

SAMPLE DECLARATION #4

I, _____, declare as follows:

1. Between 2001 and 2006, I was convicted for several crimes related to my addiction: driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of a controlled substance and controlled substance paraphernalia, failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility, abet in exhibition of speed, and under the influence of a controlled substance. I now petition the court to consider my motion to dismiss my convictions due to the work I have done to overcome my addiction.

2. I went through a divorce in 2001 and my life crumbled. I was deep in my addiction. I wasn't a father to my daughter and didn't raise her for the first 5 years of her life. I created many sleepless nights for my family. It was all havoc and total devastation. If I could go back in time and do things differently, I would.

3. 14 years have passed since my last conviction. I have not had a drink or drug since my final conviction. After my final conviction in 2006, I successfully completed a substance abuse program while in [REDACTED]. The day I was paroled, I checked into a 90-day residential treatment. I completed parole within a year and got off parole early.

4. Today, I work a program of Narcotics Anonymous. I have a sponsor and go to meetings on a regular basis. I have worked through the 12 steps twice.

5. I have been carrying the message of Narcotics Anonymous into inmate [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for 10 years. I take meetings to them where they don't get meetings. It has been a very rewarding experience.

6. I am a proud father of 3 girls. I have two of them with me full time, ages 8 and 12, and I am their sole financial provider. I enjoy camping and fishing with my daughters. I have rebuilt my relationship with my daughter from my previous marriage. I never gave up on building that relationship and have always paid child support. I attended her 8th grade graduation and look forward to attending her high school graduation next year.

7. I have a wonderful career and an amazing job in construction. I am self-made and self-taught and have worked my way all the way up the construction business. I am a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and have a lot of responsibility.

8. I'm not the same person I was 14 years ago. I don't cheat, steal, or lie, and I have changed 180 degrees. I attribute this change to [REDACTED].

9. I would like a clean slate because I don't want to have my criminal record hanging over my head anymore. I do not know what my future holds. I want to further my career and do not want my record to get in the way. 14 years have passed since my last conviction and my last use of drugs and alcohol. I want to put my past behind me.

10. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the court expunge my convictions so that I can continue to achieve my goals and contribute to society to the best of my ability.