

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

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DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE DIVISION
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In Re: The request of Safe Passage for Minnesota Children to Access Hennepin County Juvenile Justice Center Child Protection Records **STANDING ORDER**

WHEREAS, Rule 8.01 of the Minnesota Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure establishes a presumption that all juvenile protection case records relating to juvenile protection matters are presumed to be accessible to any party and any member of the public for inspection, copying, or release; and

WHEREAS, Rule 8.04 of the Minnesota Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure classifies certain records that are accessible only to the parties as well as records that are neither accessible to the parties nor to the public; and

WHEREAS, Safe Passage for Minnesota Children ("Safe Passage") is a nonprofit corporation created to protect and improve the wellbeing of children in child protection, foster care, and public adoption programs in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Safe Passage seeks to further these goals by conducting research requiring access to certain Hennepin County juvenile protection records;

THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE THE STANDING ORDER OF THE COURT:

1. The Hennepin County Juvenile Justice Center may release to Safe Passage copies of petitions, prehearing reports, guardian ad litem reports, and court orders from any Hennepin County juvenile protection court file.
2. To the extent that these records contain any information deemed not publically accessible by Rule 8 of the Minnesota Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure, by Minnesota Statutes §260C.171, or by the Minnesota Data Privacy Act, Safe Passage shall not further disclose the aforementioned records or information under any circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to: victim's statements; portions of juvenile protection case records that identify reporters of abuse or neglect; HIV test results; medical records, chemical dependency evaluations and records, and psychiatric evaluations and records; sexual offender treatment program reports; portions of photographs that identify a child; applications for ex parte emergency protective orders, and any resulting orders; records that specifically identify a minor victim of an alleged or adjudicated sexual assault; notice of pending court proceedings provided to an Indian tribe; records deemed inaccessible by the court due to extenuating circumstances; and records that identify the location of any shelter or foster care facility where a child has been placed pursuant to a juvenile court order. *See Minn. R. Juv. Prot. P. 8.04.*

3. This Order shall remain in effect until the completion of the aforementioned research or one year from the date this Order is signed, whichever comes first.

Dated: _____

4/25/11

BY THE COURT:



Kathryn L. Quaintance
Presiding Judge
Hennepin County Juvenile Court