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Overview

- The eCourts Expungement System provides an automated mechanism for a Regular, Clean Slate,
 Recovery Court, Marijuana and Marijuana Decriminalization expungement petition/proposed order to be filed, reviewed, and processed by various user roles.
- You can also submit an Amend Order on previously granted expungements for all the above mentioned expungement types.
- Orders vacated by the Court will appear on your In Progress Workbasket with the status Order Vacated.
- The filer (Self-represented litigant or private attorney filing on behalf of the petitioner) chooses cases to be expunged and submits a petition/proposed order that is reviewed by the Prosecutor.
- The County Prosecutor provides a response to the petition/proposed order and uploads their response letter.
 - The filer can upload the "Petitioner Response Letter" in response to the Prosecutor's objection.
- Court staff can review the complete list of cases, save the final order for the judge to review, or submit an expungement decision on behalf of the judge to deny, dismiss or grant the final order for expungement. Court staff can schedule an expungement hearing manually outside the system.
- Judges can review the complete list of cases within the petition/proposed order or submit an expungement decision to deny or grant the final order for expungement.



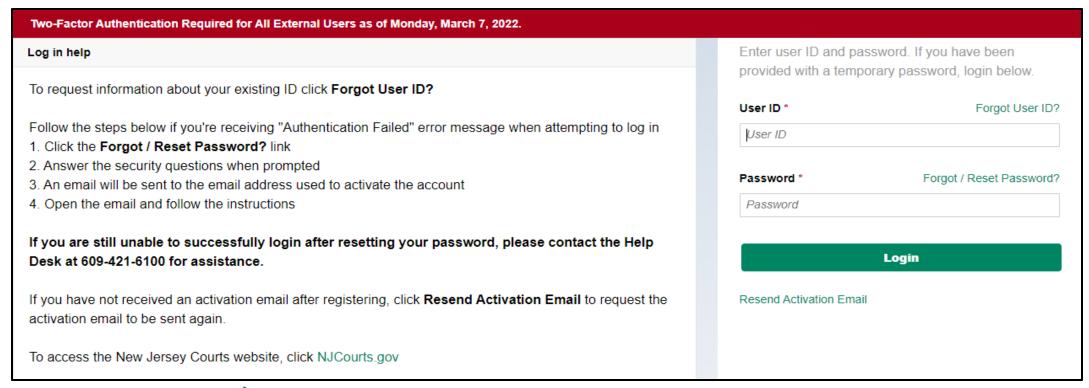
Roles and Access

- **Self-represented litigants** can initiate and submit a petition/proposed order for Recovery Court, Regular, Clean Slate, Marijuana Decriminalization or Marijuana expungement using a criminal, municipal, or family (FO or FJ docket) case.
- **Private Attorneys** can initiate and submit a petition/proposed order for Recovery Court, Regular or Clean Slate or Marijuana Decriminalization, Marijuana expungement using a criminal, municipal, or family (FO or FJ docket) case on behalf of the petitioner.



Navigation

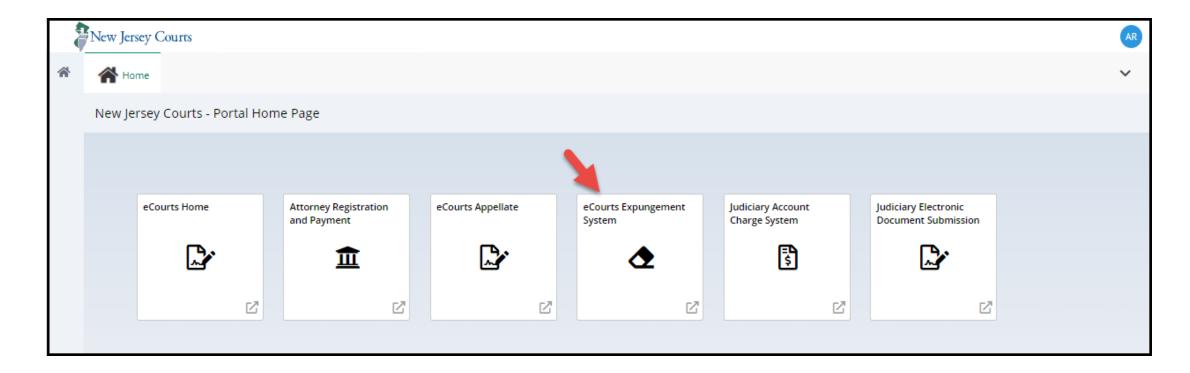
- **Self-represented litigant** enters login credentials established via the Self Registration portal and clicks the "Login" button. Once you click login select where you want the One time passcode to be sent to and enter it.
- **Private Attorney** enters login credentials (valid attorney ID and password) and clicks the "Login" button. Once you click login select where you want the One time passcode to be sent to and enter it.





New Jersey Courts – Portal Home Page

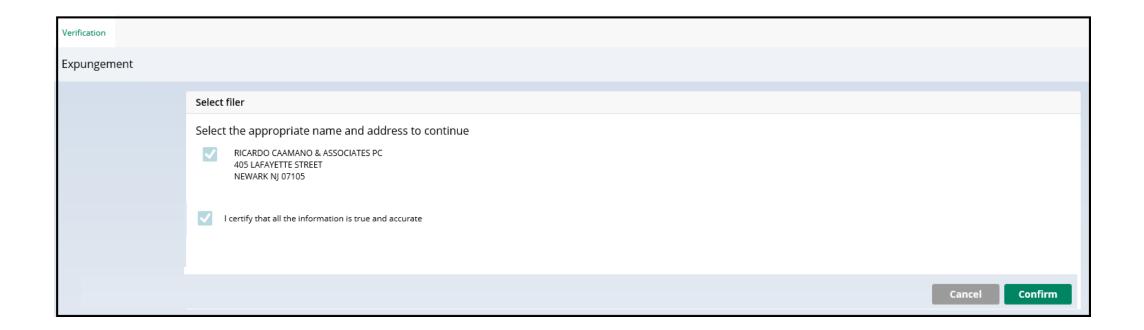
- Tiles will be displayed based on Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney's access.
- Select the tile for "eCourts Expungement System."





New Jersey Courts – Portal Home Page

• Private Attorney will navigate to a verification screen to select the firm they are associated with and certify that the information is correct.

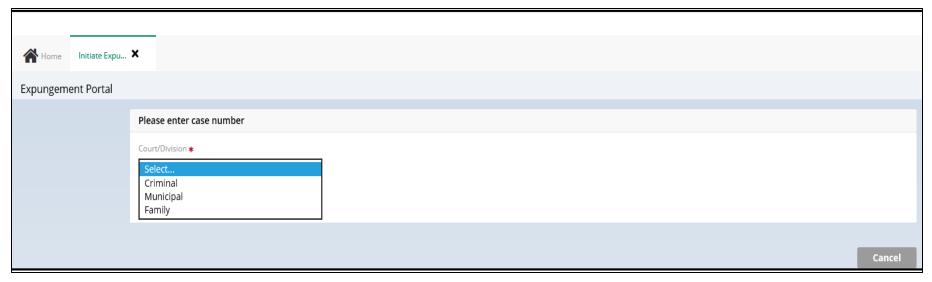


Expungement Home Page

- Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney can select the appropriate tile for the desired action:
- In Progress Expungements access expungement cases that are still being processed.
- Initiate Expungement create a new petition for expungement.

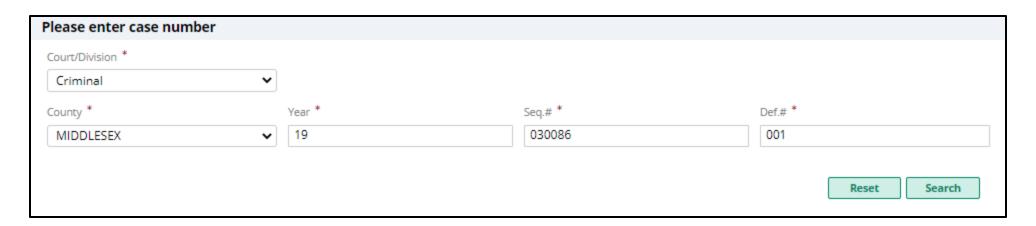


- To create a new petition/proposed order, click the <u>Initiate Petition</u> tile.
- Select the Court/Division (Criminal, Municipal, or Family) of the case through which you are initiating an expungement petition. You can initiate the petition on any one of the petitioner's cases.
- To return to the Expungement application Home Page, click the Cancel button.





- Enter the case number for one of the petitioner's cases in the provided fields, then click the <u>Search</u> button and review the results.
- To remove your result and start over, click the Reset button.
- To proceed, click the <u>Initiate</u> button on the desired case/defendant record.



