

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT

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ORDER AUTHORIZING
DISCLOSURE OF
RACE AND PRECONVCTION DATA
FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

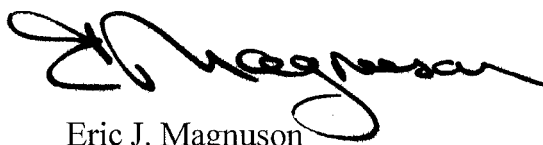
Jeanette M. Husseman, doctoral candidate at the University of Minnesota, Department of Sociology ("UM"), desires to obtain a copy of all publicly accessible data elements, plus pre-conviction, and race data elements, for adult criminal cases filed statewide in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 ("the Records") for use in preparing Husseman's doctoral dissertation. The dissertation examines how defendant decisions to plea bargain are influenced by offense(s), pretrial detention, defense counsel representation, prior experiences in the criminal justice system, initial sentencing expectations, and demographic variations.

Ms. Husseman and the UM have agreed to use the Records solely for the dissertation and they have agreed not to disclose to any third party any information in the Records from which the identity or race/ethnicity of any individual or other characteristic that could uniquely identify any individual or their race/ethnicity is ascertainable. This Court has the inherent power and statutory authority to regulate public access to records maintained by the judicial branch and is fully advised in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Rules 2 and 4, subdivision 1(e), of the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch, a copy of the Records be made available to Ms. Husseman and UM subject to the conditions set forth in the 4/12/2010 Nondisclosure Agreements between the State Court Administrator and Ms. Husseman and UM.

Dated: April 16, 2010

BY THE COURT:



Eric J. Magnuson
Chief Justice