information is destroyed. To qualify for an expunction, strict requirements must be met and mandatory waiting periods may apply.

You may be eligible if you were:
• Arrested but never charged;
• Charged but the charges were later dismissed;
• Charged but were acquitted at trial;
• Convicted at trial, but reversed on appeal;
• Convicted at trial, but later pardoned by the governor; or
• Received deferred adjudication for a Class C Misdemeanor

ORDER OF NONDISCLOSURE
Allows an individual who has successfully completed deferred adjudication community supervision for qualifying offenses to petition the court to seal their records.

An order of nondisclosure prohibits criminal justice agencies from disclosing to the public criminal history record information related to an offense.

To determine if you are eligible for an expunction or order of nondisclosure you should obtain a copy of your criminal history from DPS and make an appointment with Student Legal Services to speak with a licensed attorney.

TIP: Texas law allows agencies up to one year to destroy records, so the sooner you start the process the better.

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