

**PETITION TO SEAL CRIMINAL RECORDS
FOR NOLLE PROSEQUI OR DISMISSAL**

Use this form to ask the court to seal criminal records for charges that resulted in a "nolle prosequi" or that the court dismissed. Use a separate form for each case.

Massachusetts Trial Court



DOCKET NUMBER

COURT DEPARTMENT

☐ Boston Municipal Court ☐ Juvenile Court
☐ District Court ☐ Superior Court

COURT DIVISION/COUNTY

YOUR INFORMATION

Your Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address:
(street, city,
state, zip code) _____

Phone Number: _____

Probation Central File (PCF) Number: _____

RECORDS YOU WANT SEALED

Provide the following information for the records you want sealed. If you need more room, use the Continuation Sheet on Page 3. Check here ☐ if you use the Continuation Sheet.

Charge (list each charge on a separate line)	State Whether the Court Entered a Nolle Prosequi or Dismissed the Charge	Date of Nolle Prosequi or Dismissal
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REASONS YOU WANT YOUR RECORDS SEALED

Answer the following questions as specifically as possible. If any question is not relevant to you, explain why. If you need more space, attach additional pages. Also, attach any documents that support your petition to seal.

How may the records affect your ability to get or keep a job, or affect whether you rely on public assistance?

How may the records affect your ability to advance economically or professionally?

What attempts have you made to get a job?

How may the records affect your ability to obtain or keep housing?

How may the records affect your ability to participate in community or volunteer activities?

What community or civic activities are you involved in?

Did you successfully complete a probationary term or treatment for a mental health condition or substance use disorder?

Have you avoided additional contact with the criminal justice system?

Have you achieved any particular accomplishments?

By signing below, I am asking the court to enter an order sealing the records of the criminal charges listed in this petition. I know that I may be penalized for perjury if the information in this petition is not truthful.

MY SIGNATURE

DATE

COURT ORDER (for Court use only)

☐ The court will hold a hearing on the petition on this date _____ at this time _____ (at least 7 days after the filing of the petition). The Clerk-Magistrate must give notice of the hearing to the Probation Service and to the appropriate prosecutor's office, who should notify any victim(s) that they may attend and speak at the hearing. The Clerk-Magistrate must post a copy of this petition on a public bulletin board until the hearing.

JUSTICE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Provide the following information for the records that you want the court to seal, for each criminal charge that ended in a nolle prosequi or dismissal.

Charge (list each charge on a separate line)	State Whether the Court Entered a Nolle Prosequi or Dismissed the Charge	Date of Nolle Prosequi or Dismissal
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