

1. Meeting Minutes



JISC DATA DISSEMINATION COMMITTEE
Friday, August 25, 2017 (8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)
Teleconference
Call-in Number: 1-877-820-7831, Passcode 797974

DRAFT - MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Judge Thomas J. Wynne, Chair
Judge Jeannette Dalton
Judge J. Robert Leach
Judge G. Scott Marinella
Judge David A. Svaren
Ms. Barbara Miner
Ms. Brooke Powell
Ms. Aimee Vance

Staff Present

Ms. Stephanie Happold, Data Dissemination Administrator
Ms. Kathy Bowman, MSD Administrative Secretary
Mr. Mike Keeling, ISD Operations Manager
Ms. Angie Autry, Business Process Engineer
Mr. Frankie Peters, Business Process Engineer

Guests

Mr. Francis Adewale, Access to Justice
Mr. Dave Cook, ACRANET
Ms. Jody Marshall, Tacoma Attorney's Office
Ms. Patty Noble-Desy, King County
Mr. Josh Saunders, Department of Public Defense
Mr. Nick Warrack, ACRANET

0. Call to Order

Chair Judge Thomas J. Wynne called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Participating Committee members, guests, and staff identified themselves.

1. June 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Judge Wynne requested a motion to approve the June 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Judge Svaren so moved and Ms. Powell seconded. The meeting minutes for the June 23, 2017 DDC meeting were approved as written.

2. King County Pre-Trial Services JABS Access

On behalf of King County, Ms. Patty Noble-Desy presented a request to allow King County Court Services Personal Recognizance Investigators access to JABS. This access would provide investigators more complete criminal histories in order to prepare pretrial documents and to make recommendations to the court. Ms. Miner stated it is essential that this access be provided. Judge Wynne noted this access was previously provided for other counties' pre-trial services. DDA Happold was aware of Spokane County pretrial services having JIS-LINK access, but was not sure what security level the Committee would like to give as this is not a set public defender, prosecutor, law enforcement, or non-JIS court entity. It was agreed by the Committee that this type of access must be consistent amongst the different county pre-trial services agencies.

DDA Happold asked whether King County needed access to sealed cases or to ADR information, as that would assist in determining the specific level required for this request. The opinion was that sealed cases and ADR were not needed. Ms. Miner made a motion to provide the same JABS access to King County Personal Recognizance Investigators as what was previously provided to Snohomish and Spokane pre-trial services. Judge Svaren seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. DDA Happold will contact Ms. Noble-Desy next week to finalize the approval for requested access.

Update: DDA Happold sent Ms. Noble-Desy a JIS-LINK subscription agreement for a JIS-LINK Level 20 account that includes JABS access without the ADR tab.

3. King County Department of Public Defense Access to Involuntary Commitment Case Type 6s

Mr. Josh Saunders with the King County Department of Public Defense presented the request to give SCOMIS case type 6 access to public defenders and their staff who work on Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) cases. The access was needed to reliably determine if a client had a previous ITA adjudication. Judge Wynne did not recall addressing this type of request with any other county, and DDA Happold agreed as she did not find any previous exemptions.

Ms. Miner moved to approve SCOMIS access to King County Department of Public Defense. Judge Marinella asked why this access should not be expanded beyond King County. Mr. Francis Adewale with Access to Justice asked the motion be made to open access to all public defenders in the state. DDA Happold reminded the DDC that such access would be statewide, even to cases that are not assigned to the public defender. She also stated that many public defenders have Odyssey Portal access that gives them the access if they are made 'attorney of record' of the particular case. She further commented that the statewide access should be a question that goes before the Clerk's Association as more counties move to Odyssey and the county clerks control access to the documents available in Odyssey Portal. Ms. Miner agreed. DDA Happold suggested granting case type 6 access just to King County Department of Public Defense at this time. For possible state-wide access to all public defenders, the Committee can make a recommendation to the County Clerks if it so wishes. Ms. Miner said attorneys of record are allowed the access pursuant to the statute; for statewide access, a change to the statute (RCW 71.05.620) would be required. Judge Leach said the Committee has the authority to make a recommendation to give access and then additional access must be routed through the clerks and the legislature. Mr. Mike Keeling pointed out that access to case type 6s would not necessarily tie together all that individual's records as the party of those cases are not a well-identified party. Therefore, the case would not show up on the party's ICH. Also if the person had multiple case type 6 cases under different names, they would not be linked in the case management systems. Mr. Josh Saunders stated prosecutors have access to this information, and it is only the public defenders that do not. Ms. Miner said as far as she was aware, these prosecutors may be using

