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Successful One-Stop Expungement Filing Day

Prosecutor Kolkovich, Clerk of Courts Galonski, & Summit Legal Defenders
Assist over 150 People

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, October 31. 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich and Summit County Clerk of Courts Tavia Galonski announce their office's first-ever one-stop expungement filing day held on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, was a success.

169 people attended the four-hour event at the Summit County Courthouse Ceremonial Courtroom to have their felony conviction reviewed and sealed or expunged if the case met the requirements under Ohio law. After checking in with representatives from the Summit County Clerk of Courts, attendees then spoke with the Summit Legal Defenders Office and the Summit County Prosecutor's Office.

"Our Prosecutor, Elliot Kolkovich, had a great idea and I am glad we ran with it," said Clerk of Courts Tavia Galonski. "We offered education to our returning-home citizens, and they responded with hope in their eyes."

"The first woman I helped had a low level theft conviction from 1997 and has had no other offenses since then. We did this clinic for people like her," said Prosecutor Kolkovich. "It's great to put together a program that gives a second chance to people who deserve it, like her."

In addition to having their felony convictions reviewed and possibly expunged, the Summit County Fiscal Office was in attendance to assist any veterans who needed an ID. Representatives from Summit County Adult Probation, the Summit County Executive's Office, and the Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency were also at the event to help those who attended.