STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

#C4-85-1848

ORDER AUTHORIZING
DISCLOSURE OF
SJIS JUVENILE DATABASE TO
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC AND
LONG RANGE PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning, commonly known and referred to herein as "Minnesota Planning," was established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4A.01, to provide integrated long range planning for the state and coordination of activities at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Planning has obtained access to the 1987 to 1995 SJIS juvenile court database in order to prepare summary data as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 13.02, subdivision 3, for government policy makers at the state, local and national levels and it appears that duplicate SJIS numbers exists for some individuals within a county; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Planning desires access to the name, date of birth, gender and SJIS number for juveniles having court juvenile activity prior to 1995 ("the Records") for the sole purpose of identifying duplicate SJIS numbers;

WHEREAS, certain juvenile court records are not accessible to the public pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 260.155 and 260.161, Rules 34 and 64 of the Rules of Juvenile Procedure, and Rule 4, subd. 1(d), of the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to 1994 Minnesota Laws, chapter 618, article 1, section 34, any person, including Minnesota Planning staff, who obtains access to juvenile court records that are not accessible to the public may not release or disclose the records to any other person except

as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 13.01, subdivision 1, and 13.02,

subdivision 17, Minnesota Planning is subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Government

Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13, and has implemented procedures necessary

to protect the Records from unauthorized disclosure;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Rule 2 of the Rules of Public Access to Records of the

Judicial Branch, and by virtue of and under the inherent power and statutory authority of the

Minnesota Supreme Court to regulate public access to records maintained by the judicial branch,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the State Court Administrator's Office shall make a copy of the

Records available to Minnesota Planning for the sole purpose of identifying duplicate SJIS

numbers in the 1987-1995 SJIS database, and that immediately upon completion of such

identification, Minnesota Planning shall destroy any and all copies of the Records and certify

their destruction in writing to the State Court Administrator's Office.

Dated: June 10, 1996

BY THE COURT:

OFFICE OF APPELLATE COURTS

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Chief Justice

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