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LEGAL JUSTICE CENTER

Expungements and Pardons:  
Record Cleaning in South Carolina

September 28, 2020

# Agenda:

- ▶ 2:00-3:00 - Bridget Brown: Expungements
- ▶ 3:00-3:15 - Ana Walker: Pardons
- ▶ 3:15-3:30 - Allison Elder: Voting

# ▶ SC Expungements

Clean Slates & Second Chances

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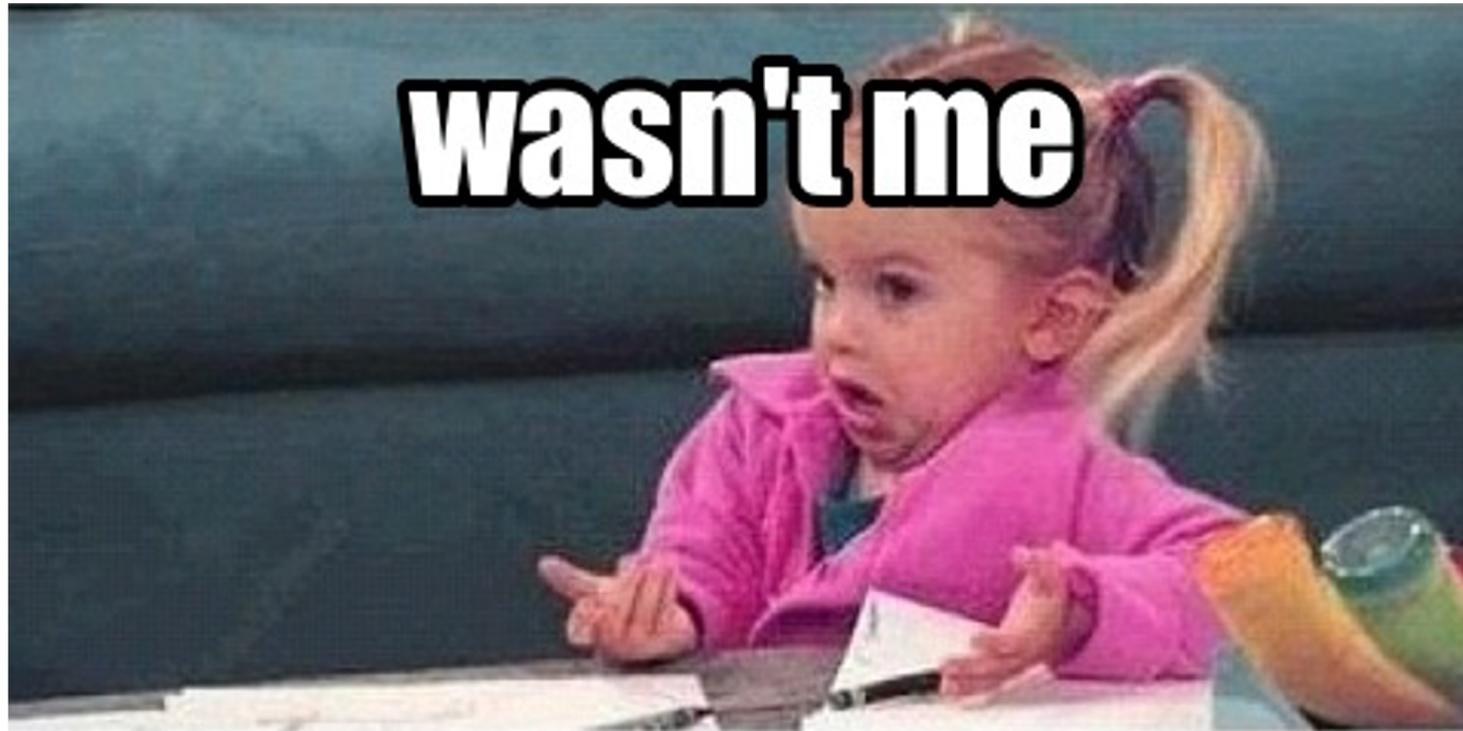
# What is a criminal record?

- ▶ Arrests
- ▶ Convictions
- ▶ Non-convictions (dismissed, not guilty, nolle prossed)

# What is an Expungement?

- ▶ Under South Carolina law, a person can apply to have certain parts of their South Carolina criminal record placed under seal so that they're no longer public record.

Why are expungements important?



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# Why do we need your help?

