

# Petition to Seal (Expungement) for Misdemeanors Flow Chart

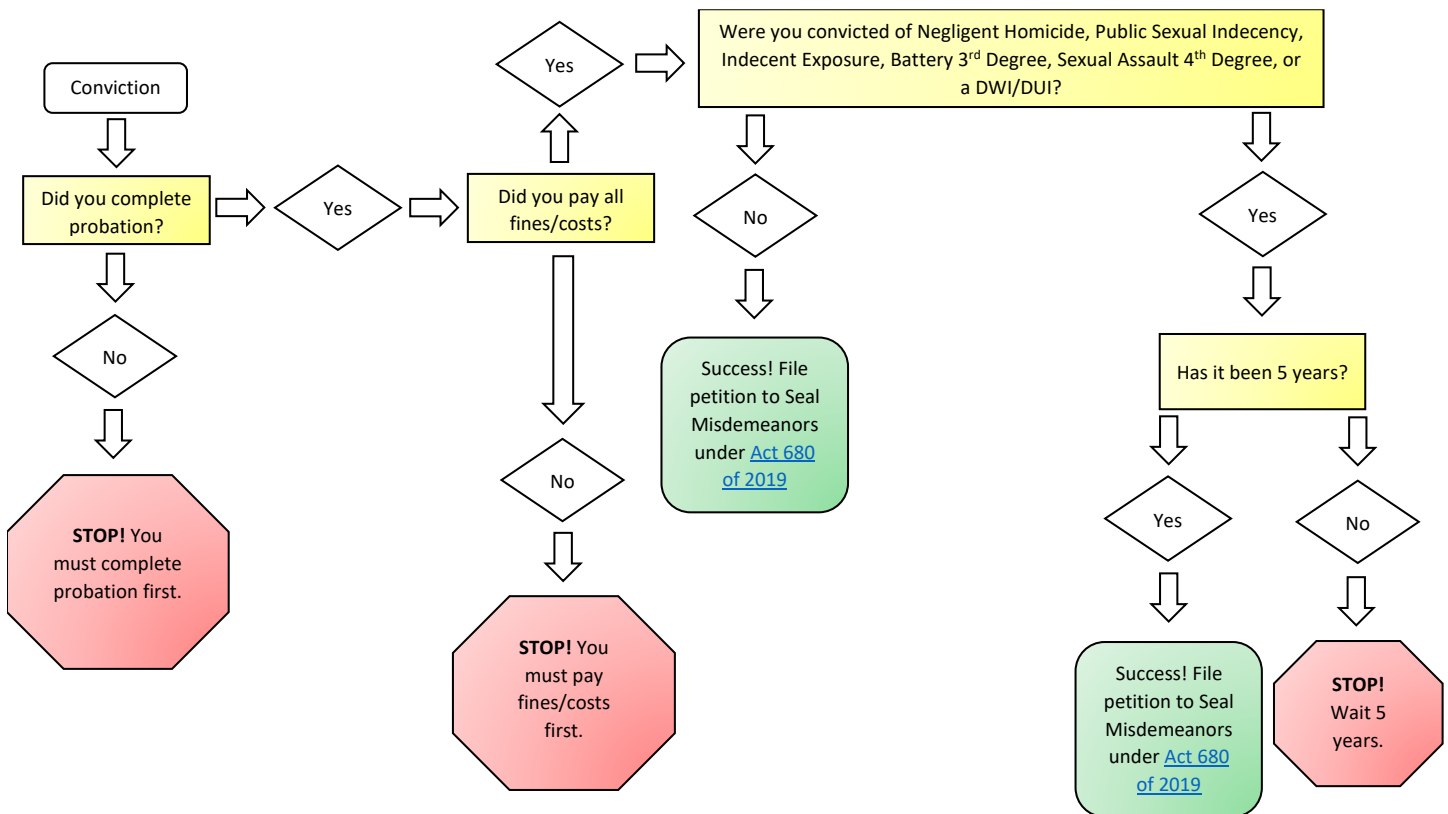
## Introduction

In some cases, you can ask the court to seal your criminal record from public view. (This used to be called expungement.) Your records won't be physically destroyed, but they will be sealed and treated as confidential. This flow chart is for misdemeanors only.