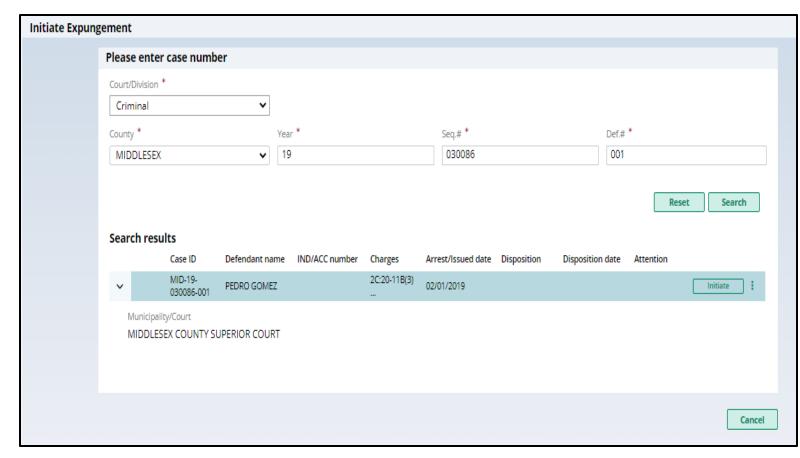


- To start a new expungement petition, enter one of the below case identifiers and then click the <u>Search</u> button:
 - A primary municipal case, select Court/Division as 'Municipal' and enter a complaint number for the defendant in the provided fields, then click the <u>Search</u> button.
 - A primary family case, select Court/Division as 'Family' and enter a FO or FJ docket number for the defendant in the provided fields
 - A primary criminal case, select Court/Division as 'Criminal' and enter a PROMIS/Gavel (P/G) case number for the defendant in the provided fields, then click the <u>Search</u> button.
- To return to the eCourts Expungement System Home Page, click the <u>Cancel</u> button.
- To proceed, click the <u>Initiate</u> button for the desired defendant/case.

Note: see image on next slide

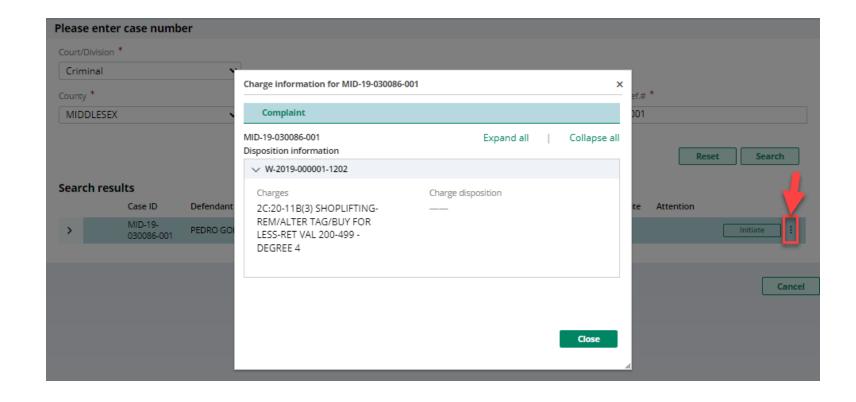


- The search result displays the case ID, Defendant name, indictment/accusatio n number, charges, arrest/issued date, disposition date.
- Clicking on the twisty shows the Municipality/Court that the case belongs to.





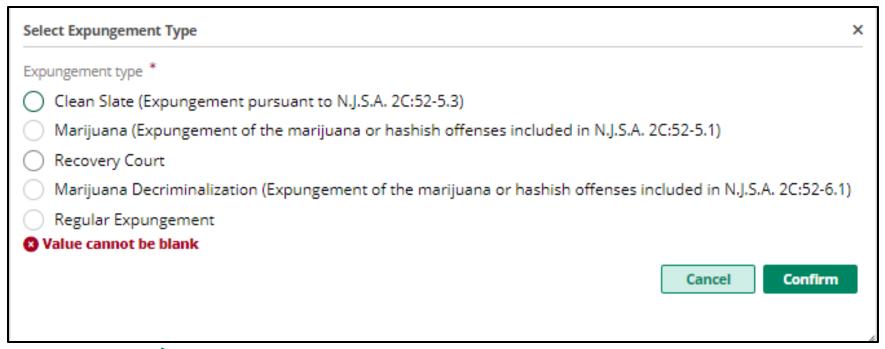
 You can click on the Action Menu (three dots) to view charges associated with the case ID





Select Expungement Type

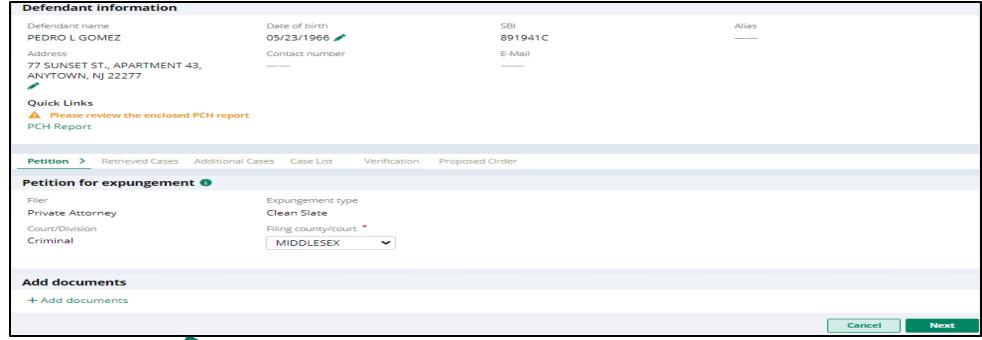
- Upon clicking the Initiate button, a pop-up window is displayed to select the Expungement Type – Marijuana, Clean Slate, Recovery court, marijuana decriminalization or Regular
- After selecting a value, click the <u>Confirm</u> button





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Petition

- The Defendant information section displays at the top of every screen with defendant details Name, SBI number, Date of Birth, Alias and other contact information.
- This section retrieves and displays the defendant's information based on the information entered
 on the self-registration portal for the self-represented litigant or from the initiating case for the
 private attorney as filer.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Petition

- The "Add documents" link is displayed at the bottom of every screen. It allows you to add
 pertinent documents of PDF type to the expungement petition/case.
 - Click on the "+ Add documents" hyperlink to open the Upload Documents pop-up window.
 - You may also upload documents using the Action menu option in the "In Progress" Workbasket

Add documents		
+Add documents		
		Cancel Next



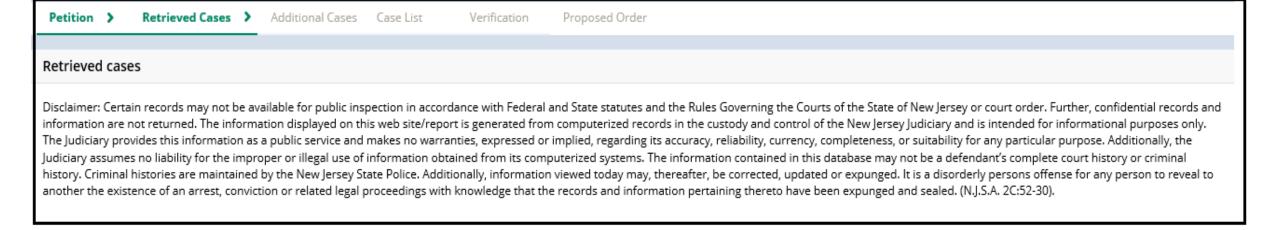
Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Petition

- The <u>Petition for expungement</u> section displays details about the petition in the following fields (read-only): Filer, Expungement type, and Court/Division.
- The Filing county/court field is defaulted based on the county of the initiating case.
- Click Next button.





• Please review the "Disclaimer" section indicating that the system may not include a petitioner's full criminal history and that a petitioner may still need to acquire this information separately.





- The Retrieved Cases screen lists all the defendant's cases the system has retrieved from various source systems. They are listed in sections according to type: Criminal, Municipal, and Family.
- You may expand the case line entry using the twisty to see more information about the case.

Retrieved cases

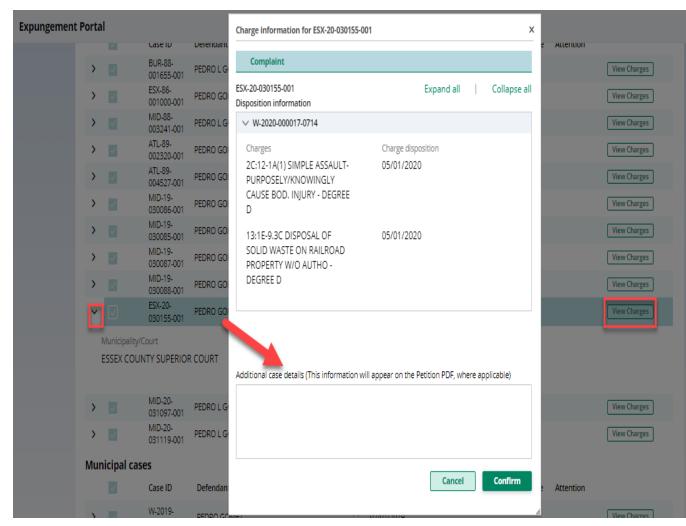
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Criminal cases