- ▶ People aren't aware of their rights
- ▶ People are intimidated by the process
- ▶ The new law allows for some discretion and sometimes requires an in-depth analysis

# Expungement Process

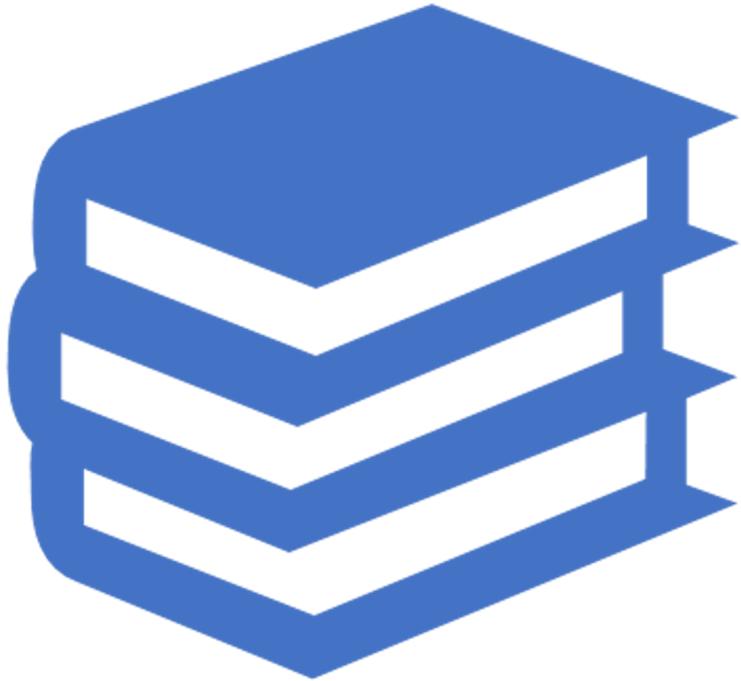
Expungements are handled by the solicitor's office

The Solicitor determines whether the offense is eligible

The Solicitor works with SLED and Court Administration to complete the process, as all 3 agencies keep records of a person's criminal history

A person must fill out an application (often not online) and pay any fees via money order

Judge signs an order for the destruction of records and puts it in the mail



# Categories of Expungements

- ▶ There are 11 different categories of expungements
- ▶ Each category has different rules
- ▶ Each category comes from a different law

## When does the clock start for expungements?

It depends on the category!

- ❑ Date of **CONVICTION**, OR
- ❑ Only **AFTER** a person has completed their **SENTENCE**, which means:

They have served their time

They have paid their fine

They are no longer on parole

# ELIGIBILITY: Different types of expungement

Section 17-22-910. (A) Applications for expungement of all criminal records must be administered by the solicitor's office in each circuit in the State as authorized pursuant to:

(1) Section 34-11-90(e), first offense misdemeanor fraudulent check;

(2) Section 44-53-450(b), conditional discharge;

(3) Section 22-5-910, 30 day conviction in magistrate/municipal court;

(4) Section 22-5-920, youthful offender act;

(5) Section 22-5-930 (A) & (B), first offense simple possession or possession with intent to distribute drug convictions;

(6) Section 56-5-750(f), first offense failure to stop when signaled by a law enforcement vehicle;

(7) Section 17-22-150(a), PTI; Section 17-22-530(A) AEP; Section 17-22-330(A) TEP

(8) Section 16-25-20(D), Domestic Violence

(9) Section 63-19-2050, juvenile expungements;

(10 & 11) any other statutory authorization (treatment courts; victims of trafficking)

Eligibility:  
Non-  
Convictions

Dismissals

Nolle Prossed

Not Guilty

# Diversion Programs



Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI)



Alcohol Education Program (AEP)



Traffic Education Program (TEP)

# Treatment Courts



**DRUG COURT**



**VETERANS COURT**

# Conditional Discharge

Applies only to first time drug offenses

A person pleads guilty but their plea is held in abeyance for a time to be determined by a judge, during which they'll have to comply with certain conditions

If they submit clean drug tests they may apply for expungement

# 30 DAY MISDEMEANORS

- ▶ Convictions for misdemeanors that carry a maximum sentence of 30 days and/or \$1000.00.
- ▶ Eligible 3 years after date of conviction so long as you don't have any other convictions within those 3 years.
- ▶ You can only have one charge, or group of charges if the multiple offense rule applies, expunged under this category.

# When Multiple Offenses Count as One Offense

- ▶ If the person received the sentence(s) at a single sentencing hearing

AND

- ▶ The underlying charges are closely connected or arose out of a single incident

# Domestic Violence 1<sup>st</sup>

- ▶ No convictions within FIVE years of conviction
- ▶ Allowed only one expungement under this category