their own system, but King County does not give access to prosecutors. DDA Happold agreed: prosecutors do not have access to case type 6s with JIS LINK or JABS accounts. The only way they could have it is with the Odyssey Portal attorney of record override or if a local court/jurisdiction gave them the access using a court/clerk RACFID.

Judge Leach made an amendment to the earlier motion that the Committee recommend to AOC and court clerks to allow access to case 6 type records. DDA Happold cautioned there is no attorney of record override in SCOMIS, so giving access to case type 6 records would give access to all case type 6s statewide. Ms. Miner said she would approve of giving King County Department of Public Defense staff RACFIDs in order to access the King County records.

Judge Leach restated his amendment to approve access to case type 6 records to the King County Department of Public Defenders with a recommendation that the county clerks consider this statewide. Those present were reminded this action was possible today only because the King County Clerk was present and approved the request; the DDC did not have the authority to mandate county clerks provide access to records. The motion was seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed. Ms. Miner will work with Mr. Josh Saunders to organize this access.

4. Lower ELWHA Klallam Tribe Klallam Counseling Services Request for Elevated JIS LINK access

Representatives from Klallam Counseling Services did not call in to the meeting; therefore, the request from Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Klallam Counseling Services will be tabled until the next DDC meeting to be held in October, 2017.

5. Tacoma Municipal Prosecutor Request for Printing Access

This issue was continued from the June 23, 2017, DDC meeting. DDA Happold provided an update regarding a workable solution to batch printing, calendar printing, and label creation/printing that the City of Tacoma Attorney's Office currently has access to that is beyond the 2008 exemption that only allowed prosecutors to print JIS calendars. One issue is that the Tacoma Attorney's Office's workflow is embedded in the ability to print-out these unauthorized reports. Ms. Vance worked with Tacoma Attorney's Office and the AOC Data Warehouse programmers to create a BIT report that will pull the data necessary to print labels when they no longer have access to the MRS screen. Judge Wynne said it is still a work in progress. The BIT report is almost ready for the labels once the data components are determined. Access to batch reports is a more difficult state-wide issue, as the 2008 exemption allows access to printing JIS calendars, but that access also allows access, though unauthorized, to the batch print jobs. This resolution is still ongoing. DDA Happold proposed a solution: AOC will turn off the MRS screen access, and the Committee will direct the Tacoma Attorney's Office to only print the JIS calendar and no longer print batch DCHs. DDA Happold will compose a draft letter for Judge Wynne's signature. The Committee had no objections but agreed

that AOC should continue to work on solutions. The topic was tabled until October, 2017, for DDA Happold to provide an update.

6. Access to JIS Printing

DDA Happold presented information on non-court user access to printing in JIS. In 2008, the DDC granted certain prosecutors a court RACFID to print JIS calendars. The access was recently extended to public defenders. With a court RACFID, batch printing of dockets, financials, DCHs, and ADRs is also available. Also, the prosecutors and public defenders have access to any report on the court's print domain. The batch printing and access to the print domains are beyond what was granted in 2008. A proposed AOC solution is to change the PCS screen and print domain menu and allow a JIS-Link RACFID to work as well. This will limit access to a court's print reports. Also, AOC can then tailor which batch printing will be allowed. For example, the DCH batch printing will be turned off. However, AOC needs direction from the Committee about what batch printing should be allowed. The Committee decided that prosecutors/public defenders can print calendars, dockets, and financial history information. In addition, prosecutors can batch print ADR information. Neither can batch print DCHs. Mr. Mike Keeling anticipates this can be done in November. Ms. Vance commented that this will be huge for prosecutors and public defenders, as well as beneficial to the courts.

