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## For Immediate Release: DA Announces Policy Changes to Dallas County Expunctions

**(Dallas, Texas)** – Effective immediately, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office will agree to expunctions on cases involving a Conditional Dismissal – prior to the running of the statute of limitations – IF the Petitioner signs a waiver saying that Dallas County may keep his/her name, date of birth, offense, and state identification number.

For conditional dismissals that were part of a multiple offense arrest, we will not agree if any of the offenses are not eligible for expunction.

### **THIS POLICY IS RETROACTIVE FOR ANY CONDITIONAL DISMISSAL.**

We will agree to a limited expunction, pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 55.01(a) (2)(A)(i), for first-time offenders that are not prosecuted for possession of marijuana and/or possession of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) pursuant to our new office policies. Limited expunctions allow our office and the police agency to retain records on the Petitioner. Limited expunctions are available once the following timelines have passed (from the date of arrest):

- 3 years on any felony;
- 1 year on Class A or B misdemeanors (no felony in same transaction);
- 6 months on Class C misdemeanors (no felony same transaction).

### **THIS IS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7, 2019.**

### **POLICY THAT IS NOT CHANGING**

We will not agree early to any family violence cases, including Class C misdemeanors.