SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-01

Access to Juvenile Justice Data for the Justice Statistical Analysis Tool

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council ("CJCC) is authorized to identify, define and analyze issues in the criminal and juvenile justice systems; is authorized to receive information from, and give assistance to, other local and federal District of Columbia agencies concerned with, or affected by, issues of public safety and the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and has been designated as a criminal justice agency for purposes of transmitting electronically to local, state, and federal agencies criminal-justice-related information, as required by CJCC to perform its duties and in accordance with the terms and conditions regarding data sharing approved by the agency that is the source of the information for transmission; and

WHEREAS, the CJCC is committed to improving the efficiency of criminal and juvenile justice information sharing for the purpose of research and/or analysis that will inform general business decisions; and

WHEREAS, the CJCC developed, manages, and administers the web-based application known as the Justice Statistical Analysis Tool ("JSAT"), which enhances and automates criminal and juvenile justice information sharing in the District of Columbia for the purpose of research and/or analysis and to enhance criminal and juvenile justice system agencies' knowledge, and the public's knowledge, as appropriate, of the state of the District of Columbia's criminal and juvenile justice systems;

WHEREAS, the JSAT platform is comprised of two distinct interfaces known as the JSAT Public Portal and the JSAT Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the JSAT Public Portal contains aggregate-level data, as authorized and approved by contributing criminal and juvenile justice agencies for general public consumption; and

WHEREAS, the JSAT Enterprise contains aggregate-level data and record-level, de-identified data housed on a secure server accessible to those authorized and approved by contributing criminal and juvenile justice agencies; and

WHEREAS, record-level, de-identified juvenile justice data contained in JSAT Enterprise may only be accessed as authorized and pursuant to D.C. Code §§ 16-2331, 16-2333, or through an administrative order from the District of Columbia Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-2331 (2012 Repl.), juvenile case records are confidential, but access may be provided to persons listed in the statute, as well as to "persons having a professional interest in the protection, welfare, treatment, and rehabilitation of the respondent or of a member of the respondent's family, or in the work of the Superior Court, if authorized by rule or special order of the court." D.C. Code § 16-2331 (c)(5); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-2333, law enforcement records and files concerning a child is confidential, but access may be provided to persons listed in the statute, as well as ". . . by order of the court, [to persons] having a professional interest in the child or in the work of the law enforcement department." D.C. Code § 16-2333 (b)(5); and

WHEREAS, the CJCC has a professional interest in the work of the Superior Court and in the work of the law enforcement department;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Executive Director of the CJCC shall provide the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia a written list of the CJCC employees authorized to access juvenile case records and law enforcement records of juveniles in the delinquency system, pursuant to this order and shall update the list as necessary; and
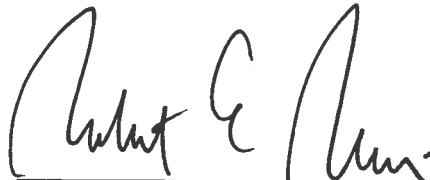
FURTHER ORDERED, that authorized employees of the CJCC be permitted to gather, inspect, and analyze juvenile case records and law enforcement records of juveniles pursuant to D.C. Code §§ 16-2331 and 16-2333, contributed to JSAT for the purpose of conducting research and/or analysis; and

FURTHER ORDERED, that aggregate-level juvenile justice data contained in the District of Columbia Superior Court Annual Report may be displayed on the JSAT Public Portal for general public consumption; and

FURTHER ORDERED, that authorized persons be permitted to view de-identified information concerning juvenile case records and/or law enforcement records on the JSAT Enterprise, if they are granted statutory access by D.C. Code §§ 16-2331, 16-2333, or through an administrative order from the District of Columbia Superior Court. Employees of agencies granted access through an administrative order must comply with all limitations placed on their viewing, use, and handling of the juvenile confidential information.

SO ORDERED.

Date: January 23, 2020

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Robert E. Morin, Chief Judge

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