7. Retention of CLJ Probation Records in New CMS

AOC Business Process Engineer Angie Autry announced to the DDC that the CLJ-CMS successful vendor is Journal Technologies and contract negotiations are currently underway. AOC staff wanted to come before the DDC to provide an update and provide notice of some issues that may be brought before the Committee in the future. A portal-type access is anticipated for non-court users and this could potentially bring more data dissemination issues to the Committee for resolution. A steering committee (Ms. Vance is a member) and other focus groups are working on defining the supervision levels and case types. Specific security levels and records retention are questions anticipated to be brought to the DDC. Case management data element variables are also under review. The new system will be similar to Odyssey in that the local jurisdiction determines access to documents. More will be known once the contract has been signed. AOC is working with focus groups to make recommendations and will be identifying future issues that will be brought before the DDC. AOC Business Process Engineer Frankie Peters is the lead for the probation focus group. Judge Wynne suggested reaching out to the Probation Association for their feedback.

8. Public Index Contracts

DDA Happold presented updated public index language for Section 9 dealing with sealed adult cases and asked if the Committee had additional feedback. Judge Leach said if he had any suggested edits he would send them directly to DDA Happold via email. Ms. Miner agreed with the proposed language and Judge Marinella also agreed it was consistent with what was previously discussed by the Committee. DDA Happold

will make the final changes and start the process of contacting current subscribers and moving them onto the new contracts for weekly files and increased costs.

9. ACRANET Letter

Mr. Dave Cook and Mr. Nick Warrack from ACRANET were present to speak to the Committee regarding the amendment to the Data Dissemination Policy that removes address information from Level 1 JIS LINK public access. Mr. Cook said the change made it more difficult for their staff to do their work. Judge Wynne restated that the reason for this change was for the safety of domestic violence victims. The Committee thanked Mr. Cook for joining the meeting, but was not moved to amend the Policy.

10. Other Business

DDA Happold advised that AOC has a question for the DDC that must be addressed prior to the next meeting in October dealing with how expunged cases are handled/viewed in Odyssey. She will set-up a teleconference in September.

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JISC DATA DISSEMINATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 6, 2017 (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)
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Members Present

Judge Thomas J. Wynne, Chair
Judge G. Scott Marinella
Ms. Barb Miner
Ms. Brooke Powell
Ms. Aimee Vance

Staff Present

Ms. Stephanie Happold, Data Dissemination Administrator
Ms. Yvonne Pettus, System Support Analyst, ISD-Operations

Members Not Present

Judge J. Robert Leach
Judge Jeannette Dalton
Judge David A. Svaren

Guests

Mr. Mark Allen, Deputy County Clerk, Snohomish County

0. Call to Order

Chair Judge Thomas J. Wynne called the meeting to order. Participating Committee members, guests, and staff identified themselves.

1. Expunged Cases Displaying in Odyssey

AOC staff presented. Recently, AOC staff received permission by the Odyssey clerks to “fix” how expunged cases were displaying in Odyssey due to issues caused by conversion from JIS/SCOMIS. There are two options to fix the cases in Odyssey: the ‘Expunge Case’ command and the ‘Case Party Replace’ command. AOC staff provided examples of both from Odyssey and Odyssey Portal that showed the before and after for each option. As these commands affect how expunged case information will display in the Odyssey case management system and portal, AOC staff needed direction from the Committee on what command to implement.

In SCOMIS, the ‘Expunge Case’ command displays Case Number, Title/Style (which should state ‘Expunged’), County, Case Status, Case Type, and Case Filed Date. The Odyssey ‘Expunge Case’ command completely hides the case from displaying for any user. In Odyssey the only way to access the case information is to use the ‘Unexpunge Case’ command, but the user has to know the case number. AOC staff’s concern about using this command was that completely removing a case from view does not meet the requirements of data access policies and court rules.

The ‘Case Party Replace’ command displays the Case Number, Title/Style (which should be ‘Expunged’), County, Case Status, Case Type, and Case Filed Date. However, using ‘Case

Party Replace' and changing the case title to 'expunged' do not wipe out case events, charges, etc. Even if the county clerk deleted each event manually, these are soft deletes, the case items deleted are still available to many users (for example: county clerks have access to view deleted events), and the soft delete action would be required for items contained in the case (for example: warrants, protection orders). There are also case items that are unable to be deleted, such as the last charge on a criminal case. There is concern about how many steps 'Case Party Replace' would require and that some case data would still be viewable to certain users.

