

CAUSE NO. _____
[To be filled in by District Clerk's Office]

IN THE MATTER OF THE
CHANGE OF NAME OF

[PRINT current, full, first, middle and last names]

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

JUDICIAL DISTRICT
[To be filled in by District Clerk's Office]

ORIGINAL PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF ADULT

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THIS COURT:

I, _____, Petitioner, an adult, bring this suit for change of name.
[PRINT your CURRENT name (full, first, middle and last names). YOU ARE THE PETITIONER.]

In support of this request, I provide the following information about myself:

1. No discovery is intended.

2. My current full name is _____
[Print your CURRENT name (full, first, middle and last names).]

3. My date of birth is _____
[Month, Day, Year]

4. I was born in _____
[City, County, State, Country]

5. My home address is _____
[Street Address (No PO Boxes) City, State, Zip Code]

6. My Social Security Number is _____.

7. My Driver's License number is _____ and it was issued in the state of _____.

8. Check One: I am male. female.

9. My race is _____.

10. I request that my name be changed to _____
[PRINT and FULLY spell the first, middle and last name you want.]

11. The reason I want to change my name is:

12. Check ONE of the Following:

- I do not have a SID (State Identification) or FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigations) number.
- OR**
- My SID number is _____ and my FBI number is _____

13. Select ONE of the Following:

- I have not been charged with a crime above the grade of Class C misdemeanor.

OR

- I have been charged with these crimes above the grade of Class C misdemeanor. Listed below are the cause number and the court for each crime in which a warrant was issued for my arrest or in which charges were filed or presented against me:

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| <i>[Offense]</i> | <i>[Case Number]</i> | <i>[Court Number]</i> |
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14. Check ONE of the Following:

- I have not had a final conviction of a felony.

OR

- I have had a final felony conviction, *but* I received a certificate of discharge by the pardons and paroles division of TDCJ at least two years ago; *or* I completed a court ordered period of probation, and it has been at least two years since I completed my probation, as required by section 45.103(b) of the Texas Family Code.

15. Check ONE of the Following:

- I am not required to register as a sex offender, under Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

OR

- I am required to register as a sex offender, under Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. I have notified the appropriate local law enforcement authority of my proposed name change and I have attached proof of the notification with this petition as Exhibit 'B'.

16. I have attached a legible and complete set of my fingerprints on a Department of Public Safety or Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint card to this petition as **Exhibit 'A'** as required by Texas Family Code section 45.102.

17. I respectfully ask that the Court issue an order changing my name to:

[Fully spell **ENTIRE NEW** name.]

and ask that the Court grant me any other relief to which I am entitled, general or specific, legal or equitable.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

[Your **CURRENT** Full Name]

[Home Address, NO PO Boxes]

[Area Code, Telephone Number]

I, _____, Petitioner, swear under oath that the facts stated in
[Print your **CURRENT** Full Name]

the above Original Petition for Change of Name of Adult are true and correct.

[Signature, using **CURRENT** full first, middle, and last names]
[DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU ARE IN FRONT OF THE NOTARY]

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOTARY:

SIGNED under oath before me on _____

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Notes to Petitioner:

Remember to attach a legible and complete set of your fingerprints on a Texas Department of Public Safety or Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint card to this petition as **Exhibit 'A'** as required by Texas Family Code section 45.102. Registered sex offenders must attach proof that they have notified the law enforcement agency with which they are registered that they are requesting a name change.

File name change petitions in the District Clerk's Office.

There is a filing fee.

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[Fill out cause number and heading information EXACTLY as it is written on the Petition.]

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ORDER GRANTING CHANGE OF NAME OF ADULT

On this day, this Court heard the Original Petition for Change of Name of Adult of

_____, Petitioner.
[Print your CURRENT name (full, first, middle and last names). YOU ARE THE PETITIONER.]

Petitioner appeared in person and announced ready.

The Court finds that it has jurisdiction of the case and of Petitioner.

[The Court Will Select One of the Following]

- Testimony was not recorded, and the Court agreed that it did not need to be recorded.
- OR**
- Testimony was recorded by the official court reporter for the Court.

The Court finds the following information regarding the Petitioner:

1. Current full name: _____
[PRINT your current, full, first, middle and last names.]

2. Date of birth: _____
[Month, Day, Year]

3. Place of birth: _____
[City, County, State, Country]

4. Home address: _____
[Street Address (No PO Boxes), City, State, Zip Code]

5. Social Security Number: _____

6. Driver's license number _____ and state of issuance: _____

7. [Check One] The Petitioner is: male. female.

8. Petitioner's race is: _____

9. [Check one of the Following:]

- Petitioner does not have a SID (State Identification) or FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigations) number.
- OR**
- Petitioner's SID number: _____, Petitioner's FBI number: _____

10. [Check One of the Following:]

Petitioner has not been charged with a crime above the grade of Class C misdemeanor.

OR

Petitioner has been charged with these crimes above the grade of Class C misdemeanor. Listed below are the cause number and the court for each crime in which a warrant was issued for Petitioner's arrest or in which charges were filed or presented against Petitioner:

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11. Check one of the Following:

Petitioner has not had a final conviction of a felony.

OR

Petitioner has had a final conviction of a felony, but Petitioner received a certificate of discharge by the pardons and paroles division of TDCJ at least two years ago; or Petitioner completed a court ordered period of probation, and it has been at least two years since the probationary period was completed, as required by section 45.103(b) of the Texas Family Code.

12. Check one of the Following:

Petitioner is not required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

OR

Petitioner is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Petitioner has notified the appropriate law enforcement authority of Petitioner's proposed name change. Petitioner has submitted proof of the notification to this court.

13. Petitioner attached a legible and complete copy of Petitioner's fingerprints on a Department of Public Safety or Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint card to the petition.

14. Petitioner's change of name is in Petitioner's interest or benefit and is in the interest of the public.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Petitioner's name is changed from:

_____ to _____
 [Print CURRENT, full, first, middle and last names.] [Print ENTIRE NEW full name.]

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all relief requested in this case not expressly granted is denied.

SIGNED on _____ by PRESIDING JUDGE _____.

Courtroom Testimony

FILL IN THE FOLLOWING BLANKS BEFORE YOU GO TO COURT

Read the following to the Judge and have a copy of your Original Petition for Change of Name of Adult with you for any questions the Judge may have:

- 1. My full legal name is _____.
- 2. I am the Petitioner in this case.
- 3. My residence address is _____.
- 4. I am _____ years of age with a birth date of _____ and am _____.
- 5. My driver's license number is _____ and my social security number is _____.
- ~~6. I am not requesting a change of name to jeopardize the rights of any person or entity who may have any claims against me.~~
- 7. I am not requesting a change of name to avoid criminal prosecution.
- 8. I am requesting that my name be changed to _____.
- 9. I am requesting this name change because _____

_____.
- 10. A change of my name would be in the interest or of benefit to me and the interest of the public.
- 11. I have never been charged with any offense above the grade of class C misdemeanor and have no felony convictions.

"OR"

I was charged with _____

_____.

- 12. I am respectfully asking this Court to approve my request for change of name.