	~	Case ID	Defendant name	IND/ACC number	Charges	Arrest/Issued date	Disposition	Disposition date	Attention	
>	~	BUR-88- 001655-001	PEDRO L GOMEZ	89-02-00142-I	2C:20-7A		DISMISSED	04/21/1994		View Charges
>	~	ESX-86- 001000-001	PEDRO GOMEZ	86-02-00465-1	2C:11-5	03/25/1986	GUILTY	06/06/1986		View Charges
>	~	MID-88- 003241-001	PEDRO L GOMEZ		2C:20-3	06/17/1988	DISMISSED	06/05/1989		View Charges
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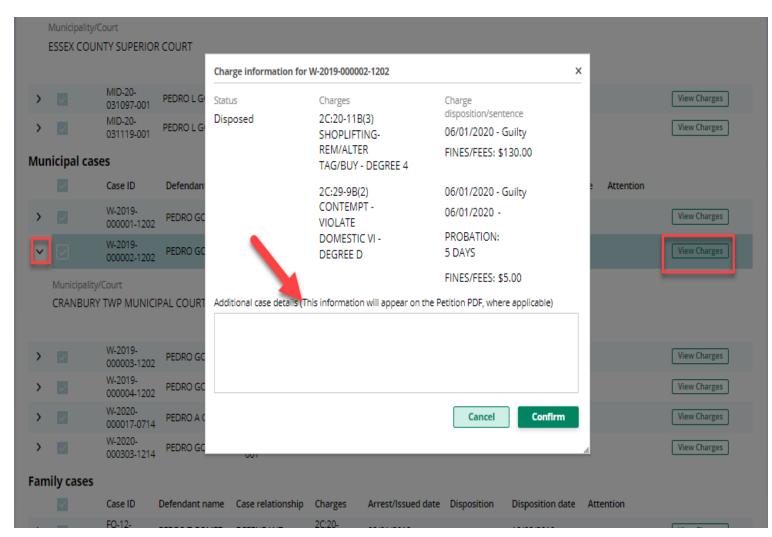
- Criminal court cases display the Indictment/Accusation number (if available), charges, arrest or complaint issued date, disposition and disposition date on the case line entry.
- Clicking on view charges shows the associated complaint(s), full charge information (including charge disposition & sentence) and assigned court can be viewed by clicking the twisty
- Additional case details can be typed into the pop-up window.





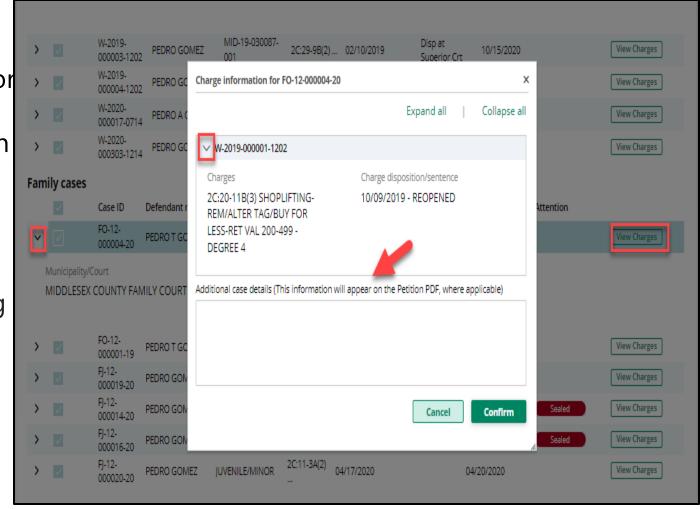
- Municipal court cases display the linked Criminal case if applicable, charges, arrest or complaint issued date, disposition and disposition date on the case line entry.
- Clicking on view charges shows the complaint status, full charge information (including charge disposition & sentence) and expanding the case shows the assigned court.
- To see any additional cases associated with the Municipal case (e.g. Family FO/FJ docket), hover over the "Linked case ID" field

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- Family court cases display the defendant's case relationship (codefendant, co-delinquent, defendant, or juvenile), charges, arrest or complaint issued date, disposition and disposition date on the case line entry.
- Clicking on view charges shows the associated complaint(s), full charge information (including charge disposition & sentence) and expanding the case shows the assigned court.

Note: For self represented litigant, FJ docket types (juvenile cases in Family division) are **excluded**; an FJ case will be listed on this screen only if the petitioner initiated the expungement with it.





- Use the check boxes on the left side to deselect a specific case or an entire section of cases and exclude them from the petition/proposed order. Then click "Next."
 - Note: this feature is especially useful when erroneous cases have been retrieved, including those with other SBI numbers. Always verify each case's SBI number.

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Mun	icipal case	es								
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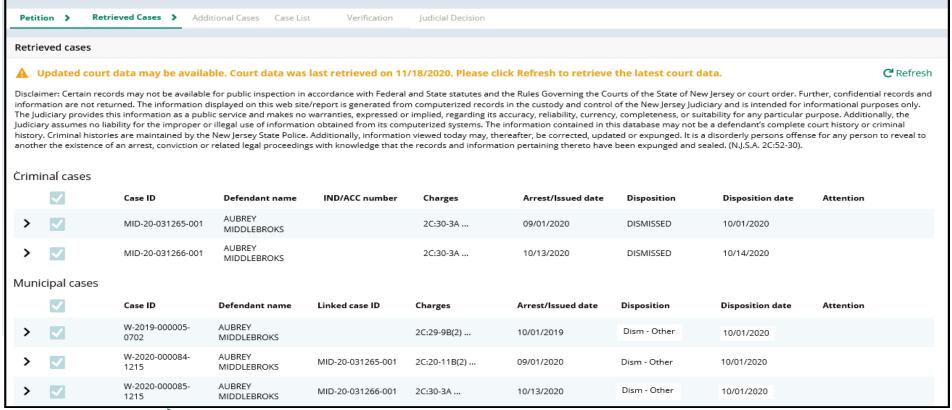
Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Save/Cancel Petition/Proposed Order

 As you move through the petition/proposed order screens, you will have the option to save or cancel at any time using the buttons on the bottom right. Remember to click "Save" before closing the petition/proposed order if you are unable to complete it in one session. The saved petition will display in your "In Progress Workbasket" with a status of "New."





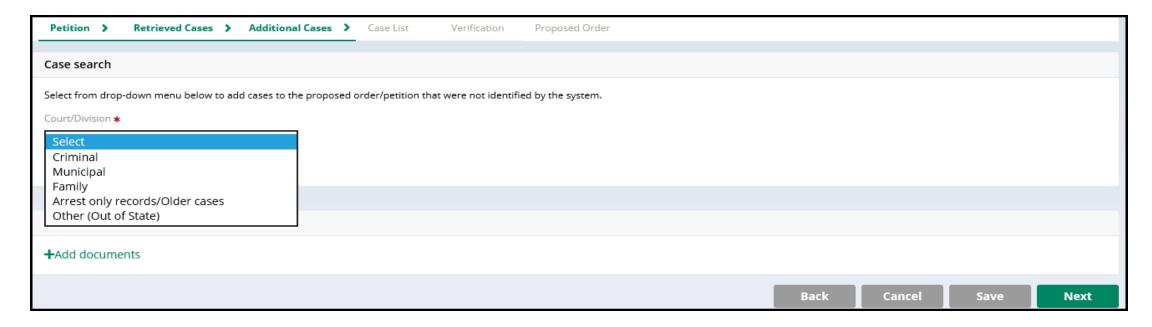
• If you save the petition/proposed order and return to it after 24 hours, an informational message will display that advises additional cases may have been added to the source systems since the petition/proposed order was created. Click on the "Refresh" icon to refresh the data from the source systems.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Additional Cases Screen

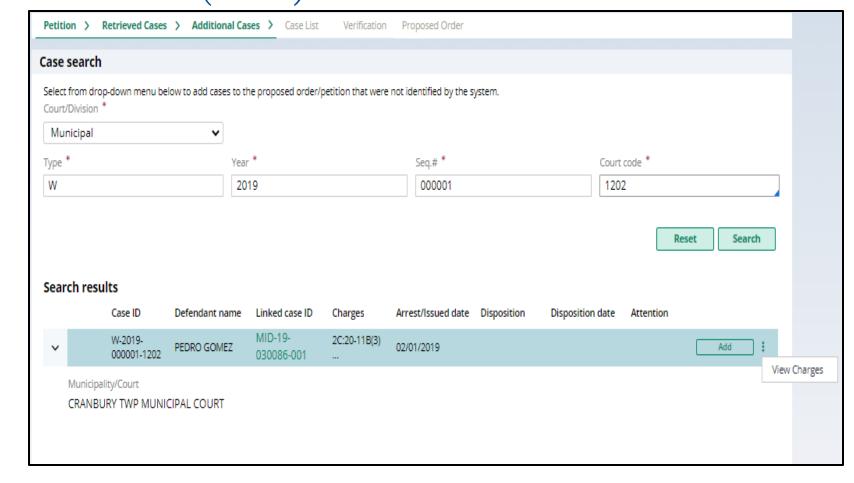
The next screen after you've reviewed the retrieved cases is the "Additional Cases" screen. This
screen provides options to add additional cases that were not systematically retrieved to the
petition/proposed order.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Additional Cases Screen (cont.)

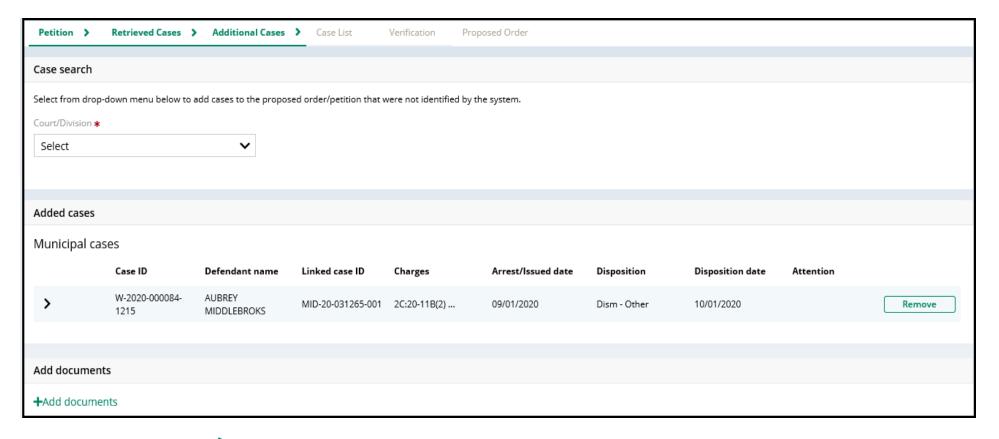
To conduct a system search for a specific case, select "Criminal," "Municipal," or "Family" from the "Court/Division" dropdown menu, enter the required data in the fields that display, and click "Search." To add the case to the petition/proposed order, click "Add."





