

NAME CHANGE INFORMATION

Effective October 1, 2009, section 68.07, Florida Statutes, requires that before a court conducts a hearing on a name change petition, the petitioner must have his or her fingerprints submitted for a state and national criminal history records check. This statutory requirement does not apply when a former name is being restored.

All adults are required to be fingerprinted (except where a former name is being restored) and in Name change for Minor Child(ren) the parent(s)/petitioner(s) must be fingerprinted.

The Indian River County Sheriff's Office, located at 4055 41st Ave, Vero Beach, FL is the assigned agency for fingerprinting and criminal history reports. Fingerprints are taken Monday thru Friday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The processing fee is \$40.50 and they request cash or checks for payment.

FDLE returns the history within 72 hours from their receipt of the request.

The final hearing for name change may be held immediately or on the first available court date after the clerk receives the results of the criminal history records check.