WASHINGTON COURTS

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TO: JISC Data Dissemination Committee

FROM: Stephanie Happold, AOC Data Dissemination Administrator

RE: Umatilla County District Attorney's Office - Recommendation

The Umatilla County District Attorney's Office (UCDA) is a prosecutor's office based in Oregon that is requesting JIS LINK level 25 access for its investigator, with possible expansion to the whole office. The basis for the request is that many of the defendants UCDA encounters also have Washington state criminal convictions, requiring UCDA to contact each court for case details. The process is time-consuming to both UCDA and court staff.

The AOC recommendation is to provide JIS LINK Level 1 access

This request is before the JISC Data Dissemination Committee (DDC) for approval[1] because UCDA is an out-of-state governmental agency. Though sympathetic to UCDA's situation, the AOC recommends providing JIS LINK level 1 access only. UCDA is not an in-state judicial partner conducting Washington state court business. JIS LINK level 25 access is one of the highest security profiles offered and provides data beyond what out-of-state agencies should be allowed to view as they are not part of the Washington state judicial system. For example, level 25 users can see the existence of sealed juvenile cases, Washington State Department of Licensing information, address history information, and the person record. Also, AOC resources are for providing support to the state courts. To start allowing out-of-state agencies elevated JIS LINK access would require state resources to be used to maintain those accounts, both JABS and JIS LINK, and result in those AOC resources not being readily available for the ongoing needs of in-state courts and judicial partners.

AOC recommends a JIS LINK billed level 1 public account for UCDA, the same as what Multnomah County District Attorney's Office (another Oregon-based office) currently uses. Cases can be searched using the SNCI and CNCI commands, with case information being provided with the docket screen and the SCOMIS commands.

[1] The JIS Committee (JISC) authorized the Data Dissemination Committee (DDC) to act on its behalf in reviewing and acting on requests for JIS access by non-court users. JISC Bylaws, Article 7, Secs. 1 - 2.