

What is automatic expungement?

- Automatic expungement is the automatic removal of a criminal case from your record. This procedure eliminates the need for you to file any paperwork to get your record expunged or removed. **This is not legal advice.** Please consult an attorney about your particular situation and circumstances.
- **Your case will automatically be expunged** after three years from the disposition of charges if the disposition date is October 1st, 2021 or later and all charges resulted in:
 - dismissal, acquittal, not guilty, or nolle prosequi.

Other factors affecting expungement

- Even though cases that were dismissed, acquitted, nolle prosequi, or rendered a not guilty verdict, will not appear in Maryland case search, they can still be found through a background search or fingerprint scan. We recommend meeting with an attorney to determine what cases may remain on your record, and what cases may be eligible for expungement, either through the formal expungement process or via automatic expungement.
- If you wish to expunge a case from your record prior to the end of the three-year waiting period, you may seek legal advice to start an expungement process, as soon as your case has closed.

Automatic expungement does not apply to the following circumstances:

- Cases prior to October 1st, 2021.
- Cases that ended with probation before judgment (PBJ).
- Cases placed on the stet docket.
- Dispositions of nolle prosequi with a requirement of drug or alcohol treatment.
- Any case that resulted in a convictionCases in which you were found not criminally responsible for trespass, disturbing the peace, or telephone misuse.