

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

In the Interest of:

DOB: _____ **AGE:** _____ **SEX:** _____ **CASE NO.** _____

Minor child under the age of eighteen (18) years.

PETITION TO SEAL FILES AND RECORDS

COMES NOW, the above-named Petitioner, and requests the Court seal the records in the above-styled case pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-701(b), showing to the Court the following in support thereof:

1. On the _____ day of _____, 20____, Petitioner was adjudicated for committing a delinquent act or as a child in need of services;
2. On the _____ day of _____, 20____, Petitioner was discharged from supervision, and Petitioner's file in the Juvenile Court of Forsyth County was closed.
3. Two years have therefore elapsed since Petitioner's discharge.
4. Since Petitioner's discharge, Petitioner has not been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, nor has Petitioner been adjudicated for committing a delinquent act or as a child in need of services and no proceeding seeking conviction or adjudication is pending against Petitioner.
5. Petitioner is rehabilitated.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that:

- (a) Process issue directed to the District Attorney of Forsyth County, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the authority that granted the discharge if the discharge was from an institution or from parole, and all law enforcement officer or department having custody of any attached files and records, giving notice of this Petition to Seal Files and Records and requiring each to show cause why this petition should not be granted;
- (b) This Court enter an order directing that all files and records in the above-styled proceeding be sealed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-701; and
- (c) This Court order other and further relief as the Court deems necessary and just.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____, 20____.

PETITIONER

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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VERIFICATION

Personally appeared before the undersigned, an officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths, _____, who, after being duly sworn, states under oath that he/she is legally competent to make this Verification and that the facts alleged in the attached Petition to Seal Files and Records are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

This ____ day of _____, 20__.

PETITIONER
Print Name:

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

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REQUEST FOR HEARING AND RULE NISI

Please complete this form and return it to:

Forsyth County Juvenile Court Clerk, 875 Lanier 400 Parkway, Cumming, Georgia 30040

- **This form must be filed in conjunction with a pleading for the relief requested.** No hearing will be assigned without a corresponding motion or pleading.
- All requested information must be provided or you will not be assigned a court date.
- **You are responsible for notifying all parties and attorneys of the assigned court date.**

Name of Party/Attorney Requesting Hearing: _____

☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Child Attorney/GAL ☐ Other: _____

Name of Opposing Attorneys or Parties/CASA/Guardian ad Litem:

Purpose of Hearing: _____

Submitted this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature: _____ **Print name:** _____

Email Address & Phone Number: _____

RULE NISI

A hearing having been requested in the above-styled matter on the issues raised above, the parties shall appear on the _____ day of _____, 20__ at ____:_____.m. at the Forsyth County Juvenile Court located at 875 Lanier 400 Parkway, Suite 100, Cumming, Georgia 30040.

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

Judge, Forsyth County Juvenile Court

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ORDER SEALING FILES AND RECORDS

Upon consideration of the Petition to Seal Files and Records having been brought before the Court on the ____ day of _____, 20____, the Court finds that the above-styled proceeding meets the criteria required by O.C.G.A. § 15-11-701.

As such, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all files and records in the above-styled proceeding shall be sealed, shall be treated as if it never occurred, and that all index references shall be deleted and that the Petitioner, the court, law enforcement, District Attorney, and any other agencies or departments affiliated with the above proceeding shall properly reply that no record exists pertaining to the Petitioner upon inquiry.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order shall be sent to each agency or designated official and shall also be sent to the deputy director of the Georgia Crime Information Center of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that inspection of the files and record of this proceeding may only be permitted by an order of the court upon petition by the person who is the subject of the records and otherwise only by those persons named in the order or to criminal justice officials upon petition to the court for official judicial enforcement or criminal justice purposes.

SO ORDERED, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Honorable
Judge, Juvenile Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit