

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

#C4-85-1848

ORDER AUTHORIZING
DISCLOSURE OF
JUVENILE COURT RECORDS

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Corrections has contracted with the Criminal Justice Institute at the University of Minnesota Law School to perform a study of the placement of juvenile offenders as provided in 1997 Minnesota Laws chapter 239, article 9, section 47 (the Study); and

WHEREAS, the Study involves disclosure by juvenile court probation officers of information that is not accessible to the public;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 260.161, the records of juvenile probation officers are considered records of the juvenile court for purposes of access and disclosure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 260.161, subdivision 5, any person, including the Criminal Justice Institute at the University of Minnesota Law School and its staff, students, and agents, 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 Criminal Justice Institute at the University of Minnesota Law School has acknowledged in writing that it is bound by section 260.161, subd. 5, that it will not disclose to any third party any information obtained from juvenile probation officers except as authorized in this order, and that it will take all appropriate action, whether by instruction, agreement, or otherwise, to insure the protection, confidentiality and security of the information obtained from juvenile probations officers.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 260.161, subdivision 2, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. juvenile probation officers are authorized to disclose records on juvenile offenders to the Criminal Justice Institute at the University of Minnesota Law School in connection with the Study. These records shall include, but are not limited to, name, TICS number, date of birth, race, sex, offense history, and placements.
2. Any reports prepared as a result of the Study shall not disclose any information from which the identity of any juvenile offender or other characteristic that could uniquely identify any juvenile offender is ascertainable.

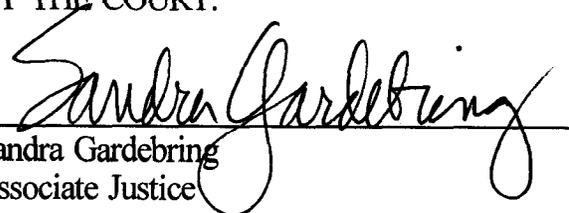
Dated: January 8, 1998

BY THE COURT:

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Sandra Gardebring
Associate Justice