Your Judgment and Commitment Order will help you in navigating the flow chart below. You may also need your sentencing order from the court that details the sentence you received. If you do not have these documents, you can get them from the clerk's office where you were sentenced. You may be charged a small fee (generally \$5) to get the copies.

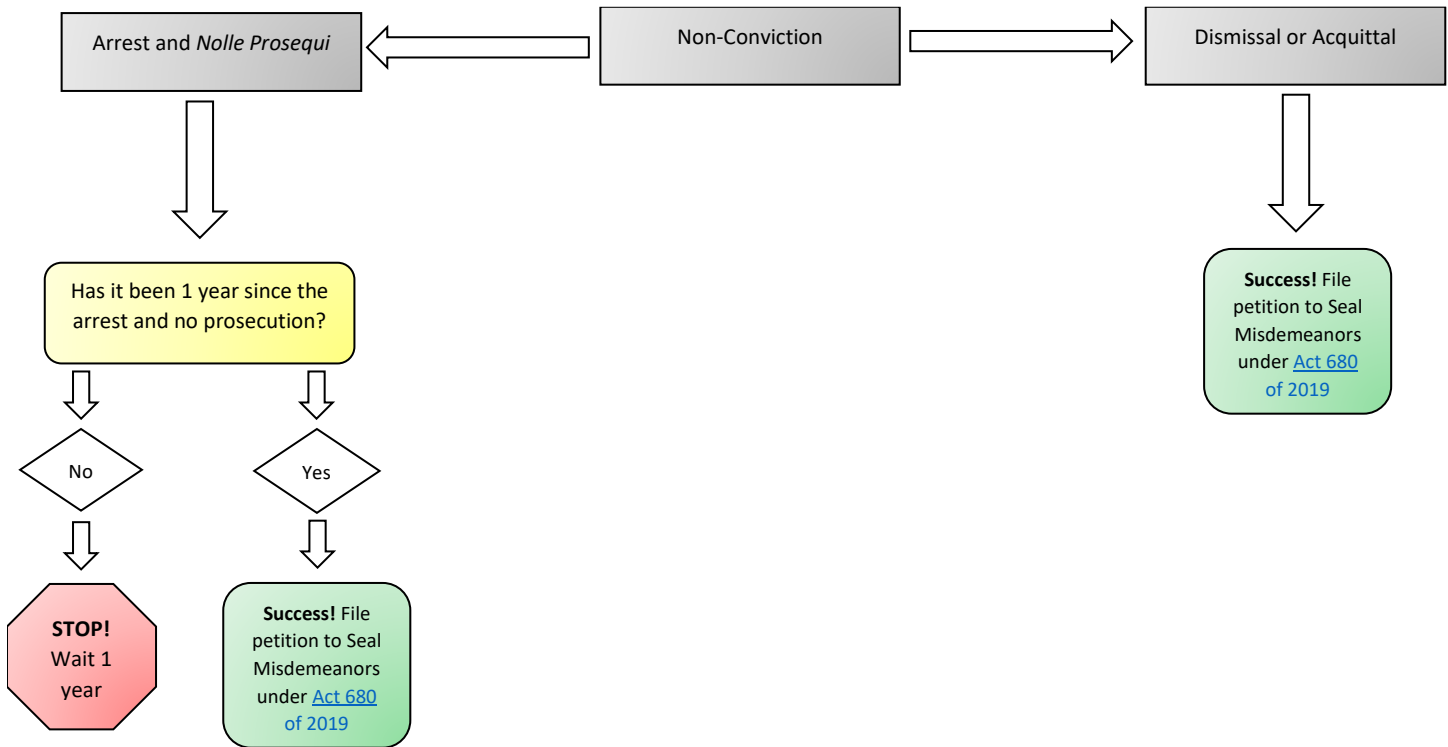
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## Misdemeanor Conviction Flow Chart



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## Misdemeanor Non-Conviction Flow Chart



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