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| 1  | claim arising out of the same incident or occurrence or involving the same        |
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| 2  | defendant, including use of the record in reasonable anticipation of litigation.  |
| 3  | (2) A criminal justice agency as defined in 20 V.S.A. § 2056a and the             |
| 4  | Attorney General may use the criminal history record sealed in accordance         |
| 5  | with section 7602 or 7603 of this title without limitation for criminal justice   |
| 6  | purposes as defined in 20 V.S.A. § 2056a.                                         |
| 7  | (3) A defense attorney may use a sealed criminal history record in                |
| 8  | representing a defendant, and a criminal defendant acting pro se may use a        |
| 9  | sealed criminal history record to represent themselves.                           |
| 10 | (4) A sealed record of a prior violation of 23 V.S.A. § 1201(a) shall be          |
| 11 | admissible as a predicate offense for the purpose of imposing an enhanced         |
| 12 | penalty for a subsequent violation of that section, in accordance with the        |
| 13 | provisions of 23 V.S.A. § 1210.                                                   |
| 14 | (5) A person or a court in possession of an order issued by a court               |
| 15 | regarding a matter that was subsequently sealed may file or cite to that decision |
| 16 | in any subsequent proceeding. The party or court filing or citing to that         |
| 17 | decision shall ensure that information regarding the identity of the defendant in |
| 18 | the sealed record is redacted.                                                    |
| 19 | (6) The Vermont Crime Information Center and Criminal Justice                     |
| 20 | Information Services Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall        |
| 21 | have access to sealed criminal history records without limitation for the         |