

JUVENILE COURT
POLICY/PROCEDURE

ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS BY REPORTERS OF NEWS

POLICY

Reporters of news shall be permitted to inspect copies of Juvenile Court Delinquency Records only if permitted by statute (§938.396(2m)(a) & (b)) or as noted below.

Inspection of court records pursuant to statute is limited, unless otherwise authorized by the Judge assigned to the case, to pending or prior delinquency petitions, other petitions related to pending or prior delinquency actions (e.g. revision/extension/change of placement), court orders, notices, and motions related to prior or pending delinquency petitions.

In a case in which statutory access is not permitted a reporter of news may, without further specific approval of the Court, inspect only a pending delinquency petition. Inspection of any additional court documents must be approved by the Court.

In all of the above, the reporter may further disclose the information only if permitted by statute.

PROCEDURE

For all of the above the Clerk of Courts will establish procedures and criteria for authorization and may limit or otherwise direct access in a manner necessary to the maintenance the security of records. Any further exceptions must be approved by the Court.