# Possession 1<sup>st</sup> Offense

Applies to  
any 1<sup>st</sup>  
offense  
drug  
possession

Cannot  
have had a  
conditional  
discharge  
within 5  
years

Eligible  
after 3  
years from  
completion  
of sentence

# Possession with Intent to Distribute (PWID)

New to 2019

Eligible after  
20 years after  
completion of  
sentence IF

No other drug  
or felony  
convictions  
within 20 years

# Fraudulent Check

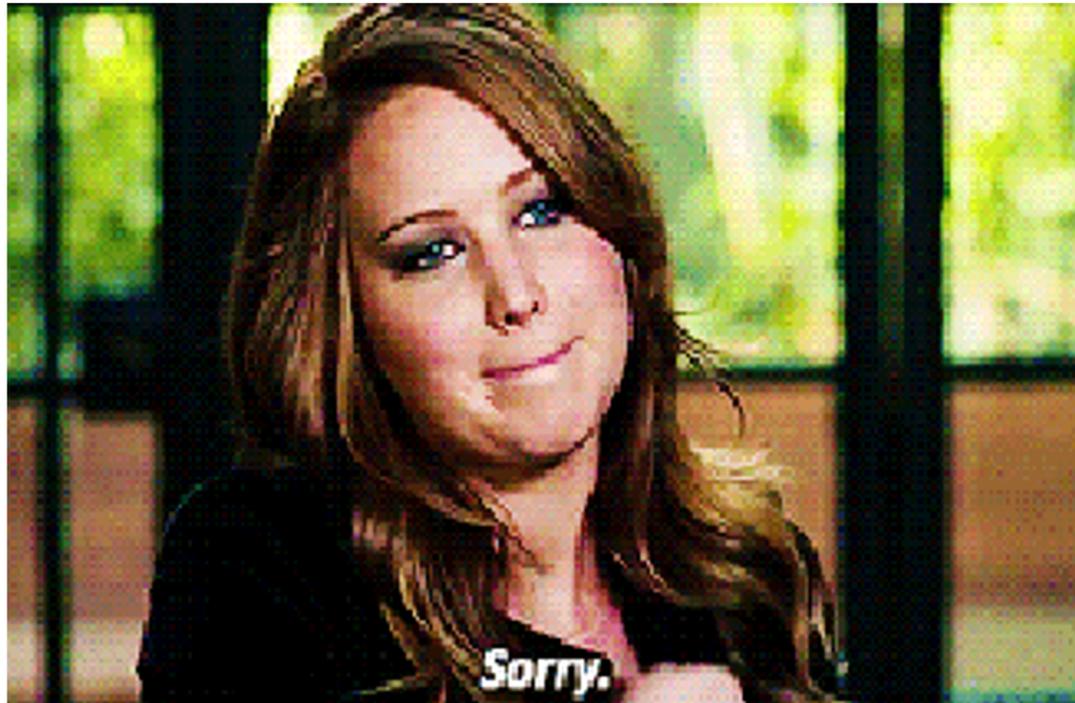
- ▶ Eligible after 1 year of conviction
- ▶ Think about how the multiple offense rule could be important here

# Failure to Stop for a Blue Light

- ▶ Misdemeanor: \$500 or 90 days-3 years;
- ▶ Eligible 3 years after completing sentence
- ▶ The only motor vehicle (Title 56) offense eligible for expungement



# Driving Offenses?



# YOUTHFUL OFFENDER ACT

- ▶ Special sentence for those convicted before their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday
- ▶ Offenses eligible under the YOA must not carry more than 15 years
- ▶ **NEW FOR 2019:** If a person could have been sentenced under the YOA prior to 6/2/2010 but was not, that person may be treated as if they were sentenced under the YOA and may have their record expunged
- ▶ Example: James from Clinic

# So what does all of this cost?

- ▶ It could cost up to \$310 PER EXPUNGEMENT
- ▶ It could be free



# EXPUNGEMENT FEES

<u><i>OFFENSE</i></u>	<u><i>SOLICITOR</i></u>	<u><i>SLED</i></u>	<u><i>CLERK</i></u>
Dismissed, Not Guilty	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
Dismissed (Plea Negotiation)	250.00	No Fee	No Fee
Pretrial Intervention	250.00	No Fee	35.00
Alcohol Education	250.00	No Fee	35.00
Conditional Discharge	250.00	No Fee	35.00
Drug/Veteran's Court	250.00	No Fee	35.00
Check Conviction	250.00	25.00	35.00
30 Day Misdemeanor	250.00	25.00	35.00
Youthful Offender Act	250.00	25.00	35.00
Failure to Stop Vehicle	250.00	25.00	35.00
Juvenile Offenses	250.00	25.00	35.00

# Hypothetical #1: What, if anything, may be expunged?

- ▶ Mary was convicted of DV 3rd on 5/5/2010
- ▶ She has a conviction for drunkenness and a conviction for disorderly conduct, both 30 day misdemeanors, on 5/5/2014
- ▶ Mary has nothing else on her record.

## Hypothetical #2: What, if anything, can be expunged?

- ▶ Jack was convicted of Assault & Battery 3<sup>rd</sup> degree (30 day offense) on 5/5/2010
- ▶ Jack was convicted of drunkenness (30 day offense) on 5/5/2015
- ▶ Jack was arrested for driving under suspension on 5/5/2018, but the charge was dismissed.
- ▶ Jack doesn't have anything else on his record.

