

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE LAPORTE SUPERIOR COURT  
 ) SS:  
 COUNTY OF LAPORTE ) CASE NO. 46D04-2311-XP-000127

IN RE: )  
 PETITION TO EXPUNGE THE )  
 CONVICTION RECORDS OF )  
 )  
 SAMANTHA L DOWLS )



**VERIFIED PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS**

The Petitioner, Samantha L. Dowls, by counsel Lisa Manning, respectfully requests this Court, pursuant to I.C. 35-38-9-2, for an Order expunging Petitioner’s criminal conviction records. In support of the Petition, the Petitioner states the following:

1. The Petitioner’s full name is Samantha Lawson Dowls. The Petitioner has the following alias: Samantha Dowls, Samantha Lawson Telfer, Samantha Telfer.
2. The Petitioner’s date of birth is October 18, 1976.
3. The Petitioner’s social security number is xxx-xx-xxxx.
4. The Petitioner’s Indiana driver’s license number is xxxx-xx-xxxx.
5. The Petitioner’s addresses since date of conviction are as follows:

Samantha Dowls  
 3045 Wolf Lake Blvd.  
 New Albany, Indiana 47150

Samantha Dowls  
 1803 Caroline Street  
 South Bend, Indiana 46613

Samantha Dowls  
 427 Camden Street  
 South Bend, Indiana 46619

Samantha Dowls  
 3210 Harmony Lane  
 Charlestown, Indiana 46170

Hearing set for 12/18/23 at 12:45pm

6. The Petitioner was convicted on the following dates, under the following case numbers, and with the following charges alleged:

<u>CAUSE NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE CONVICTED</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>	<u>DATE ARRESTED</u>
46D04-0909-FD-2177	01/28/2013	Check Deception (convicted) Check Fraud (dismissed)	11/29/2008

7. Petitioner certifies that she has made a good faith effort to remember and obtain records for all her convictions. At the time of filing this petition, Petitioner has no knowledge of any other criminal convictions other than those that are addressed by this petition.
8. At least five (5) years **have** elapsed since the judgment of conviction for a Class A misdemeanor, namely the conviction date was January 28, 2013 under case number 46D04-0909-FD-002177.
9. The Petitioner has not been arrested or convicted for a criminal offense since the conviction in 46D04-0909-FD-002177.
10. There are no pending charges against the Petitioner and no pending criminal investigations to the best of Petitioner's knowledge.
11. The Petitioner has paid all outstanding fines, fees, court costs, and restitution placed on him as a result of the conviction and arrest. In support the chronological case summary is attached to this motion.
12. The Petitioner has filed no other petitions for expungement under Indiana Code 35-38-9-2 et. al.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests this Court grant this Petition and order:

As to all case numbers listed above, the expungement of Petitioner's conviction records

in accordance with IC 35-38-9-2, specifically:

- a. The following agencies and entities shall be prohibited from releasing Petitioner's records or information in Petitioner's records to anyone without a court order, other than a law enforcement acting in the course of the officer's official duty:
  - i. The Indiana Department of Corrections;
  - ii. The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
  - iii. The LaPorte County Sheriff's Department.
- b. The Indiana State Police Central Repository for Criminal History Information shall seal all records related to Petitioner's expunged convictions and arrests and is prohibited from disclosing said records to anyone except those persons or entities specifically enumerated in I.C. 35-38-9-6(a)(3).
- c. The records of the sentencing courts and charging courts concerning Petitioner shall be permanently sealed.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner, by counsel, respectfully requests this Court to direct all law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, the LaPorte County Sheriff's Department, the Indiana State Police Central Repository, and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, to expunge any record and notations of arrest and charges for the Petitioner in this cause of action, and any conviction listed above, and for all other relief just and proper in the premises.

#### **VERIFICATION**

Under penalty of perjury, the foregoing representations are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

10/30/2023

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Date

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*Samantha DOWLS (Telfer)*  
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Signature of Petitioner

Samantha DOWLS (Telfer)  
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Printed Name of Petitioner

Respectfully Submitted,

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/s/ Lisa Manning  
Lisa Manning, #24375-32  
Counsel for Petitioner

Certificate of Service

I hereby attest that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Verified Petition for Expungement of Criminal Convictions has been served on the State of Indiana by the LaPorte County Prosecuting Attorney on or about the date of filing by IEFS.

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/s/ Lisa Manning  
Lisa Manning #24375-32