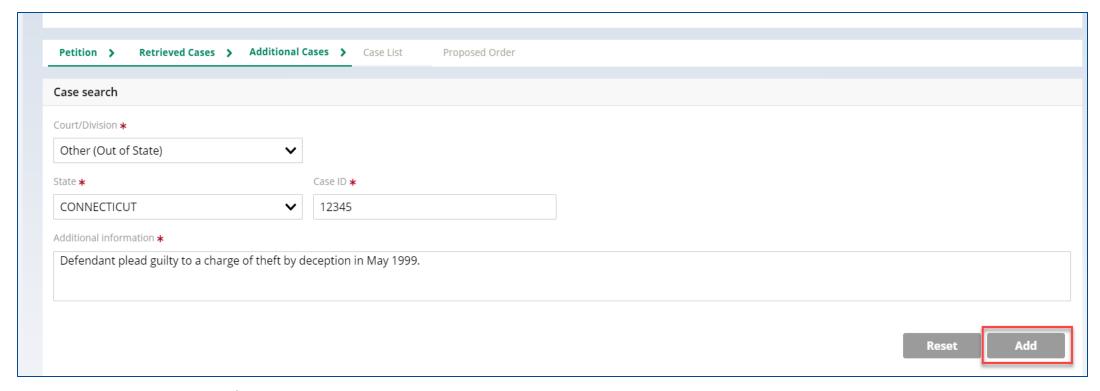
Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Additional Cases Screen (cont.)

To remove an added case, click "Remove."



Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Additional Cases Screen (cont.)

• To manually add an out-of-state case or an in-state record that has not been successfully retrieved, select "Other (Out-Of-State)" or "Arrest only records/Older cases" from the drop-down menu as applicable. Enter the required data in the fields that display. To add the result to the petition/proposed order, click "Add." To remove it, click "Remove." Click "Next" to move on to the following screen.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Case List Screen

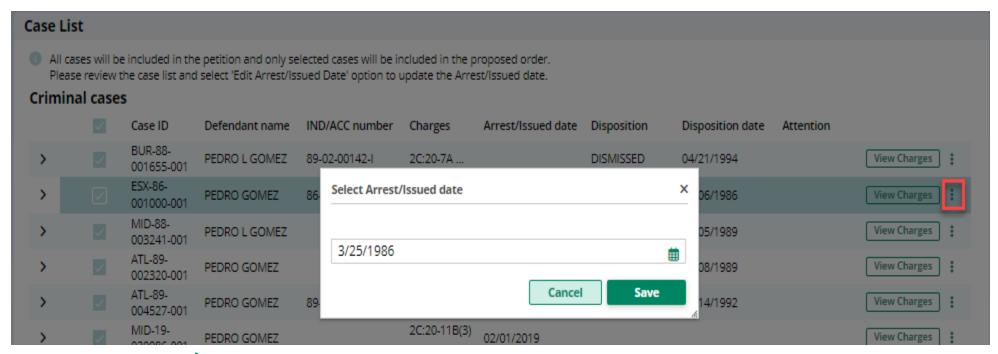
- This screen displays the cases the petitioner selected on the Retrieved Cases screen as well as any cases added on Additional Cases screen.
- All the cases listed are included in the Petition (PDF document).
- Only the cases selected via the check box are included in the Proposed Order.

Petition	> Reti	rieved Cases	> Additional Case	es > Case List >	Verification	Proposed Order				
Case List	t									
	All cases will be included in the petition and only selected cases will be included in the proposed order. Please review the case list and select 'Edit Arrest/Issued Date' option to update the Arrest/Issued date.									
Crimina	al cases	5								
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Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Case List Screen

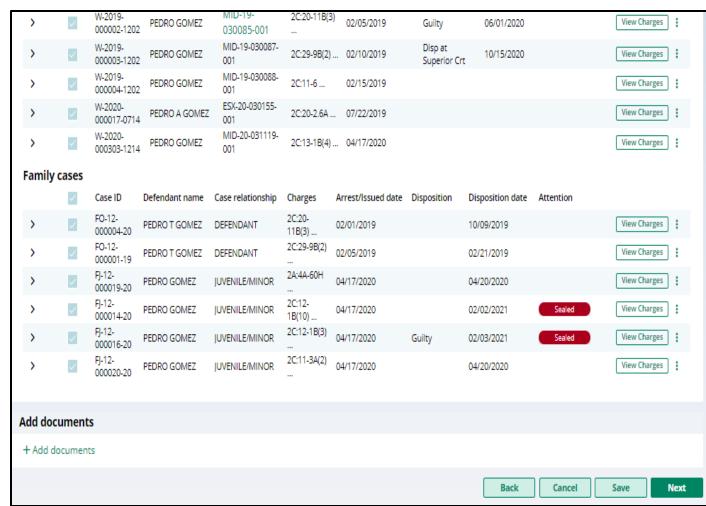
 Click on the Action Menu (three dots next to View Charges button) and the then click on Edit arrest/issued date to select and save the Arrest/Issue date. This date gets updated in the Proposed order and the Petition





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Case List Screen (cont.)

- The petition PDF will display all cases that were identified and added.
- For clean slate expungements, the case list screen will pre-select all cases and you can choose to deselect cases to appear on the proposed order.
- For **regular expungements**, cases will not be selected on the case list screen and you will have to select the cases that you wish to include on the proposed order.
- Review this screen carefully to be sure the case list is complete and accurate. Selected cases will display on the Proposed Order.
- If any cases are missing an arrest date, you must click the pencil icon to add it. If an arrest date is not available, use the complaint issue date. Then, click "Next."





Verification Screen

- The Verification screen enables the user to certify and verify statements and provide supplemental information for some of the selected statements. The first statement in the Certification and Verification sections are mandatory.
- The language on the screen will be different based on the filer.
- The screen will capture Certification that they have provided truthful information.
- Verification that there are no disorderly persons, petty disorderly person, indictable charges or juvenile delinquency matters currently pending against them
- The petitioner may check off additional optional statements regarding:
 - Previously granted sealing/expungement/relief in any state or federal court.
 - Legal name change.
 - More than three years but less than five years having elapsed since last conviction/incarceration/etc.
 - Inclusion of a third or fourth degree controlled dangerous substance crime in the expungement.



Self-represented litigant – Verification Screen

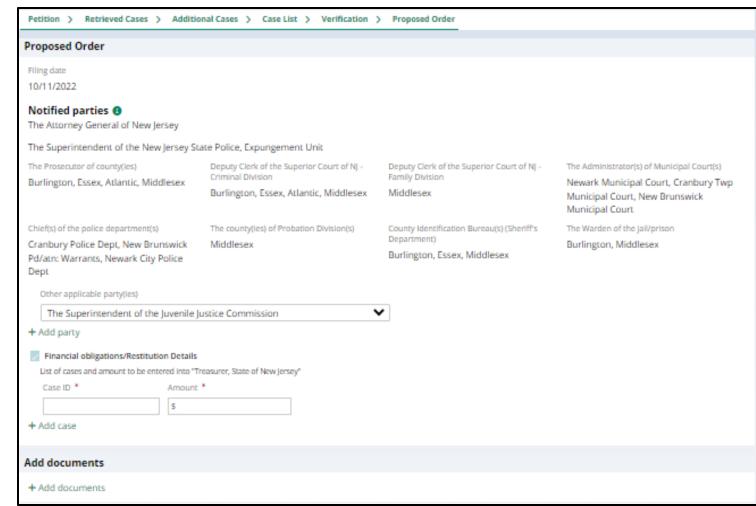
Petition > Retrieved Cases > Additional Cases > Case List > Verification > Proposed Order
Verifications 🐧
Certification:
I am the petitioner in this matter and the statements made in this petition are true. I am aware that if any statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment. *
Verifications:
There are no disorderly persons, petty disorderly person, indictable charges or juvenile delinquency matters pending against me at this time. *
I am seeking expungement of a conviction on a criminal case or an adjudication of delinquency on a juvenile case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-2, and has never been granted an expungement, sealing or similar relief regarding a criminal conviction, by any state or federal court.
I have legally changed my name. I have explained the details of my name change(s) below, included my previous legal name(s), and the date of the court order for the name change(s).
The petitioner is seeking an expungement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-2(a)(2) (after four years), or pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-3(b)(2) (after three years), but less than five years have passed since the most recent conviction, payment of court ordered financial assessment, satisfactory completion of probation or parole, or release from incarceration, whichever is later, and has not otherwise been convicted of a crime, disorderly persons offense, or petty disorderly persons offense since the most recent conviction. The compelling circumstances for the Court to grant this expungement are as follows:
The petitioner is seeking an expungement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-2(c)(3) of a third or fourth degree controlled dangerous substance crime. The compelling circumstances for the Court to grant this expungement are as follows:

Private Attorney- Verification Screen

Petition > Retrieved Cases > Additional Cases > Case List > Verification > Proposed Order						
Verifications (1)						
Certification:						
I am the attorney for the petitioner and I am responding on their behalf. *						
Verifications:						
There are no disorderly persons, petty disorderly person, indictable charges or juvenile delinquency matters pending against the petitioner at this time. *						
The petitioner is seeking expungement of a conviction on a criminal case or an adjudication of delinquency on a juvenile case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-2, and has never been granted an expungement, sealing or similar relief regarding a criminal conviction, by any state or federal court.						
The petitioner had a legal name change. The details of the name change(s) below, included previous legal name(s), and the date of the court order for the name change(s).						
The petitioner is seeking an expungement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-2(a)(2) (after four years), or pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-3(b)(2) (after three years), but less than five years have passed since the most recent conviction, payment of court ordered financial assessment, satisfactory completion of probation or parole, or release from incarceration, whichever is later, and has not otherwise been convicted of a crime, disorderly persons offense, or petty disorderly persons offense since the most recent conviction. The compelling circumstances for the Court to grant this expungement are as follows:						
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Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Proposed Order Screen

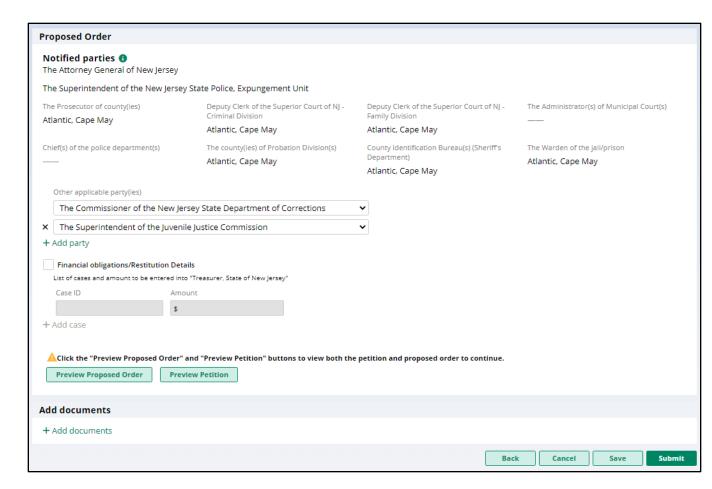
- Click Next to move on to the "Proposed Order" screen which facilitates the following:
 - Identifies parties who must be notified that the petition/proposed order has been filed. To add additional parties, click Other applicable party(ies) drop down or click +Add party.
 - Allows you to enter details regarding the defendant's outstanding financial obligations to the court at the time of filing.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Proposed Order (cont.)

- Click Preview Proposed Order button to open a draft version of the proposed order.
 The selected cases from the Case List screen will be displayed on the PDF.
- Click the **Preview Petition** button to open a draft version of the petition PDF.
- Click the **PCH Report**(this is only visible to private attorney) button to view the Party court history report(you cannot submit without viewing it)
- The Submit button can only be clicked after you click the PCH Report, Preview Proposed Order, and Preview Petition.

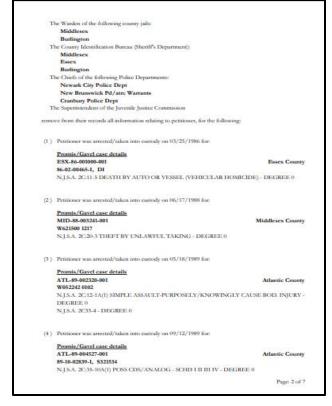


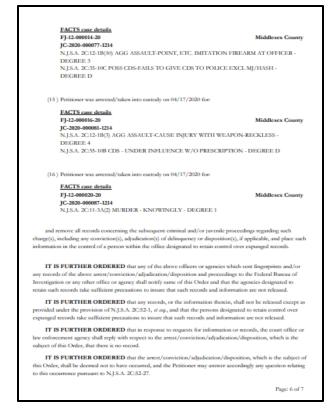


Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Proposed Order pdf

 A draft of the Proposed Order PDF that will be generated when you submit the petition/proposed order will open when the Preview Proposed Order button is clicked. It is important to preview the PDF to be certain all necessary information is included.



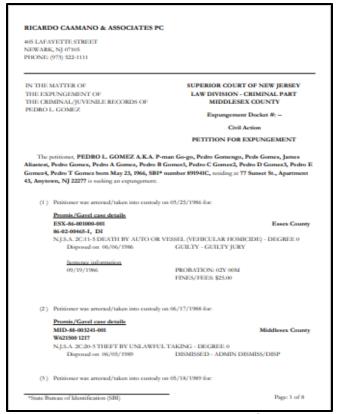


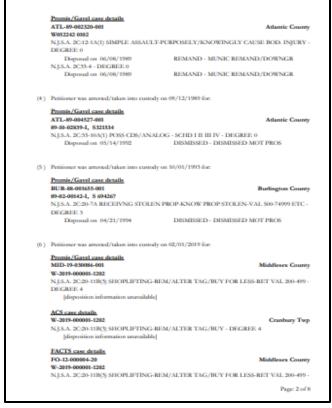




Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Petition pdf

 A draft of the Petition PDF that will be generated when you submit the petition/proposed order will open when you click on the Preview Petition button. It is important to preview the PDF to be certain all necessary information is included. The PCH report is appended to this PDF.

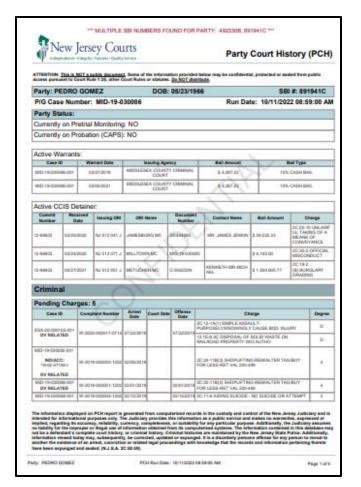


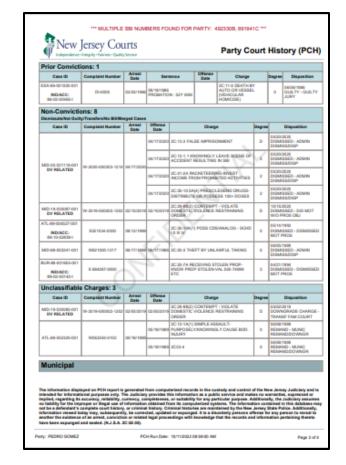


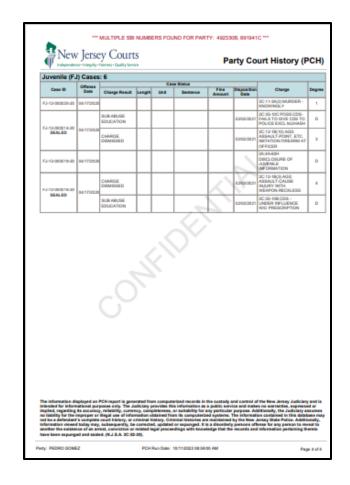




Private Attorney - PCH pdf









Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Submits Petition/Proposed Order

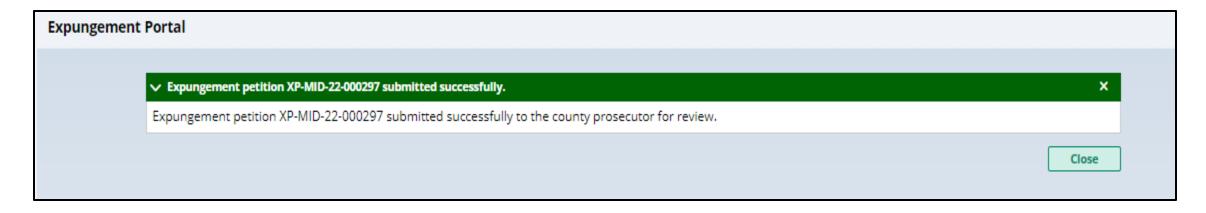
Once you have previewed the drafts of the Proposed Order and Petition, click "Submit." This will
open a pop-up window to confirm or cancel your submission. If you choose to cancel, you will
return to the petition/proposed order and may make any necessary changes.

Confirmation		×
You are about to submit th	ne expungement petition for:	
Defendant	SBI No.	
PEDRO L GOMEZ	891941C	
		Cancel Confirm



Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Submits Petition/Proposed Order (cont.)

- Upon confirmation and submission, the system will display a success message at the top of the screen indicating the petition/proposed order was successfully submitted.
- The system will also generate a unique expungement case number.
- The petitioner will be sent an email notification after the petition is submitted, when the prosecutor submits response, when the order is finalized, or when the expungement case is withdrawn. An electronic copy of each notification is saved to the expungement case jacket.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – In Progress Workbasket

• After the petition/proposed order is submitted, return to the Expungement Home Page and select "In Progress Expungements" tile.