# Hypothetical #3: What, if anything, can be expunged?

- ▶ Corey had a lot of fun when he first started college and was charged with underage drinking, public drunkenness, giving false information to police, and petit larceny (all 30 day offenses).
- ▶ But Corey resolved all of those charges by successfully completing PTI.
- ▶ 4 years later Corey was convicted of a felony, but it was just a teeny tiny one.
- ▶ 5 years after that, Corey has turned his life around and would really like his criminal record cleared.
- ▶ Can we help Corey? What factors should we look at?

What's a RAP sheet?



**ARREST RECORD**  
 S.C. Law Enforcement Division  
 WWW

Hello  
 Name **John Smith**  
 Date of Birth **01/01/1980**  
 Maiden Name  
 Gender **Male**  
 SSN  
 Transaction **00123456789**  
 Date of Check **January 1, 2014 at 12:00**

This record is based on a search using **Last name, First initial, Gender, and Date of Birth only**. Compare all identifying data given for record subject with screening subject. Fingerprint comparison is recommended as the most reliable means to identify a record subject.

Basic ID Info

Date of Check

SID Number

An SID number is assigned to a unique set of fingerprints.

Description:  
 Height, Weight, Eye Color, Hair Color, Sex, Race

PRINT REQUEST RPT SHEET REQUEST  
 ORI-SCLED0000 SID-**SC0065432** FBI-\*\*\*\*\* PUR-E  
 ATH-WEB, ACCOUNT

AUTHORIZED USE ONLY. \*\*\*\*\* CONTACT CONTRIBUTING AGENCY FOR SPECIFIC/MORE DATA ABOUT CHARGES AND/OR DISPOSITIONS. BECAUSE ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME, A NEW COPY SHOULD BE REQUESTED WHEN NEEDED FOR SUBSEQUENT USE.

PAGE-01 DATE-01/01/2014 TIME-11:55:05  
 REQ ORI-SCLED0000 S C LAW ENF DIV  
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 NAME-**Smith, John Doe** SEX-M RACE-W  
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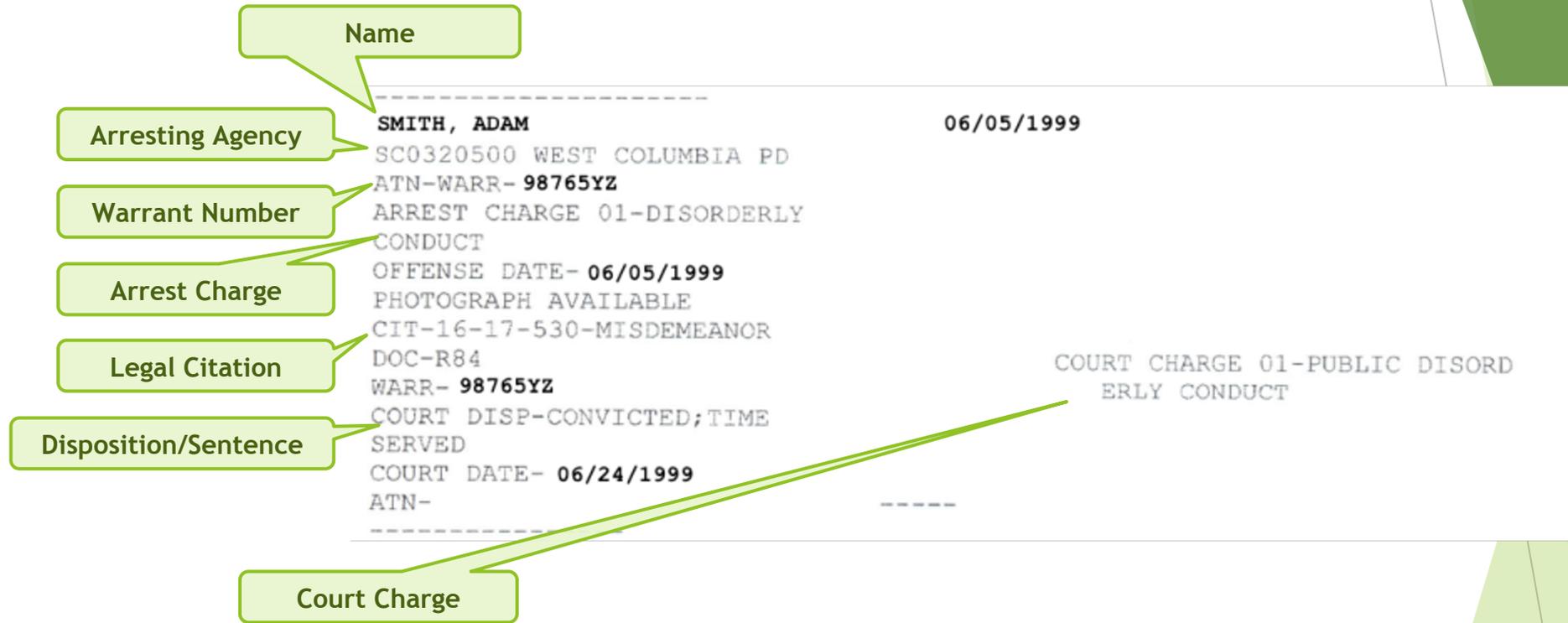
Aliases

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<b>Smyth, J D</b>			000000000	
<b>Doe, John S</b>			000000000	
<b>Smiths, James</b>			000000000	

Some people use additional birth dates and social security numbers.

