

Update on Implementation of Sealing Criminal Records

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Modifications to Information Technology Systems

- 45 OES systems and 44 new interfaces
 - Most court systems changes were implemented and staged in production prior to the July 1, 2026 effective date, with those changes then going into effect July 1
 - A significant amount of user and internal systems testing was done prior to July 1 to discover and troubleshoot any issues
 - External testing was done with VSP and Fairfax Circuit Court
 - Issues identified shortly after July 1 were primarily limited to user errors or pre-existing data inconsistencies which were resolved quickly



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Data for Sealing as of October 15, 2026

- **19.2-392.6** 68,064 cases received from VSP
 - Transmitted at least monthly by VSP beginning October 1, 2026
- **19.2-392.6:1** 207,578 marijuana cases sealed*
- **19.2-392.8** 2,100 cases sealed*
- **19.2-392.12** 1,096 petitions filed*
- **19.2-392.12:1** 129 petitions filed*
- **19.2-392.17** 98,113 traffic infractions sealed*

* Does not include Fairfax Circuit Court

- **19.2.-392.11** Transmitted at least annually by VSP
 - Data challenge identified



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Court Forms and Resources

Court forms:

- 15 new circuit court forms and 1 new district court form were developed to implement criminal sealing procedures
 - Final forms were presented and approved by the Judicial Council of Virginia and the Committee on District Courts in May 2026
 - Approved final forms for use by the public were made available in a fillable pdf format on the court system's website for use by the public beginning July 1, 2026
 - Detailed instructions for public included with fillable forms

Resources:

- Judges were provided with presentations, bench cards, petition-based checklists, and other educational materials
- Clerks were provided with presentations, webinars, Q&A sessions, and other educational materials



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Award

2026 Commonwealth Technology Award for Criminal Sealing
under the category of Innovative Use of Technology – State