In Progress Workbasket columns

The following columns are displayed:

- Expungement number: the system-generated case number when the Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney submits the petition/proposed order.
- Defendant: Defendant's name in the format of First name, Middle initial, Last name.
- SBI: Unique identifier for the defendant assigned by the State Police.
- Filing date: Date when the petition/proposed order was filed and submitted. Default sort is by earliest date.
- Expungement Type: identifies the type of expungement (i.e. Marijuana, Regular, or Clean Slate).
- Status: indicates the petition's/proposed order's status as it moves through the stages of the process:
 - New, Pending Prosecutor Review, Awaiting Judicial Decision, Order Denied, Order Granted, Expunged, Draft Amended Order, Amended Order Prosecutor Review, Amended Order Petitioner Response, Amended Order Judicial Decision, Amended Order Granted, Order Vacated.
- Decision Date: identifies the date the final order is granted or denied.
- Attention: identifies if the Prosecutor has submitted an objection response.

Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Submits Petition/Proposed Order (cont.)

- Once an expungement has been filed it flows to the County Prosecutor's work basket in Pending Prosecutor Review status who can then either return it to the petitioner(to the County Public Defender's work basket in case of a self represented litigant filed expungements) or submit it to the court who can then grant, deny or dismiss it. When it is returned to the petitioner it will be in Pending Petitioner Response status.
- Private attorney can work on it by clicking on the 'open' button shown below in their workbasket:

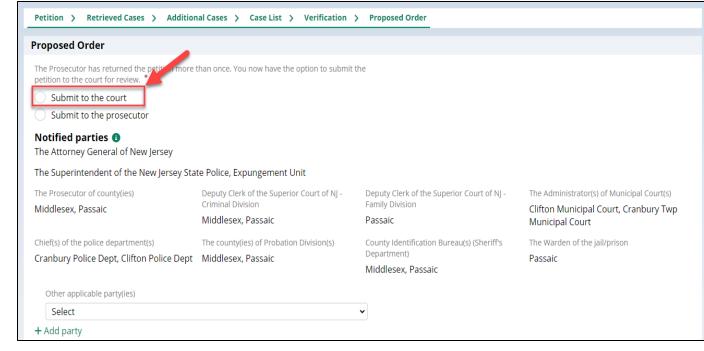


• The petitioner can resubmit to the prosecutor after making changes, if any, to the expungement. Now the petition will be in Revised Petition Prosecutor Review Status.



Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Submits Petition/Proposed Order (cont.)

- If the Prosecutor returns the petition again, the Petitioner has the option to submit the petition directly to the court by clicking 'Submit to the court' radio button in the proposed order screen.
- When submitted to the court, the petition will be in 'Awaiting Judicial Decision Status
- Petitioner can also submit to the prosecutor again by selecting the other radio button.





Change Petition Status

- Court staff and Judge have the ability to manually change the status of petitions.
- From Pending Prosecutor Review, the status can be updated to: Pending Petitioner Response or Awaiting Judicial Decision.
- From Revised Petition Prosecutor Review, the status can be updated to: Pending Petitioner Review or Awaiting Judicial Decision.
- From Pending petitioner response, the status can be updated to: Revised petition prosecutor review or awaiting judicial decision.
- From Awaiting judicial decision the status can be updated to: Revised petition prosecutor review or Pending Prosecutor Review or Pending petitioner response.
- Whenever court staff changes the status a case jacket entry will be added denoting the change. Whenever the status is changed to Pending Petitioner Response an email notification will be sent to the petitioner (Private Attorney if the expungement was initiated by private attorney, else to County Public Defender if it was initiated by a Pro Se user)



Expungement Notifications

The Expungement Notifications workbasket will display records for expungement cases after the petition/proposed order is submitted.

Notified parties will open and review the petition.

These parties (listed below) and other agencies will also be notified when the final order is granted.

- Attorney General
- Superintendent of State Police, Expungement Unit
- County Prosecutor
- Administrator of the municipal court
- Chief of Police or other head of the police department
- Warden or Superintendent of County Jail
- County Probation Division
- Division of Criminal Justice, Records Identification Unit



Private Attorney – Workbasket Search

- A self-represented litigant does not have the functionality to search for a case.
- A private attorney can click the "Add/Change" link next to "Search by" to open a Search parameters popup window.





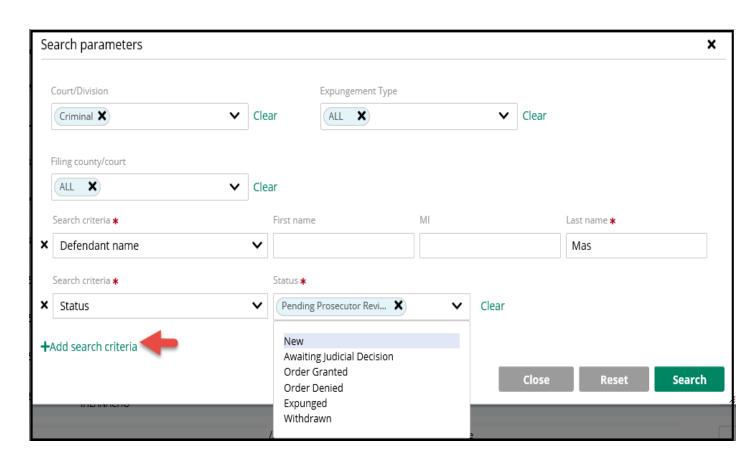
Private Attorney – Workbasket Search(cont.)

- Court/Division defaults to "Criminal"
- Expungement Type defaults to "ALL"
- Filing county/court defaults to "ALL"
- Click +Add search criteria link to choose additional criteria
- Select a value from the "Search criteria" drop down list and enter the desired search criteria
 - Defendant name, SBI number, Status (of the case)



Private Attorney – Workbasket Search (cont.)

- Click the Search button when done entering the search criteria and return to the Workbasket with results matching your criteria.
- Click the Reset button to clear the search parameters entered previously.
- Click the Close button to close the Search parameter popup window and return to the Workbasket.





Private Attorney – Workbasket Search (cont.)

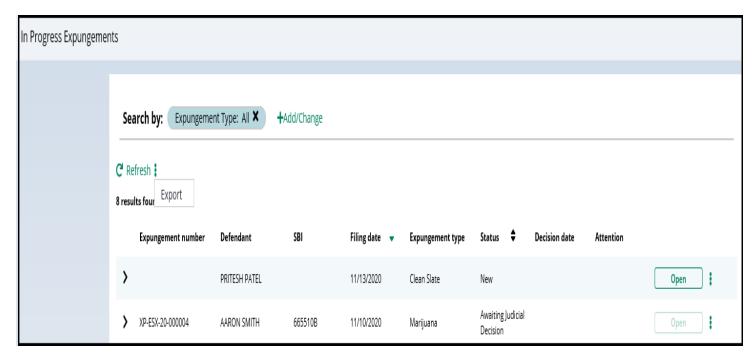
- The Workbasket screen displays the search results matching the criteria entered.
- The # of results found is displayed.
- To clear the search criteria, click the "X" next to the criteria or select "+Add/Change" and click the Reset button from within the Search popup window.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney -Workbasket Refresh/Export/Sort

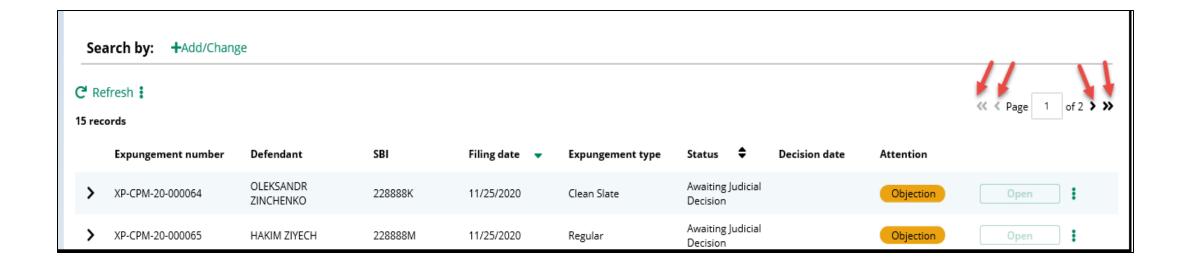
- Click the Refresh link to refresh the page with the latest information. This action will:
 - update the petition status.
 - display any new petition that was submitted.
 - remove any petition that was withdrawn.
- Click the Export icon next to Refresh to download an Excel file with the Workbasket information.
- Click the sort icon on the Filing Date or Status column to sort the Workbasket information in ascending or descending order by that header.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Workbasket Pagination

• The Workbasket displays ten records per page, when there are more than ten records, click << < Page 1 of N > >> to navigate to first, previous, next and last pages.





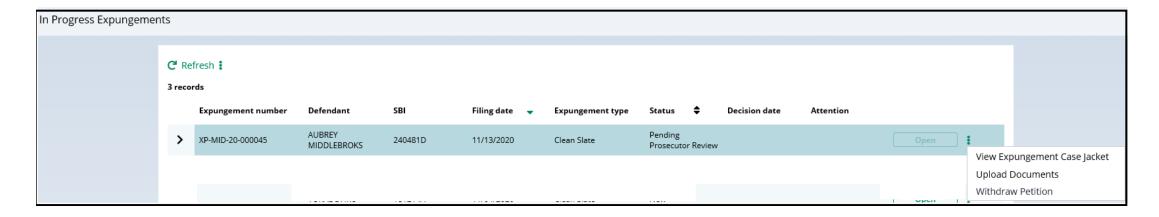
Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney - Workbasket Expand/Collapse

- Click the twisty to expand the petition information for a defendant to view more details.
 - Date of birth; Filing county/court; Prosecutor response, Hearing date
 - When no value is returned, two dashes will be displayed (e.g. see Hearing date below)
- Click the twisty again to collapse the petition information.