1<sup>st</sup> Arrest

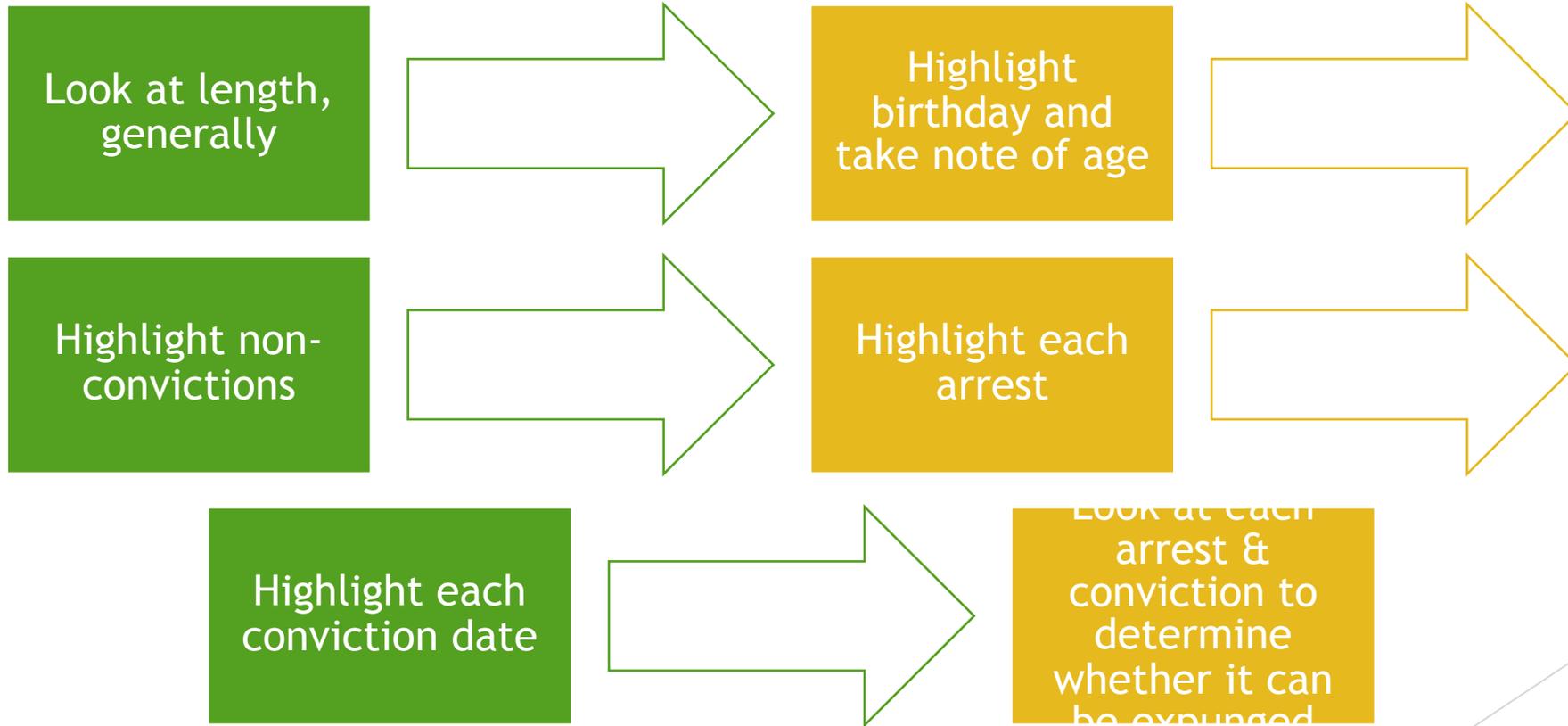
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 ARREST CHARGE 01-UNLAWFUL  
 WEAPON  
 OFFENSE DATE-  
 PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE  
 WARR-054321AB COURT CHARGE 01-UNLAWFUL  
 WEAPON  
 COURT DISP-CONVICTED;30D



# Anatomy of an Arrest

# SLED Catch Website

# Steps for Review



# What if I don't know whether the type of offense is expungable?

- ▶ The Strickler
- ▶ [Look up the statute here](#)
- ▶ Address: [scstatehouse.gov/code/statmast.php](http://scstatehouse.gov/code/statmast.php)



What if there's no disposition?

