

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 routinely been granted access to the SJIS Juvenile Court Databases 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 has also been granted 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 verifying accuracy and duplication in the SJIS Juvenile Court Databases, subject to the return or certified destruction of the Records following completion of the verification process;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Planning now desires to retain the Records for the purpose of compiling a modified database that links cases involving the same or similar names and to prepare summary data from this modified database for government policy makers at the state, local and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Planning has agreed to acknowledge in writing on all copies of the summary data prepared from the modified database that the information includes court records that have been interpreted and recompiled by Minnesota Planning; and

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

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 Minnesota Planning may retain the Records for the limited purposes of identifying duplicate SJIS numbers in the SJIS Juvenile Court Databases, preparing and compiling a modified database that links cases involving the same or similar names, and to prepare summary data from this modified database for government policy makers at the state, local and national levels.

Dated: January 31, 1997

BY THE COURT:



A.M. Keith
Chief Justice

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