

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

#C4-85-1848

ORDER AUTHORIZING
DISCLOSURE OF
JUVENILE COURT RECORDS TO
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Supreme Court Order #C4-85-1848, dated August 22, 1994, the Legislative Auditor obtained access to juvenile court records maintained by the State Court Administrator's Office for the purpose of preparing the report *Residential Facilities for Juvenile Offenders*; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections desires to reanalyze the juvenile court records utilized by the Legislative Auditor in preparing its report, and the Legislative Auditor is willing to disclose the records to the Department of Corrections subject to approval by the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, certain juvenile court records are not accessible to the public pursuant to 1994 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 Statutes Section 260.161, subdivision 5, any person, including the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and 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, the Department of Corrections is subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13, and has implemented procedures necessary to protect data 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 Legislative Auditor may make available to the Department of Corrections all juvenile court records obtained from the State Court Administrator's Office pursuant to Supreme Court order #C4-85-1848, dated August 22, 1994.

Dated: May 10, 1995

BY THE COURT:



A.M. Keith
Chief Justice

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