- ▶ Search the public index here
- ▶ Address: [Publicindex.sccourts.org](http://Publicindex.sccourts.org)

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**Cell: 440.476.5431**

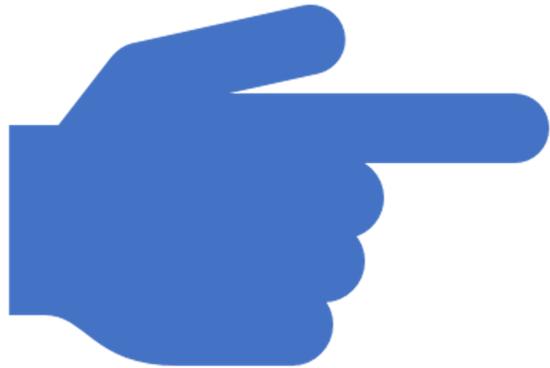
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# Pardons: What To Do When Expungement Isn't an Option

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What's the difference between an expungement and a pardon?



**Forgiven ≠ Forgotten**

# What a pardon will and won't do:

- ▶ Does NOT remove the conviction from the record; WILL note the conviction as pardoned
- ▶ Conviction still MUST be noted on job applications, BUT can be noted as “pardoned”
- ▶ A pardon WILL restore certain rights:
  - ▶ Serve on a jury
  - ▶ Testify without impeachment of the conviction
  - ▶ Will NOT disqualify for occupational licenses
  - ▶ Right to purchase a firearm (must still comply with federal law)
- ▶ Will NOT remove requirement to register as a sex offender

# How to apply for a pardon:

- ▶ <https://www.dppps.sc.gov/Parole-Pardon-Hearings/Pardon-Application> or Google “SC pardon application”
- ▶ \$100 money order made out to “The South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services”
- ▶ THREE letters of recommendation - by people NOT related by blood or marriage
- ▶ Application **MUST** be notarized

# Who can apply for a pardon?

- ▶ Anyone who has completed their sentence - recommend waiting five years from completion, restitution must be paid in full
- ▶ Probationers - after release from supervision
- ▶ Parolees - after serving five successful years of supervision or after release from supervision

**LETTER TEMPLATE:** This template does not have to be followed exactly. It is just a recommended list of writing points. Each reference should write in a formal and professional manner, but still from the heart.

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Reference name  
Street address  
City, State Zip Code  
Phone number

Division of Pardons and Paroles  
Pardon Applications Processing  
Post Office Box 50666  
Columbia, SC. 29250

Date

Dear State Board of Pardons and Paroles,

First paragraph – Introduction

- State that you are in favor of a pardon for the applicant!
- Introduce yourself (ex. Personal history, employment, involvement in community activities).
- State how you met/know the applicant.

Second paragraph – Persuasion

- State specific examples of the applicant's good will, rehabilitation, work ethic, community service, responsibilities, employment, or anything else that will reflect upon the applicant's good character.
- Describe applicant's change from past to present (if you knew them at the time of the charges)

Third paragraph – Conclusion

- State why the applicant wants a pardon and why you think they should get a pardon.
- State how a pardon will positively affect the applicant, their family, and their community.

Sincerely,

Reference name

State of South Carolina  
Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services

HENRY McMASTER  
Governor



JERRY B. ADGER  
Director

293 GREYSTONE BOULEVARD  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29210  
Telephone: (803) 734-9220 / Facsimile: (803) 734-9440  
[www.dppps.sc.gov](http://www.dppps.sc.gov)  
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 207  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29202

**HOW TO APPLY FOR A PARDON:**

The Pardon Application has three (3) components: three (3) written letters of support; information from the applicant and payment of an application fee.

As to the three (3) letters of support written by people not related to you by birth or marriage, you must list the name, address and contact telephone number(s) for each of your supporters. Each support letter must be signed and dated within the past six (6) months by the writer and specifically state that they are in support of your pardon.

Application forms must be filled out completely, signed and dated by you, the applicant. Be certain to complete the General Release of Information section of the application and have it notarized. S. C. Code of Laws 17 -25-322: an offender may not be granted a pardon until all restitution\* has been paid in full.

**\*Restitution refers to money ordered by the Court and/or Parole Board to be paid to victim/victims. If during the pardon investigative process it is discovered that restitution is owed, a deadline will be issued for the applicant to pay all restitution owed. A civil judgment ordered for restitution does not remove the obligation to pay the restitution in full. If restitution/civil judgment is not paid by the deadline given, the request for pardon will be denied.**

A one hundred dollar (\$100.00), non-refundable fee must accompany an Application for Pardon. The fee must be in the form of a money order or cashier's check and made PAYABLE to: The South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. If the fee does not accompany the pardon application, the application will be returned to the sender.

Mail Application to: **SCDPPPS, P.O. Box 207, Columbia, SC 29202.**

**NOTE: FALSIFICATION OF ANY DOCUMENTATION WILL RESULT IN YOUR PARDON REQUEST TO BE ADMINISTRATIVELY DENIED.**

The application process is approximately seven (7) to nine (9) months from the time the pardon application is received until a pardon hearing date is scheduled for applicants. If there are any changes of address or contact information, please call our office to update your application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wanda Wingate at (803) 734-3295.

