

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF FILLMORE

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE ACCESS TO AND DISCLOSURE
OF PROBATION RECORDS MAINTAINED
BY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO FACILITATE
THE STATEWIDE DRUG COURT EVALUATION
PERFORMED BY THE STATE COURT
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Court Administrator's Office is performing a Statewide Drug Court Evaluation to assess the effectiveness of drug courts operating throughout Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation will require review of various probation records of participants in drug courts and other individuals under probation supervision for comparison purposes; and

WHEREAS, the community corrections and court services agencies throughout the Third Judicial District maintain records and other information related to participants in drug court programs and other individuals under probation supervision; and

WHEREAS, sound public policy supports access to and disclosure of these records in order to ensure an accurate, thorough evaluation of drug courts operating in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 609.115, subs. 4 and 6, and 13.84, subd. 5(f), allow for disclosure of the information contained in those files pursuant to a court order; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned serves as the Chief Judge of the Third Judicial District.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 609.115, subs. 4 and 6; 13.84, subd. 5(f); and 484.69, subd. 3,

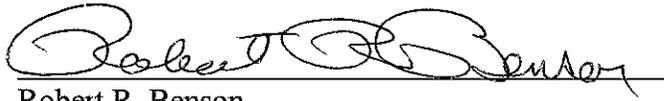
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that access to and disclosure of records and other information maintained by the following agencies related to participants in drug court programs and other individuals under probation supervision shall be provided to representatives of the Minnesota State Court Administrator for purposes of conducting the Statewide Drug Court Evaluation:

Dodge-Fillmore-Olmsted County Community Corrections Department,
Freeborn County Court Services,
Houston County Court Services,
Minnesota Department of Corrections in Freeborn County,
Minnesota Department of Corrections in Houston County,
Minnesota Department of Corrections in Mower County,

Minnesota Department of Corrections in Steele County,
Minnesota Department of Corrections in Wabasha County,
Minnesota Department of Corrections in Waseca County,
Minnesota Department of Corrections in Winona County,
Mower County Court Services,
Rice County Community Corrections Department,
Steele County Court Services,
Wabasha County Court Services, and
Waseca County Court Services

Dated: March 22, 2011

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Benson", written over a horizontal line.

Robert R. Benson
Third Judicial District Chief Judge