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Santa Clara County Superior Court Expunges Marijuana Convictions

*Proposition 64 eligible convictions to be dismissed
automatically by the Superior Court*

On Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 1:30 PM in Department 41 of the Hall of Justice Courthouse, Supervising Criminal Judge Eric S. Geffon will reduce or expunge the records of over 11,500 marijuana convictions for more than 9,000 people in Santa Clara County. This move eliminates the need for people with a Proposition 64 eligible criminal conviction to go through the process of filing a petition, serving an application, waiting for a hearing date, and attending a hearing on the matter.

Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan noted, “The Santa Clara County Superior Court is pleased to be able to order the record clearance of thousands of people today. We hope this process will provide a sense of closure to those individuals. Having a clear record also will assist those seeking employment, an issue that is especially important as businesses begin the process of reopening. We thank our justice partners for their cooperation and collaboration in this important project.”

This record expungement was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office, the Santa Clara County Office of the Public Defender, the Santa Clara County Technology Services and Solutions, and the Superior Court Information Services Bureau. Many months of work have gone into this process, and it would not have been possible without outstanding work from each participant.

Individuals with questions regarding a specific case should contact their original attorney, [the Office of the Public Defender](#), or the [District Attorney’s Office](#).

Judge Geffon has issued a standing order allowing members of the press access to the courthouse on April 29, 2020, at 1:30 PM to attend this hearing. Members of the press interested in attending must email media@scscourt.org with their intent to attend no later than 10 AM on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. All reporters observing must adhere to social distancing guidelines. The Santa Clara County Superior Court will be granting two Request to Record in Court (MC-500/510), one for video and one for still photos. The first requests received for each format will be granted and assigned as pool feed for all others. Recording in the common areas of the courthouse is prohibited.



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