**PARDON FACT SHEET**

**Definition:** Pardon means that an individual is fully forgiven from all the legal consequences of his crime and of his conviction, direct and collateral, including the punishment, whether of imprisonment, pecuniary penalty or whatever else the law has provided. An arrest without a disposition cannot be pardoned.

**Guidelines for Determining Eligibility for Pardon:** The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall determine if the individual is eligible for a pardon after reviewing the pardon application based upon the following criteria:

**Probationers:** Probationers are eligible to be considered for a pardon any time after discharge from supervision, provided all restitution has been paid in full.

**Parolees:** Parolees are eligible to be considered for a pardon: 1) Any time after the successful completion of five years under supervision; 2) Any time after the date of discharge of successful completion of the maximum parole period, if less than five years. No person will be granted a pardon unless all restitution has been paid in full.

**Persons Discharged from a Sentence:** Any time after the date of discharge, provided all restitution has been paid in full.

**Inmates with Terminal Illness:** Any time after the inmate is afflicted with a terminal illness with a life expectancy of one year or less. The Board will decide, based upon the application and findings, whether or not the evidence comprises a terminal illness with a life expectancy of less than one year. Two separate doctors' statements documenting life expectancy must be attached to the application. All restitution must be paid in full.

**Inmates:** Any time prior to becoming parole eligible upon proof of the most extraordinary circumstances. The Board will decide based upon the application and findings whether or not the evidence comprises the most extraordinary circumstances. All restitution must be paid in full.

**THE BOARD'S DECISION SHALL BE THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF PARDON ELIGIBILITY.**

**Order of Pardon:** An Order of Pardon shall be signed by at least two thirds of the members of the Board. Upon a favorable consideration by the Board, the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services shall issue a Pardon Certificate. A pardon order obtained by fraud is void.

**Civil Rights Restored upon Pardon:** A pardon shall fully restore all civil rights lost as a result of a conviction, which shall include the right to: 1) Register to Vote; 2) Vote; 3) Serve on a jury; 4) Hold public office, except as provided in Section 16-13-210; 5) Testify without having the fact of the conviction introduced for impeachment purposes except to the extent provided by rule 609 of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence; 6) Not have testimony excluded in a legal proceeding if convicted of perjury; 7) Be licensed for any occupation requiring a license.

**NOTE:** It should be noted that an individual regains the rights to register to vote and to vote when the entire sentence has been satisfied. S.C Code ' 7-5-120 (B)(3) provides that a person is disqualified from being registered or voting if he is convicted of a felony or offenses against the election laws, unless the disqualification has been removed by service of the sentence, including probation and parole time unless sooner pardoned.

**COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Does a pardon clear (expunge) my record? **No. When completing a job application, the conviction should be listed and then indicate that the conviction was pardoned. For expungement information, contact the Solicitor's Office in the county of your conviction.**
- 2) Does one need a pardon to register to vote or to vote? **No. Once the sentence is fully satisfied, you automatically regain your right to vote. You must re-register to vote.**
- 3) How long will the entire pardon process take? **The application process is lengthy since all the references and information must be verified. On average, it takes about seven (7) to nine (9) months from the time the pardon application is received until a pardon hearing date is scheduled. Cases are scheduled in the order in which they are received. If the person who is applying for a pardon has been laid off or faced with possible job termination pending the results of a pardon hearing, they must so indicate on the application under "Reason for Requesting Pardon," and attach statements concerning the circumstances.**
- 4) Does a pardon restore my right to own or purchase a firearm? **According to state law, a South Carolina pardon will allow a person to apply for ownership of a firearm in South Carolina. However, the effect of the South Carolina pardon on federal or other state law and regulations is entirely determined by that jurisdiction.**
- 5) Does a pardon clear me from registering as a sex offender? **No, a pardon will not relieve you of the requirements of continuing to register as a sex offender.**

**South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services**

**PARDON APPLICATION**

*(NOTE: All information provided on application will be verified.)*

Present Name		Name Indicted Under (if different from Present Name) or Alias	
Social Security Number (XXX-XX-XXXX)		Date of Birth (MM-DD- YEAR)	Gender (check) Male   or Female
Email Address		Reason for Requesting a Pardon	
Phone Number			
County of Residence	Driver's License Number and Issuing State (optional)		
Mailing Address (if different from Street Address), City, State, and Zip Code			
Street Address*			
City	State	Zip Code	

**ADDRESSES FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS\* (Please list previous address(es) if you have resided less than 5 years at the address above)**

STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

**LIST ALL EMPLOYMENT FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS (IF RETIRED, STUDENT, OR UNEMPLOYED, GIVE BEGINNING/ENDING DATES)**

Do not leave unexplained gaps. *(NOTE: If you do not wish employer to be notified, you must provide documentation of employment)*

