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1225 NE 168th Street
Shoreline, WA 98155

JISC Data Dissemination Committee

Dear Committee,

I am writing to request records concerning the imposition and collection of fines assessed by the King County District Courts over the past five years. My interest is in overall figures rather than individual cases. However, I would like the information categorized by the type of infraction.

I am working on an article that looks at the efficiency of the county in collecting fines and at how well the collection agencies contracted by the county do in recovering this revenue. I hope to compare the efficiency rates to other counties. I also plan to compare the efficiency among the agencies used by the county to collect fines.

I have been a journalist for more than 40 years and worked for The Seattle Times for 30 years as an editor, reporter and editorial writer. While I am not currently under contract to The Times, I recently finished three months of working for the editorial department. While I have hopes that The Times will show interest in the story I am doing, as a free-lancer, I will be seeking other media for the story.

I would like a cost estimate before any extraction of data. Please contact me if you have questions. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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