



Beta Test Project

- Collaboration with the Washington County Attorney's Office and Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS)
- Identified more than 2,000 Drugs 5 and felony Theft convictions from 2006-2008
- SMRLS sent letters to last known address of defendants
- Respondents were interviewed by SMRLS and eligible cases were sent to RCAO/WCAO for review
- Criminal history analysis
- Stipulations and Proposed Orders prepared for filing



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- Direct mail response rates were low
- 91 people responded to SMRLS letter
- 65 people were qualified for expungement
- 104 cases or records were determined eligible for expungement and stipulations were filed with the Court



Lessons From the Beta Test

- Low response rates to direct mail
- Outdated contact information
- Who even reads mail?
- Refined stipulations and proposed orders
- Participant feedback
- Hands on experience with criminal histories and eligibility analysis
- "I know exactly what 'Expungement' means!" Said no one ever.