



still carry the stigma of having a criminal record, which harms both my emotional and financial wellbeing. I believe that I have lost career opportunities over the years because of my record. As a result, I have not been able to reach my full potential.

9. Regrettably, my family has also had to endure the consequences of my mistake. I had to pay restitution, which caused a financial strain on our household. In addition, I had planned to move to [State] with my spouse and three children so that I could support my mother, who was dealing with cancer at the time. We also believed that we would have a better life there. However, because of my probation, I had to stay in New York.
10. While these difficulties were the direct result of my actions, I do not want my family to have to endure any more stress because of a terrible mistake I made over 20 years ago. I am ashamed that I put them through these hardships, and I fear that my record will continue negatively impacting my family in unexpected ways.
11. I am seeking to have my record sealed so that I can find some closure and fully move forward with my life. By sealing my records, I believe I will be able to build a better future for me and my family and take advantage of opportunities to lead a meaningful, productive life. 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]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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

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(notary)