SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-02

Access to Juvenile Justice Data for CJCC Principals' Meetings

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council ("CJCC") is authorized to define and analyze issues in the criminal and juvenile justice systems; is authorized to receive information from, and give assistance to, other District of Columbia agencies concerned with, or affected by, issues of public safety and the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the CJCC membership is comprised of the following leaders and heads of District of Columbia and federal criminal and juvenile justice agencies (collectively referred to as the "CJCC Principals"): 1) the Mayor of the District of Columbia, 2) the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, 3) the Chair of the DC Council, 4) the Chair of the DC Council Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, 5) the Chief Judge of the DC Superior Court, 6) the Director of the Pretrial Services Agency, 7) the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, 8) the Chairman of the U.S. Parole Commission, 9) the Director of the Department of Corrections, 10) the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 11) the Director of the Public Defender Service, 12) the Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, 13) the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, 14) the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 15) the U.S. Marshal for the DC Superior Court, 16) the Director of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, and 17) the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and

WHEREAS, the CJCC Principals annually convene a Strategic Planning Session to review and identify priority areas on which to focus member agency efforts related to public safety and the administration of the District of Columbia criminal and juvenile justice systems; and

WHEREAS, CJCC Principals convene monthly meetings which are limited to CJCC members, the leaders of District agencies, and their designees, whose missions intersect with the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the CJCC provides the Principals and their designees, with information which can contain aggregate data from member agencies and other information to track the District's progress on reducing the number of shootings; and

WHEREAS, aggregate information is reviewed and discussed during the monthly CJCC Principals' Meetings by the CJCC Principals, the leaders of District agencies, and their designees, whose missions intersect with the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the CJCC maintains the Justice Statistical Analysis Tool (JSAT) Enterprise, which is a web-based application that contains aggregate-level data and record-level, deidentified data housed on a secure server accessible only to authorized employees of District of Columbia justice system agencies; and

WHEREAS, the JSAT Enterprise includes an Executive Dashboard, which contains aggregate data from member agencies to track the District's progress in reducing the number of shootings; 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 are 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 authorized employees of the CJCC be permitted to receive deidentified, record-level data relating to arrests, papering decisions, and case outcomes for juvenile cases involving: 1) firearm possession, 2) firearm use, or 3) violent crimes committed with a firearm; and

FURTHER ORDERED, that authorized employees of the CJCC be permitted to receive aggregate data relating to juveniles who are perpetrators or victims of violent crime while under the supervision of the Court Social Services Division of the District of Columbia Superior Court or the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services; and

FURTHER ORDERED, that the aforementioned information and the JSAT Enterprise Executive Dashboard may be viewed by the following individuals or their representative at the monthly CJCC Principals' Meeting: 1) the Mayor of the District of Columbia, 2) the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, 3) the Chair of the DC Council, 4) the Chair of the DC Council Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, 5) the Chief Judge of the DC Superior Court, 6) the Director of the Pretrial Services Agency, 7) the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, 8) the Chairman of the U.S. Parole Commission, 9) the Director of the Department of Corrections, 10) the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 11) the Director of the Public Defender Service, 12) the Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, 13) the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, 14) the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 15) the U.S. Marshal for the DC Superior Court, 16) the Director of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, 17) the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, (18) the leaders of District agencies whose missions intersect with the criminal and juvenile justice systems, as permitted by D.C. Code §§ 16-2331(c)(5) and 16-2333 (b)(5); and

FURTHER ORDERED, that data and information compiled by the authorized employees of the CJCC, and the JSAT Executive Dashboard, pursuant to this order shall not be distributed otherwise or disclosed to other persons or organizations without further order of the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, *see* D.C. Code §§ 16-2331(g), 16-2331(i), 16-2333(b)(5), 16-2333(g), and 16-2336; and

FURTHER 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 pursuant to this order and shall update the list as necessary.

SO ORDERED.

Date: January 23, 2020

Robert E. Morin, Chief Judge

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