

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

In The General Court Of Justice
Before The Clerk

_____ County

IN THE MATTER OF

Criminal File Number

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION THAT A CRIMINAL FILE DOES NOT EXIST

G.S. 7A-109, -343(3)

A request was made to the Clerk of Superior Court to conduct a search of the official records in the courts of the county named above for the specific criminal file number listed above. This is to certify that on this date I searched the official records in this office and **I found that no record exists for the criminal file number listed above.**

SEAL

Date

Clerk Of Superior Court

Name Of Undersigned Clerk (type or print)

Signature

☐ Deputy CSC ☐ Assistant CSC ☐ Clerk Of Superior Court

NOTE: *There are several possibilities to explain the nonexistence of a numbered criminal file within the records of a Clerk of Superior Court: the particular file number may not have been reached in sequence to be assigned; the particular file number may have been assigned and subsequently deleted; or the particular file number may have been assigned and the file was later expunged pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes. Cases where (1) all charges are disposed on or after December 1, 2021 and (2) all charges are dismissed or result in a finding of not guilty/not responsible, are expunged by operation of law and without court order not less than 180 days and not more than 210 days after final disposition. Cases with civil revocations are not eligible for automatic expunction if the civil revocation is pursuant to G.S. 20-16.2 or where there is some other non-compliance on the case.*

NOTE TO CLERK: *A clerk shall disclose the existence or content of an expunged record from the clerk's own county only:*

- (1) Upon request of a person, or attorney representing the person on the expunction matter, requesting disclosure or copies of the person's own record.*
- (2) To the office of the district attorney.*
- (3) To the Office of the Appellate Defender upon appointment of that office as counsel for the person who was the subject of the expunged record.*

G.S. 15A-151(a2).