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IN THE MATTER OF THE :  
SEALING OF THE : SWORN STATEMENT  
CRIMINAL RECORDS OF :  
[PETITIONER'S NAME] : NYSID:  
: DOB: [DATE OF BIRTH]

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I, [Petitioner's Name], of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon this oath depose and say:

1. I am the Petitioner in the matter seeking to have my criminal record sealed.
2. On [Date], I was arrested for Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree in [County]. On [Date], I pleaded guilty to that charge, and on [Date], I was sentenced to a one year conditional discharge and a fine of \$2500. I have paid my fine in full. I do not have any other convictions.
3. I deeply regret my actions leading to my conviction, and I accept full responsibility for the hardships that have followed. I feel a great deal of remorse for the harm I caused, including to the victim, my community, and my own family.
4. While I am ashamed of my past behavior, I am proud to say that I am no longer the same person I was 18 years ago. After my conviction, I worked hard to change my life and reverse any negative perception people might have of me. I graduated from college with a B.A. in Business Administration, and since then I have worked on multiple business ventures while maintaining a job.
5. My conviction also motivated me to carefully re-evaluate all my relationships. At the time of my offense, I was associating with the wrong crowd. Since my conviction, I have severed ties with any negative influences and built a positive, supportive social circle.
6. While I am happy with the changes I have made in my life since my offense, I believe my record is still hindering me from reaching my full potential. I know that I am still capable of accomplishing so much more.
7. In particular, I believe I have lost opportunities with employers that conduct background checks. I am also barred from pursuing certain government positions or professional licenses. As a result,

it has been difficult for me to get better jobs, and my earning potential has been reduced.

8. My record has prevented me from pursuing business ventures as well. I am hoping to open a liquor store, but I am currently ineligible to get a liquor license because of my record. I am not able to pursue certain franchise business opportunities, either, because they require background checks.
9. My housing situation has also been negatively affected by my record. My living conditions have been disappointing since my conviction, and I have not been able to secure better housing. I believe landlords have refused to rent to me because of my record. I would like to purchase real estate in a private housing community in the near future, but I will not be able to do so with a criminal record.
10. The impact of my criminal record even extends to my family life. I am planning on getting married soon, and since I do not yet have any children, I would like to adopt a child. However, I am afraid that I will be denied because of my record. I also fear that my record will hinder my ability to properly support my family and secure safe housing.
11. I am seeking to have my records sealed because I wish to continue leading a positive, productive life without the stigma of a record holding me back. I believe sealing my records will allow me to secure better employment, pursue new opportunities, improve my housing, and care for my family. For these reasons, I respectfully request this Honorable Court grant my application for record sealing.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true and are made of my own free will. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Petitioner's Name]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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(notary)