The Committee unanimously provided the following direction to AOC:

1. The Expunge Case Command in Odyssey hides too much case information. The existence of expunged cases should be available to the public, albeit with very limited information. They asserted that the existence of expunged cases comports with GR 15(h), and Article I, § 10 of the Constitution of the State of Washington that states: "Justice in all cases shall be administered openly, and without unnecessary delay."
2. Therefore, the Case Party Replace command should be used. However, in looking at the screenshots AOC staff provided, the Committee thought the command did not hide enough as the 'case type' should also be removed and instead say 'expunged.' In order to do that, a new case type would need to be created.
3. The extra work involved with the Case Party Replace command, such as all the manual soft deletes, was discussed. The Committee members did not think this was a huge issue as there should not be many expunged cases, the soft deletes comported with GR 15(h), and the fact that the order to expunge should still exist and be available to the public as stated in GR 15(h)(3)(A). The fact that clerks could still possibly see the deleted information was not an issue.
4. DDA Happold is to meet with SC-CMS staff about this direction and about the new case type. She will then report back to the DDC if everything decided at this meeting was feasible. Once an approach to expunged cases is finalized, AOC is to also reach out to WSACC and SCJA so they are aware of how expunged cases will be handled in Odyssey.
5. There was concern about cases being expunged without statutory authority. The DDC will discuss possible education about destroying/expunging cases to be created for the associations at the next meeting. They also would like education to be sent to SCJA and WSACC about the new case type when it is created including how to use it, when to use it, and why.
6. In parallel to all this, Ms. Pettus was given the go-ahead to work on the known expunged cases to remove the party names from displaying in Portal.

**2. Lower ELWHA
Klallam Tribe
Counseling
Services
Request**



LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE KLALLAM COUNSELING SERVICES

“Strong People”

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July 24, 2017

JIS Data Dissemination Committee
C/O Stephanie Happold
Data Dissemination Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
PO Box 41170
Olympia, WA 98504-1170

RE: JIS LINK Security Level

My name is Angie Berglund. I am the Treatment Manager for Klallam Counseling Services. I am writing to request a higher security clearance for the agency I work for. We complete drug & alcohol evaluations with clients needing to access services. We complete them onsite as well as various off site locations. As part of our full assessment process, we require a Defendant Case History. This has shown to be very difficult to access at times for some of our clients. Sometimes fear alone will stop them from going into the courthouse or out to the state patrol office to obtain a copy of this. This fear can cause them to not follow through and access the services they need. Transportation can also be a barrier for them to access this information. Some of our off site locations include jail and our local detox facility. Doing assessments while a patient is detained, helps to expedite services to the patient but it also poses a barrier to the patient being able to gather any needed resources.

We would like to be able to print them in house when we are setting up their evaluations so we can remove this as a barrier for the clients it poses a problem for. We as a treatment agency take confidentiality very seriously and we are also very familiar with the stipulation of non-re-disclosure.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request and please let me know if you need any further information about our agency or have any additional questions. I can be reached at 360-452-4432 Ext 7513 or by cell at 360-912-5721. If email is an easier way to communicate, my email is angie.berglund@elwha.org.

Sincerely Submitted,

Angie Berglund, MA, CDP, MFTA, MHCA
Treatment Manager

**3. City of Poulsbo
Office of the
City Prosecutor
Request**

Poulsbo Municipal Court



October 9, 2017

Data Dissemination Committee
Administrative Office of the Courts
PO Box 41170
Olympia, WA 98504-1170

Re: DV and Relationship screens in JABS

Dear Committee Members,

I respectfully request that prosecutors have access to the DVI and Relationship screens in JABS. The judges consider this information whenever a DV case or a civil protection order request comes before him/her. I believe it is equally important for prosecutors to have access to this information when they are looking at potential DV charges, sentencing recommendations, and motions to revoke on domestic violence cases.

