



SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108

FIRST LAST
123 MAIN STREET
ANYTOWN, USA

February 28, 2019

Dear Mr./Ms. Last,

I am a judge on the Supreme Judicial Court, the highest court in Massachusetts. I am writing to tell you that the court has dismissed certain conviction(s) or other disposition(s) against you, and that the court has also dismissed the underlying charge(s). The dismissed convictions are shown on the attached page(s), listed by court, docket number, count, and charge.

Why is the court dismissing these convictions?

A chemist named Sonja Farak engaged in serious misconduct involving her work at a state drug lab. Your case includes one or more drug convictions affected by Ms. Farak. The court has now dismissed the conviction(s). This dismissal is final and permanent, which means you cannot be prosecuted again for any charge that has been dismissed.

What happens next?

Your criminal record has been updated to remove the conviction(s). The removal of a conviction may provide important benefits to you related to employment, housing, immigration, and more.

However, your record has not been sealed. You can find more information about sealing your record at [**www.masslegalhelp.org/cori**](http://www.masslegalhelp.org/cori).

In addition, you might have other charges in the same case that were not dismissed and that remain on your record. You may want to speak to a lawyer about whether these convictions can also be undone.

You might also have paid money because of these convictions, such as fines, court fees, probation fees, or restitution. You may want to speak to a lawyer about whether you are entitled to have any money returned to you.

If you have any questions about this letter, including how to get a lawyer to help you, you may contact the Committee for Public Counsel Services (the state public defender agency) by calling its confidential Drug Lab Case Hotline at **888-999-2881**, or by visiting its website: [**www.publiccounsel.net/dlclu**](http://www.publiccounsel.net/dlclu). You may also find information on the court's website: [**www.mass.gov/courts/druglab**](http://www.mass.gov/courts/druglab).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank M. Gaziano", written over a horizontal line.

Frank M. Gaziano
Associate Justice