

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE INTEREST OF:

DOB: _____ **AGE:** _____ **SEX:** _____ **CASE NO.** _____

Minor Child under the age of eighteen (18) years.

PETITION TO SEAL FILES AND RECORDS

COMES NOW, the above-named Petitioner, and requests the Court seal the records in the above-styled case pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-701(b), showing to the Court the following in support thereof:

1. On the ____ day of _____, 20____, Petitioner was adjudicated for committing a delinquency act or as a child in need of services;
2. On the ____ day of _____, 20____, Petitioner was discharged from supervision, and Petitioner's file in the Juvenile Court of Cherokee County was closed;
3. Two years have therefore elapsed since the Petitioner's discharge;
4. Since Petitioner's discharge, Petitioner has not been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, nor has the Petitioner been adjudicated for committing a delinquent act or as a child in need of services and no proceeding seeking conviction or adjudication is pending against Petitioner;
5. Petitioner is rehabilitated.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that:

- (a) Process issue directed to the District Attorney of Cherokee County, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the authority that granted the discharge if the discharge was from an institution of from parole, and all law enforcement officers or departments having custody of any attached files and records, giving notice of this Petition to Seal Files and Records and requiring each to show cause why this Petition should not be granted;
- (b) The Court enter an Order directing that all files and records in the above-styled proceeding be sealed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-701; and
- (c) This Court order other and further relief as the Court deems necessary and just.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____, 20____.

PETITIONER

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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VERIFICATION

Personally appeared before the undersigned, an officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths, _____, who, after being duly sworn, states under oath that he/she is legally competent to make this Verification and that the facts alleged in the Petition to Seal Files and Records are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

PETITIONER

Print Name: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ____ day of _____, 20____.

My commission expires: _____

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ORDER SEALING FILES AND RECORDS

Upon consideration of the Petition to Seal Files and Records having been brought before the Court on the _____ day of _____, 20____, the Court finds that the above-styled proceeding meets the criteria required by O.C.G.A. § 15-11-701.

As such, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all files and records in the above-styled proceeding shall be sealed, shall be treated as if it never occurred, and that all index references shall be deleted and that the Petitioner, the Court, law enforcement, District Attorney, and any other agencies and departments affiliated with the above proceeding shall properly reply that no record exists pertaining to the Petitioner upon inquiry.

IN IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order shall be sent to each agency or designated official and shall also be sent to the Deputy Director of the Georgia Crime Information Center of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that inspection of the files and record of this proceeding may only be permitted by an Order of the Court upon petition by the person who is the subject of the records and otherwise only by those persons named in the Order or to criminal justice officials upon petition to the Court for official judicial enforcement or criminal justice purposes.

SO ORDERED, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Judge Richard A. Jones
Judge Amanda G. Speights
Juvenile Court of Cherokee County
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit