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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF _____ COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF

Name _____, **Juvenile** **Case No.** _____
Year of Birth _____ **A** **male** **female**

ORDER CLOSING FILES TO PUBLIC INSPECTION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2309

NOW on this ____ day of _____, _____, the Court finds that it is not in the best interest of the juvenile named above, who was less than 14 years of age at the time of the alleged offense, for the official file to be open for public inspection.

It is therefore ordered that the official file in the captioned matter shall be closed to public inspection, and disclosed only to the following:

1. A judge of the district court and members of the staff of the court designated by the judge;
2. Parties to the proceedings and their attorneys;
3. Any individual or any public or private agency or institution: (A) having custody of the juvenile under court order; or (B) providing educational, medical or mental health services to the juvenile;
4. The juvenile’s court appointed special advocate;
5. Any placement provider or potential placement provider as determined by the Commissioner or court services officer;
6. Law enforcement officers or county or district attorneys, or their staff, when necessary for the discharge of their official duties;
7. The Kansas Racing Commission, upon written request of the Commission chairperson, for the purpose provided by K.S.A. 74-8804, and amendments thereto, except that information identifying the victim or alleged victim of any sex offense shall not be disclosed pursuant to this subsection;
8. Juvenile intake and assessment workers;
9. The Commissioner; and
10. Any other person when authorized by a court order, subject to any conditions imposed by the order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Judge of the District Court

Authority

K.S.A. 38-2309.

Notes on Use

The official file in a juvenile proceeding shall be open for public inspection, unless the judge determines that the juvenile is less than 14 years of age and that opening the official file for public inspection is not in the best interests of the juvenile. The term "official file" is defined by K.S.A. 38-2309(a). Statute dictates which individuals are permitted access to the official file, and they are listed in the form. Information identifying victims of sex offenses shall not be disclosed or open to public inspection under any circumstances. The social file is privileged and open to inspection only by attorneys for the parties, JIAS, CASA, and juvenile community corrections officers, or upon court order. The reports therein are not to be further disclosed by those persons without court approval or by being presented as admissible evidence. Relevant information, reports and records shall be made available to the department of corrections, upon request and a showing that the former juvenile has been convicted of a crime and placed in the custody of the secretary of corrections. K.S.A. 38-2309(e).