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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN
METROPOLITAN DIVISION
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

In the Matter of

Order Permitting Release of
Certified Minute Orders in
Limited Circumstances

Standing Order

No. 2023-02

Misc. No. JM058834

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

The Court finds that release of a certified copy of a minute order made in dependency and juvenile justice proceedings in certain limited circumstances is consistent with the intent of Welfare and Institutions Code section 827. The release of such minute orders is necessary to ensure contact between the minors and their parents, to obtain vital documents for minors and non-minors, to facilitate proceedings to achieve lawful immigration status for minors and non-minors, to communicate information to the Department of Juvenile Justice, to ensure minors and non-minor dependents who are residing out of state receive adequate services, for parentage (DNA) testing of minors and parents, and to facilitate communication on behalf of minors or non-minors with their attorneys. All such disclosures are in the best interests

1 of such youth. All recipients of such disclosures must be advised of the confidential
2 nature of the information and directed against disclosing such information beyond the
3 purpose of the original disclosure.

4 I. Therefore, the Court issues this Standing Order authorizing the disclosure of
5 certified minute orders in dependency and juvenile justice proceedings without
6 requiring a request for Disclosure of Records to be filed pursuant to Welfare and
7 Institutions Code section 827 in the following limited circumstances:

- 8 a) To the California Department of Corrections and other correctional
9 institutions to facilitate visits between children and their incarcerated
10 parents;
- 11 b) To parents whose children have been returned to them, for use in
12 enrolling minors in school; obtaining medical, dental, and mental health
13 treatment; and as otherwise required to facilitate the successful transition
14 of the minors to the home of their parents;
- 15 c) As required in connection with efforts to obtain Special Immigrant Juvenile
16 Status for minors or non-minors;
- 17 d) To obtain a minor's or non-minor's social security card;
- 18 e) To obtain a minor or non-minor's birth certificate;
- 19 f) To obtain a minor's behavioral health or medical records;
- 20 g) To conduct court ordered parentage (DNA) testing of the minor and
21 parent(s);
- 22 h) To the Department of Juvenile Justice following a re-entry hearing;
- 23 i) If a minor or non-minor dependent or ward who is 12 years of age or older
24 and has authorized such in writing, the attorney representing the minor or
25 non-minor may share information about the minor's or non-minor's
26 dependency or juvenile justice proceeding, including the petition, minute
27 orders, and formal orders;
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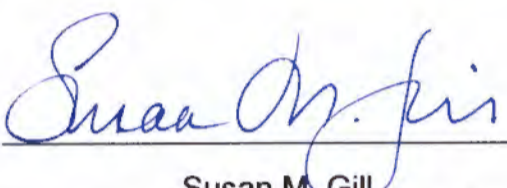
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- j) Upon the stipulation of counsel and acceptance of the stipulation by the court;
- k) For purposes related to minors or non-minor dependents pursuant to the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC):

II. Any such disclosures shall be accompanied by a written advisal that the document(s) being disclosed are confidential and must be maintained as such and not disseminated further, except as necessary to accomplish the purpose of the original disclosure. The agency or person making the disclosure must keep a record of all such disclosures, which record must be produced upon request by the Juvenile Court.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: 4-13-2023



Susan M. Gill
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court