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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2000-10

IN RE: SEALING AND EXPUCTION OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

WHEREAS, Sections 943.0585 and 943.059, Florida Statutes (2000) regulates the sealing and expunction of criminal history records in Florida, and

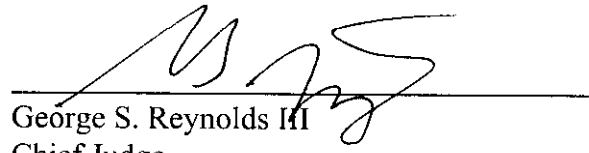
WHEREAS, participation in the payment program as provided in Administrative Order 97-08 IN RE: Uniform Accounting and Distribution Reference Guide of Fines and Costs in the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida is not a criterion in the determination of eligibility in the sealing or expunction of criminal history records.

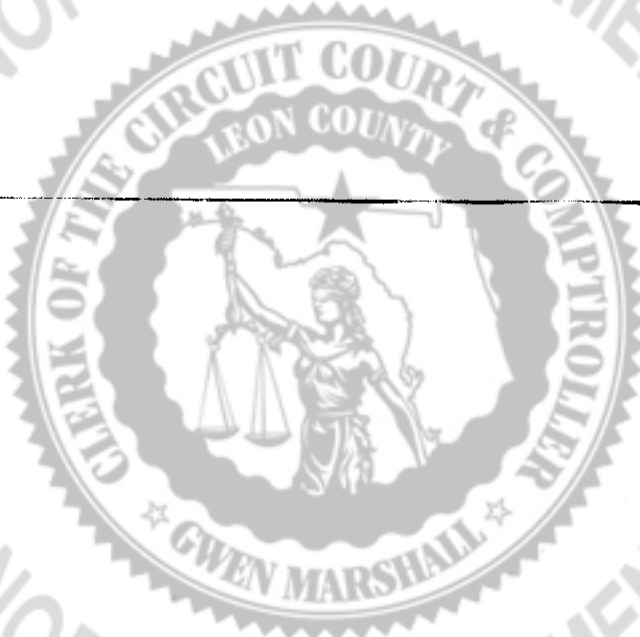
It is **THEREFORE**

ORDERED that:

1. Felony, misdemeanor and traffic cases shall not be sealed or expunged before it is determined whether or not each person requesting sealing or expunction is participating in the payment program established in Administrative Order 97-08.
2. If a person seeking sealing or expunction meets all criteria for sealing or expunction and is not participating in the payment program, an order sealing or expunging records can be entered.
3. If a person seeking sealing or expunction meets all criteria for sealing or expunction and is participating in the payment program, an order sealing or expunging records can be entered. However, the clerk of the court is directed to inform all individuals in writing that all documents pertaining to the participation in the payment program will remain open to the public until such time as payment has been made in full. (See Attachment I for sample language.)

DONE and ORDERED in chambers at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 4 day of December 2000.


George S. Reynolds III
Chief Judge



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ATTACHMENT 1
(Sample language using Leon County clerk information)

**NOTICE TO THOSE SEEKING SEALING/EXPUNCTION
OF CRIMINAL RECORDS**

If you meet all statutory criteria for sealing or expunction of a criminal record, those records will be sealed or expunged pursuant to court order. However, if you are seeking sealing or expunction of your criminal record, and you are participating in the payment program for court costs and fines, all documents pertaining to your participation in the payment program will remain open to the public until such time as payment is made in full. Although the court documents relating to your participation in the payment program will remain public until your costs and fines are paid or otherwise disposed of, all other aspects of your criminal record will be sealed or expunged pursuant to court order.

The only way to ensure that all records pertaining to your arrest are sealed or expunged is to pay your court costs and fines. If you cannot afford to pay them, please contact the Court Services Division of the clerk's office at 577-4220 for a court date. The court date will provide you with the opportunity to explain your financial situation to the judge, and to resolve any issues regarding your ability to pay outstanding court costs and fines.

