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Dear Sir or Madam,

Enclosed is the Order of Expungement for Ms. Jessica Bollinger. The charge against Ms. Bollinger has been dismissed and expunged upon her successful completion of Pre-Trial Intervention, a program that diverts some people from court. Completion of this program is neither an admission of guilt nor a statement that the person is not guilty but a means to get a fresh start from one mistake a person might make.

I would ask you to consider the section of the South Carolina Code of Laws related to PTI expungement. I have highlighted a portion of the statute that makes clear the law intends to restore the person who has completed PTI to the status they held before his/her arrest.

SECTION 17-22-150. Disposition of charges against offenders accepted for intervention program.

- (a) In the event an offender successfully completes a pretrial intervention program, the solicitor shall effect a noncriminal disposition of the charge or charges pending against the offender. Upon such disposition, the offender may apply to the court for an order to destroy all official records relating to his arrest and no evidence of the records pertaining to the charge may be retained by any municipal, county, or state entity or any individual, except as otherwise provided in Section 17-22-130. **The effect of the order is to restore the person, in the contemplation of the law, to the status he occupied before the arrest. No person as to whom the order has been entered may be held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his failure to recite or acknowledge the arrest in response to any inquiry made of him for any purpose.**

I hope and would request that you (and your colleagues) delete any reference on your website to Ms. Bollinger or her case so that she can be restored, as much as possible, to the status she held before her arrest.

Very Truly Yours,

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Enclosure

