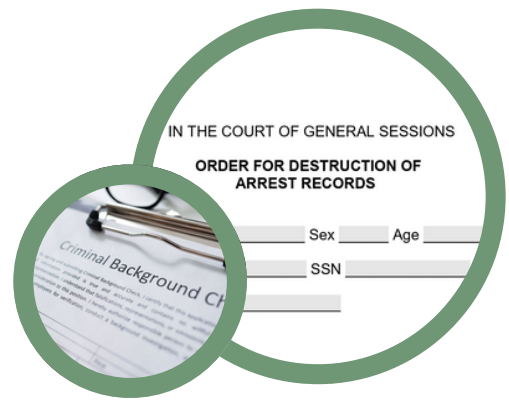




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EXPUNGEMENT UPDATE



In 2024, South Carolina enacted the Constitutional Carry Act & created a new limited-time expungement law.

- If you were convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun **before** March 7, 2024, you may be eligible to have the conviction expunged - **but you must apply before March 7, 2029!**

"A person may apply for an expungement of one conviction for unlawful possession of a handgun as provided in Section 16-23-20, if the conviction occurred prior to the enactment of the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024. An application under this section must be made within five years of the enactment of this section."

- S.C. Code Ann. § 17-1-65

Special Rules + Tips:

- You can only use the § 17-1-65 expungement law to expunge **ONE** eligible charge.
- You **MUST** apply for expungement **BEFORE March 7, 2029**.
- If your conviction is expunged, **KEEP COPIES** of the Expungement Order!

In simpler terms:

Your conviction was **BEFORE** March 7, 2024;

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You were convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun (in violation of § 16-23-20).

Note: This offense is different from other handgun offenses (such as Possession of a Weapon by a Person Convicted of a Violent Offense).

How to apply for expungement:

STEP 1 - Confirm your conviction was for the eligible offense. You can do this by getting a copy of your RAP Sheet from SLED.

STEP 2 - Submit an expungement application to the Solicitor's Office in the County where you were convicted of the Unlawful Possession of a Handgun charge. (NOTE: You may want to include in your application that you are applying for expungement under § 17-1-65).

STEP 3 - Wait to receive your expungement order in the mail (or a letter with more instructions from the Solicitor's Office).

Have questions or want help understanding your expungement options?

Call us at (864) 546-5060 or email us at info@tsscnow.org to apply for services from Time Served.