	Expungement number	Defendant	SBI	Filing date 🔻	Expungement type	Status 🗘	Decision date	Attention	
~		PRITESH PATEL		11/13/2020	Clean Slate	New			Open :
	Date of birth		Filing county/court		Prosecutor re	sponse		Hearing date	
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Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Workbasket – Action Menu

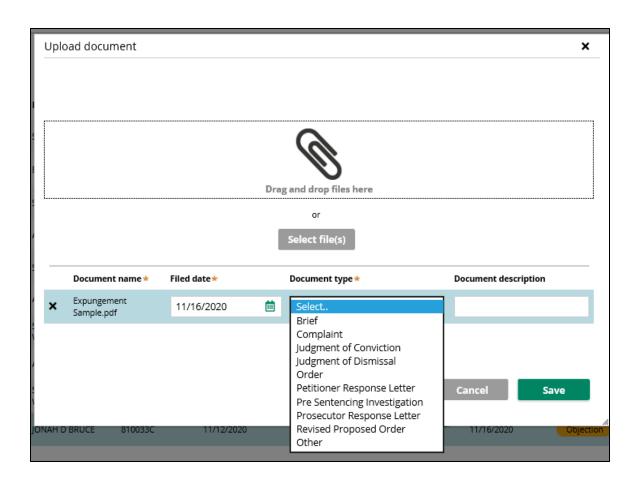
- The petition/proposed order status submitted by the petitioner is in "Pending Prosecutor Review."
 The "Open" button will no longer be accessible, but you may still use the Action menu to:
 - Upload relevant documents
 - View the case jacket
 - Withdraw the petition/proposed order if necessary.





Add/Upload document

- Regardless of whether Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney adds document from within the case or uploads from the In Progress Workbasket, the system will present the same "Upload Document" pop up window. You can only upload documents in a PDF format and they will be saved to the case jacket.
- Click "Select file(s)" to browse the file explorer and find the file or drag and drop the desired file into the middle section with the paper clip.
- Note: You can utilize this function to upload a Petitioner Response Letter if there is a Prosecutor's objection.
- Enter the Filed Date and Document Type from the available list of options then click the Save button.
- When Document type of "Other" is selected, the Document description is required.





View Expungement Case Jacket

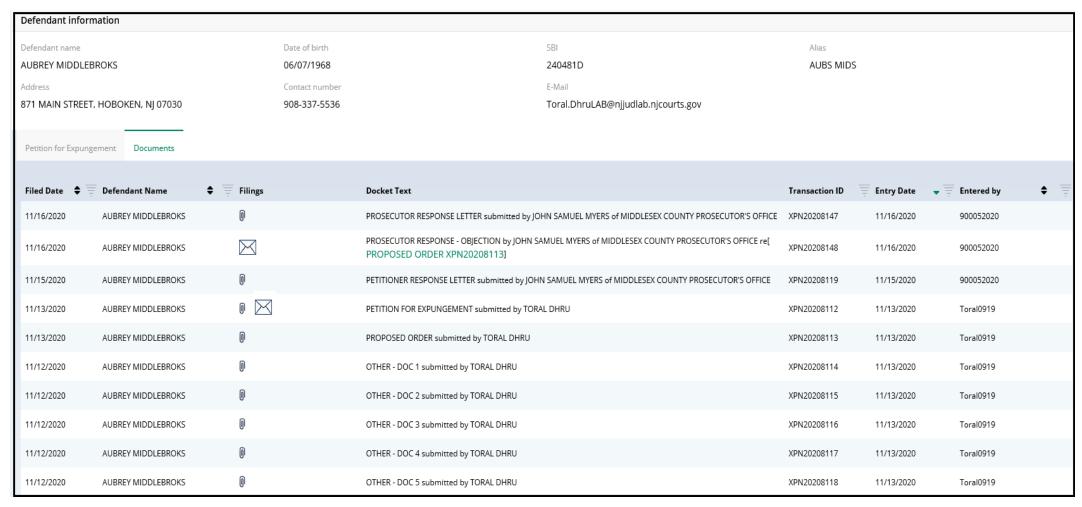
- From the Workbasket, choose the action "View Expungement Case Jacket", then click on the "Documents" tab. Below is a description of each column header.
 - Filed Date date the petition is filed.
 - Defendant Name name of the defendant whose petition is filed.
 - Filings displays a paper clip of the PDF document attached to the entry and also an envelope icon if there is an electronic copy of an email.
 - Docket Text description of the action or event initiated by various users.
 - Transaction ID the unique, system generated identifier for the event.
 - Entry Date the date the entry was created.
 - Entered by displays the user who initiates the action.



View Expungement Case Jacket

- Click the column header to sort the columns in ascending or descending order. Default sort is by earliest Entry Date
- Click the paper clip to view the PDF associated with a particular entry.
- Click the envelope icon (if applicable) to view the PDF of the electronic notification sent out to the self-represented litigant or private attorney. The petitioner will receive email notification when the petition is submitted, prosecutor response is submitted, when the final order is granted or denied, or when the petition is withdrawn.

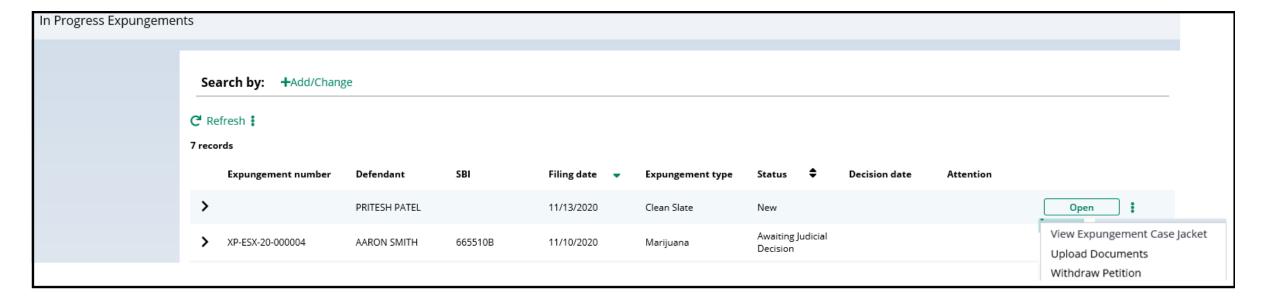
View Expungement Case Jacket - Example





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Withdraw Petition

 To withdraw a petition, click the icon to the right of the Open button and select "Withdraw Petition" option.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney – Withdraw Petition (cont.)

- After clicking Withdraw Petition action from the Workbasket a confirmation pop up window is displayed. Review the information then click the Confirm button.
- The case is automatically removed from the workbasket but can be searched by the Private Attorney, if needed.





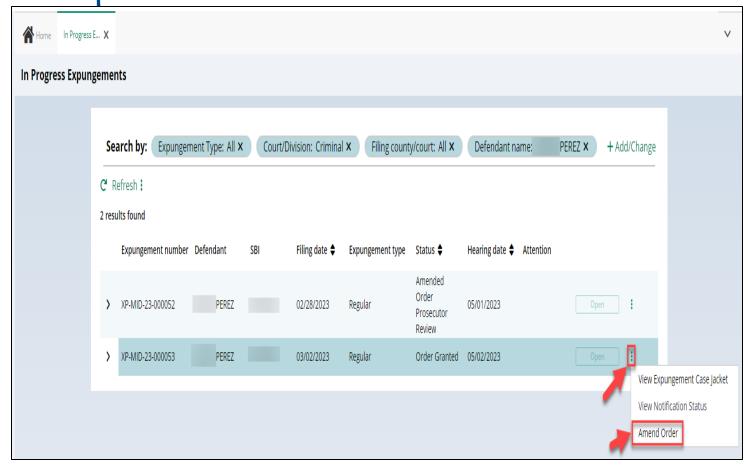


Submit a Proposed Amended Order



Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order

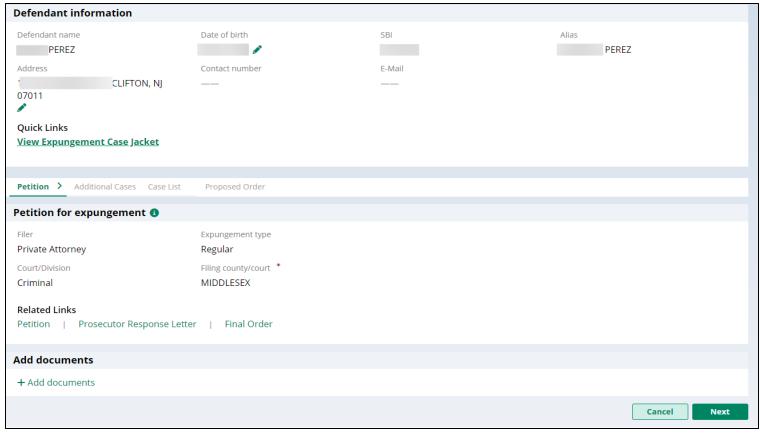
- Petitioners can file a proposed amended order on an order that was previously granted or amended order granted. Each Expungement type; Regular, Clean Slate, Marijuana, Marijuana Decriminalization, Recovery Court (previously Drug Court) can be amended.
- If you save or upload document after initiating amendment the case status will change to "Draft Amended Order" until it's submitted. Other users will still see case in prior status 'Order Granted' or 'Amended Order Granted'.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order – Petition Screen