Company Name:	Begin date & End date:	Phone number:	
Address	City	State	Zip code
Company Name:	Begin date & End date:	Phone number:	
Address	City	State	Zip code
Company Name:	Begin date & End date:	Phone number:	
Address	City	State	Zip code
Company Name:	Begin date & End date:	Phone number:	
Address	City	State	Zip code
Company Name:	Begin date & End date:	Phone number:	
Address	City	State	Zip code

**LIST ALL SOUTH CAROLINA CONVICTIONS**

THE BOARD WILL ONLY CONSIDER DOCUMENTED CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION

CONVICTION	DATE	COUNTY OF CONVICTION

PENDING CHARGES, FEDERAL CONVICTIONS AND/OR OUT OF STATE CONVICTIONS

Please mark "YES" or "NO" for the following questions. *(Note that pending charges, federal and out of state convictions are not considered for pardon.)*

Pending charges? YES <input type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Federal Convictions? YES <input type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Out of State Convictions? YES <input type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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**SUPPORT LETTERS** List the names and contact information of three people not related by blood or marriage who have written letters supporting you receiving a pardon. Attach a signed, recently dated statement of support from each person. **Application will be returned if letters are not included.**

Name:		Phone number:	
Address	City	State	Zip code
Name:		Phone number:	
Address	City	State	Zip code
Name:		Phone Number:	
Address	City	State	Zip code

PARDON ELIGIBILITY: PLEASE CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

<input type="checkbox"/> I have been discharged from probation supervision and any or all restitution has been paid in full.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been discharged from my sentence without having been on probation or parole and any or all restitution has been paid in full.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a parolee and have successfully completed five (5) years under supervision and any or all restitution has been paid in full.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been discharged after successfully completing my maximum parole period and any or all restitution has been paid in full.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an inmate not presently eligible for parole and can produce evidence comprising the most extraordinary circumstances.
<input type="checkbox"/> I was previously considered for pardon and rejected on _____ (date of previous hearing)
<input type="checkbox"/> I have paid all restitution owed in full. <b>(NOTE: Outstanding restitution will result in the request for a pardon to be denied.)</b>

GENERAL RELEASE OF INFORMATION

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby authorize any agent or other authorized representative of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services bearing this release, or copy thereof, within one year of its date, to obtain any information in your files pertaining to my grievance records, employment, military, credit, medical or educational records including, but not limited to, academic, job performance, achievement, attendance, athletic, personal history, and disciplinary records. I hereby direct you to release such information upon request of the bearer. This release is executed with full knowledge and understanding that the information will be used in connection with my pardon investigation by the bearer and will be disseminated to those individuals or agencies directly involved in this pardon determination or to fulfill other obligations imposed by law, regulation or executive order. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records, and any school, college, university or other educational institution, hospital, or other repository of medical records, credit bureau, consumer reporting agency, personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, my family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with this release. A photocopy of this release shall be treated as an original. Should there be any question as to the validity of this release, you may contact me as indicated below.

I certify that all the contents of the above application are true and correct. I understand that all information provided on the pardon application will be verified. I further understand that if any of it is of a sensitive nature which might lead to the damaging of my current status (such as contacting neighbors, employers, etc.) that I will take the appropriate steps to minimize this risk.

**NOTE: If you are applying on behalf of someone, indicate your authority to file this application below next to your printed full name.**

Full Name (Signature)	Date
Full Name (Printed)	
<b>NOTARY</b> Sworn to me this _____ day of _____, _____ (date) (month) (year)	Full Name of Notary (Signature)
My commission expires: _____	Full Name of Notary (Printed)
Mail completed application, application fee and 3 letters of support to: <b>SCDPPPS, P.O. Box 207, Columbia, SC 29202</b>	

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## Pardon timeline:

1. Submit completed application.
2. Hearing scheduled in SEVEN to NINE months.
3. Submit pardon packet within TEN days of hearing.
4. Hearing
5. Decision -  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the pardon board

# Pardon packet - what to include:

- ▶ Personal statement from applicant
- ▶ Certificates, awards, degrees
- ▶ Community involvement
- ▶ Additional letters of support

## Hearing:

- ▶ No attorney needed
- ▶ 5 minutes total
- ▶ Brief statement from client - **Remorse, Regret, Responsibility**
- ▶ Hit highlights from pardon packet



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**Email: [awalker@rootandrebond.org](mailto:awalker@rootandrebond.org)**

# Voting: Can you vote with a criminal record in South Carolina?

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# Who can vote?

In South Carolina, individuals with criminal records can vote!

1. Must have completed sentence - incarceration and/or supervision.
  - a. Complications with administrative monitoring--call us!
2. Must register.
3. Does not matter if the conviction is a misdemeanor or felony.
4. Does not matter the type of conviction.
5. Jail vs. prison
6. Should social service providers encourage individuals to vote?
  - a. YES.
  - b. CANNOT advocate for how to exercise their vote.
7. Deadline to register - OCTOBER 5, 2020



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