

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT – JUVENILE DIVISION

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

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HENN. CO. DISTRICT
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**RELEASE OF CITATIONS AND
POLICE REPORTS TO RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE AGENCIES**

STANDING ORDER

TO: The Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Juvenile Prosecution Division and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation, Juvenile Probation Division.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 609.092 requires first time juvenile petty offenders to have the opportunity to participate in a restorative justice program, if such program is available; and

WHEREAS, for those youth who previously have been adjudicated a juvenile petty offender and who are eligible according to restorative justice agency program guidelines, referral to restorative justice programming as a disposition under Minnesota Statutes § 260B.198 may also be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office and Hennepin County Juvenile Probation, in collaboration with restorative justice agencies in Hennepin County, have developed a plan which this court has approved, to refer petty offenders for restorative justice programming directly from the juvenile petty offender calendar; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for restorative justice programming, a youth agrees to participate voluntarily, in lieu of prosecution or a different court disposition; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 260B.171 states that court records and police reports are generally not available to the public and may not be released to such outside agencies without a court order; and

WHEREAS, Rule 30 of the Minnesota Rules of Juvenile Delinquency Procedure states that this court may order juvenile court records to be made available for inspection, copying, disclosure or release, subject to such conditions as the court may direct, to any individual for whom such record is needed to assist or to supervise the child in fulfilling a

court order or to any other person having a legitimate interest in the child or in the operation of the court; and

WHEREAS, in order for restorative justice agencies to work with a juvenile offender successfully and employ restorative justice principles, it is necessary for agencies to have copies of citations and police reports; and

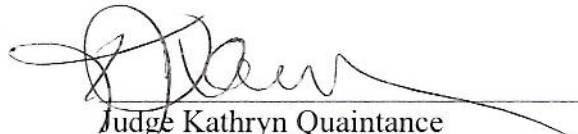
WHEREAS, timely receipt of such copies will facilitate the referral and restorative justice process for juveniles;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. When a juvenile who appears on the Juvenile Petty Offender calendar agrees to participate in a restorative justice program, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office or Hennepin County Juvenile Probation may release a copy of the citation and police reports on alleged or admitted offenses to the restorative justice agency that will be working with the juvenile.
2. The restorative justice agency must be on the list of agencies that is approved by the Hennepin County Attorney's office pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 609.02.
3. Restorative justice agencies who receive copies of citations and police reports under this order shall use the documents solely for the purpose of facilitating the restorative justice process and shall not release the documents to any person outside the agency, unless it has obtained a valid release of information from the juvenile's parent or guardian.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: 7/13/10



Judge Kathryn Quaintance
Presiding Judge, Juvenile Division
Judge of District Court