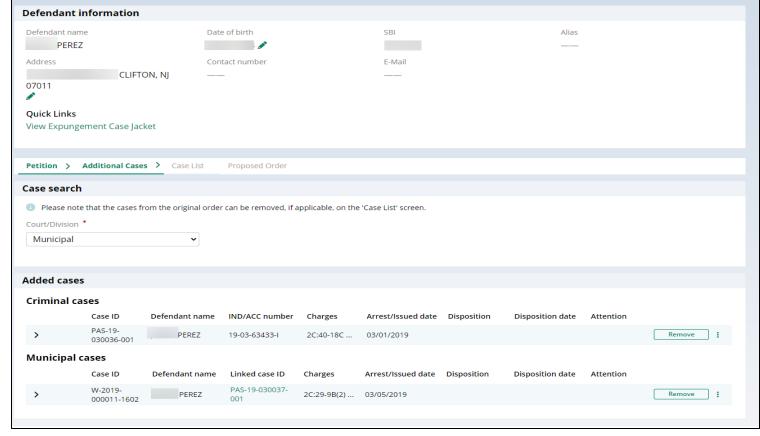
 After initiating an Amendment, Petition screen is displayed with Defendant information, Case information, Quick link to Case Jacket and hyperlinks to generated documents by Related links





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order – Additional Cases

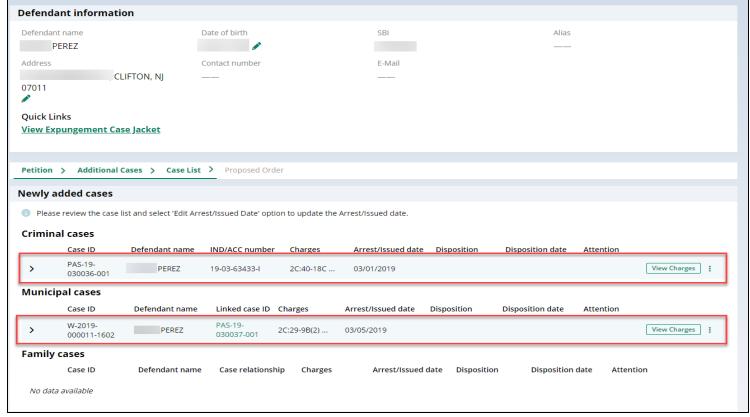
 Any Criminal, Municipal, Family and older Arrest only cases can be added on Additional cases screen.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order – Case List

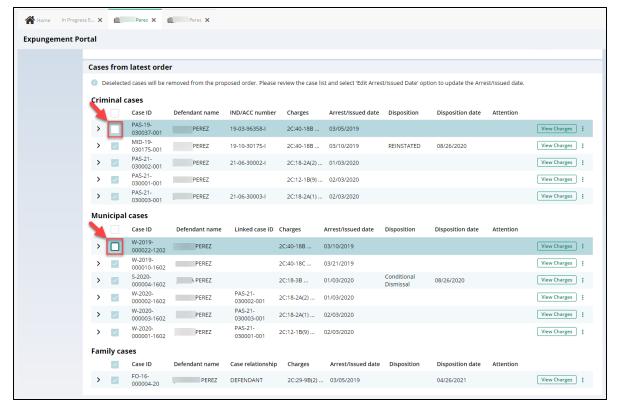
 On Case list screen, any cases added on Additional cases screen will be displayed under section 'Newly added cases'.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order – Case List (cont.)

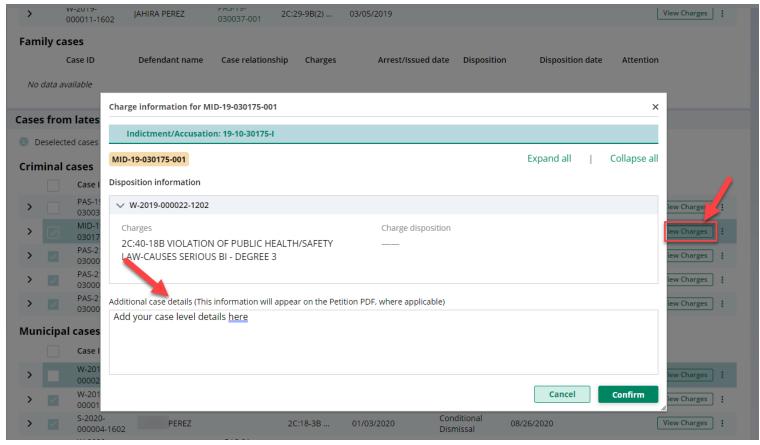
'Cases from latest order' section Cases can be de-selected
 from 'Cases from latest order'
 section.





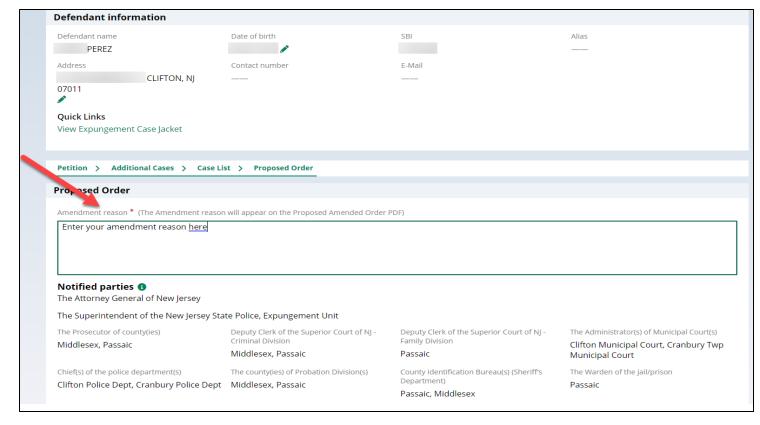
Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order – Case List (cont.)

Clicking on any cases' view charges modal window shows the associated case details, full charge information (inc luding charge disposition & sentence) and expanding the case shows the assigned court. Any additional information can be entered in textbox.



Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order – Proposed Order

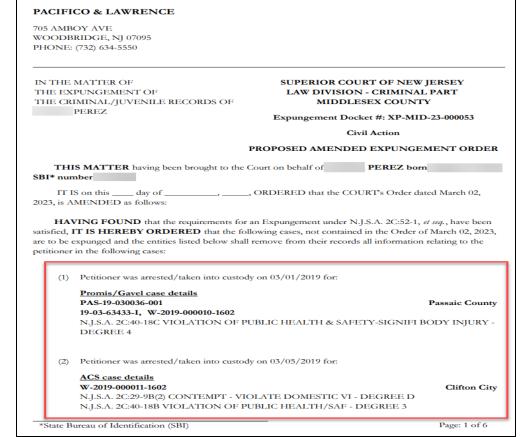
- On Proposed Order screen,
 Amendment Reason text must be added, which will be displayed on Proposed Amended Order pdf.
 Notified agencies from prior Order and related to Newly added cases will be displayed under listed Notified agencies, but any additional Notified agencies can be added manually by using Other applicable party(ies) option.
- Financial obligations/Restitution
 Details can also be added as
 applicable.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order – PDF

- The new Amended Proposed Order PDF will also display the following:
 - Amendment Reason
 - Newly added cases and cases from last order
 - Newly added notified Agencies and added Financial obligations/Restitution details
 - Cases to be restored (when cases are removed from the original order to not be a part of the amended order)





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order – Amend Statuses

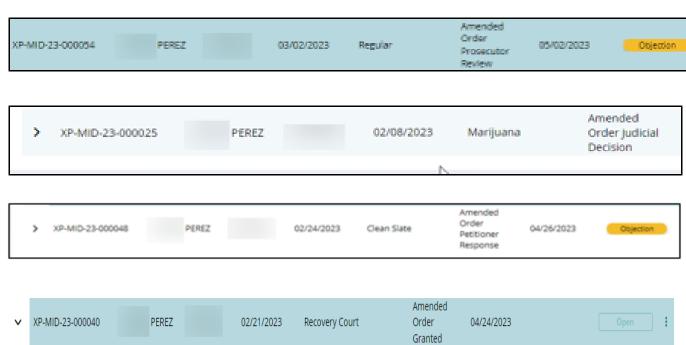
 When the Proposed Amended Order is submitted, there will be a case jacket entry with attached document and email notification is sent to the filer.

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Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order – Amend Statuses

- Case status update for Recovery Court, Regular and Clean Slate expungements changes to Amended Order Prosecutor Review and for Marijuana and Marijuana expungements changes directly to Amended Order Judicial Decision.
- If the Prosecutor objects/returns the petition back, the status will display as Amended Order
 Petitioner Response, a new case jacket entry will be added, and an email notification is sent to the filer.
- A granted Amended Order will have the status
 Amended Order Granted.
- If an amendment is denied by the court, it will revert to its previous granted status.
- An order can be amended multiple times.





Self-represented litigant/Private Attorney Amend Proposed Order – Vacate Status

 Any order that has been vacated by the Court will display as Order Vacated on your work basket.





Technical Assistance

If you require technical assistance with the Expungement Portal, please contact the Help Desk:

Judiciary Help Desk: 609-421-6100

After Hours: 1-800-343-7002

