WASHINGTON COURTS

**April 24, 2015**

**TO:** JISC Data Dissemination Committee

**FROM:** Stephanie Happold, AOC Data Dissemination Administrator

**RE:** Request to Provide Judicial Information System (JIS) Traffic Infraction Data on a Continual Basis.

## Background and AOC Staff Comments

The insurance support organization Drivers History Information ("DHI") requested a historical bulk file of traffic-related case information containing the exact data elements previously made available to Data Driven Safety, Inc.[1] Additionally, DHI is requesting ongoing periodic updates to this file (at least monthly) that will contain any changes to previously provided cases, as well as, any new cases in the database. The AOC is bringing this request before the Data Dissemination Committee (DDC) for review.

The JIS Committee (JISC) authorized the DDC to act on its behalf in reviewing and acting on requests for JIS access by non-court users.[2] The DD Policy sets forth criteria which this Committee may use in deciding these requests:

- The extent to which access will result in efficiencies in the operation of a court or courts.
- The extent to which access will enable the fulfillment of a legislative mandate.
- The extent to which access will result in efficiencies in other parts of the criminal justice system.
- The risks created by permitting such access.[3]

The first part of DHI's request for data is similar to what DDS received; however, they are asking for a historical file instead of a three year period. If the DDC approves the request, the AOC asks that the data be for the timeframe of three years after disposition (or seven years for a case with a deferred disposition) that is similar to the retention period in JIS for the IT case type. (District and Municipal Court Records Retention Schedule, Section 2.2, Civil Infractions.)

As to the second part of the request regarding monthly updates: currently, the AOC does not provide new datafeeds with automatic file transfer, because the agency does not have the resources to monitor and maintain these new feeds. If the DDC approves DHI's request, the AOC asks that DHI submit a monthly request asking for updated case information based on the specifics the DDC provides.

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[1] Documents related to the DDC's decision regarding DDS's request are included for reference.
[2] JISC Bylaws, Article 7, Secs. 1 and 2.
[3] DD Policy, Sec. IX.C.