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STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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ORDER AUTHORIZING
DISCLOSURE OF
RACE AND JUVENILE DATA
FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

Shelly S. W. Schaefer, Ph. D. candidate at the University of Minnesota, Department of Sociology ("UM"), desires to obtain a copy of certain statewide juvenile delinquency/extended jurisdiction juvenile (EJJ) records from the Fourth Judicial District ("the Records") to conduct a quantitative study of EJJ to estimate variables that predict youths proceeding EJJ and those not proceeding EJJ but having similar outcomes, and to assess recidivism over a three year period. Ms. Schaefer and the UM 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. Schaefer and UM subject to the conditions set forth in the 8/13/09 Nondisclosure Agreements between the State Court Administrator and Ms. Schaefer and UM.

Dated: August 19, 2009

BY THE COURT:



Eric J. Magnuson
Chief Justice