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IN SUPREME COURT C4-85-1848, CX-89-1863

PROMULGATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA RULES OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

AMENDED ORDER

In its order filed May 6, 2005, this Court adopted amendments to the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch effective July 1, 2005. Rule 4, subd. 1(e), of the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch establishes confidentiality of race data fields in all judicial branch computer systems. That portion of the judicial branch computer system known as MNCIS that provides access to government agencies currently includes race data fields. Modifications to MNCIS are underway to establish controls on government agency access to race data fields and, despite all reasonable efforts, the modifications will not be tested and installed until the fall of 2005. Government agencies having access to MNCIS sign a nondisclosure agreement that limits their use of confidential data.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Output from the case management system known as MNCIS to government agencies shall to the extent technically feasible, and no later than December 31, 2005, comply with Rule 4, subd. 1(e), of the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch, as adopted by the May 6, 2005 order of this Court, provided that: (1) government agencies with access to MNCIS have signed an appropriate nondisclosure agreement limiting their use of confidential data; and (2) no other remote access to MNCIS race data fields shall be permitted.

Dated: July 1, 2005.

BY THE COURT

Kathleen A. Blatz

Chief Justice