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Preparing to Legalize – Expungement of Prior Convictions or Arrests

The first step towards preparing yourself to receive any immigration benefit often includes a background investigation and expungement of your criminal record. Expungement is also a good idea for anyone who wants to move past any past mistakes. "Expungement" is the legal term for sealing a criminal record.

Generally, according to Oregon law you are eligible for an expungement of your criminal conviction and/or arrest record:

- Any time after three years from the date of the conviction, *if* you have complied with and fully performed the sentence of the court. Your conviction must have been a violation, misdemeanor, or Class C felony, or a crime punishable as either a felony or a misdemeanor;
- Any time after one year from the date of any arrest, *if* no complaint was filed; or
- Any time after an acquittal or a dismissal of the charge.

You are not eligible for an expungement if:

- Your conviction is for a sex crime or child abuse crime;
- You have been convicted of another crime within the immediately preceding 10-year period of applying for an expungement;
- Your conviction is for a traffic offense; or
- There is another criminal charge pending against you in court.

There are also other restrictions that may apply under Oregon Law.

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment regarding expungement please contact my office.