While a DV Assault will show on the case criminal history screen, civil DV protection orders will not. The defendant may have a history of civil DV protection orders that have expired or are currently in place on the current or other victims.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Baker".

Linda Baker
Court Administrator

City of Poulsbo

Office of the City Prosecutor, Alexis T. Foster



October 9, 2017

Data Dissemination Committee

Administrative Office Courts

PO Box 41170

Olympia, WA 98504-1170

Re: Prosecutor Access to “DVI” and “Relationships” Screens in JABS

Dear Committee Members:

I write you today to respectfully request prosecutor access to the “DVI” and “Relationships” screens in the JABS system. As the current City Prosecutor for the City of Poulsbo, and a former Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for 10 years previously, I believe this access is important for prosecutors as it provides invaluable information to assist in the prosecution of domestic violence cases. For example, should a defendant have a history of civil domestic violence protection orders with the current alleged victim, or other victims, that information would be key in consideration of charging decisions, pre-trial release recommendations/requests to the court, sentencing recommendations, and any probation violations. It would also assist in ensuring coordination on orders between any court that has issued a civil domestic violence protection order along with the prosecutor and court handling the criminal matter.

This is but a summary of the benefits that access to the “DVI” and “Relationships” screens would provide. I would be more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding this request and can be reached directly at (360) 394-9710.

Sincerely,

Alexis T. Foster

Alexis T. Foster, Prosecutor

City of Poulsbo

**4. Bail Bond
Recovery Agent
Request**

I.T.W Fugitive Recovery
P.O. Box 1855
Marysville, WA 98270
Ph. (360) 770-0073 Fax. (360) 838-0102

To Whom It May Concern;

IN RE: Access to address screen in JIS/SCOMIS

My name is Kevin Kyzar. I am a Bail Bond Recovery Agent. Many people assume we are just bounty hunters. However, we are much more. We are licensed by the state of Washington, to do our job. In order to get that license, we have to achieve a certain level of training, obtain a concealed pistol license, and pass mandatory background checks. This training includes being trained and certified in the use of O.C. spray, Taser, Baton, Defensive tactics, and firearms qualifications. Once all of this has been accomplished, we are then given a test by the Department of Licensing. If we pass, we are issued a license to do our job. And, we are required to renew, and re-test on our firearms on a yearly basis.

I have worked with, and maintain an ongoing relationship, with various Sheriff's agencies, D.O.C., local police forces, U.S. Marshalls, Tribal police, and other assorted task forces.

I tell you this, to establish a level of professionalism, that I adhere to. And to help dispel the myth that we are "just" bounty hunters.

The use of the address screen in JIS/SCOMIS is vital to us, in order to effectively do our job.

1. Often times when someone bails out of jail, they never go to the bonding company and fill out their information form. Thus no address is provided. JIS/SCOMIS can provide an address for us.
2. If they have moved, and not notified the bonding company, many times JIS/SCOMIS can provide an updated address.
3. If they do not own a currently registered vehicle, JIS/SCOMIS can provide this address for us.
4. Per R.C.W. 18-185-300, in order to do planned forced entry into a building, we are required to have "probable cause to be the defendant is in the dwelling or structure." JIS/SCOMIS address screen helps to provide our probable cause. Additionally, many local police jurisdictions will not assist on this forced entry, if we can not provide an address of record for them.
5. JIS/SCOMIS provides warrant and address details, several local Tribal jurisdictions, will not help to enforce our warrants, if we can not provide them with this address printout. A good example is case #: 10323A-16D. Tulalip tribal police would not do a search of the residence,

as there was no address provided by JIS/SCOMIS. I had physically watched the defendant enter this address, which is his address of record, and would have been in JIS/SCOMIS. But, because it was on Tribal trust land, they needed the address on the printout, to enter and do a non-consent search. Even though we knew the defendant was inside, the home owner would not consent to a search. JIS/SCOMIS address printout would have solved this problem.

6. When attempting to enter a residence, if we are met with resistance at the door, many times showing the JIS/SCOMIS address printout, helps to insure the person at the door, that we do in fact have a right to be there, and enter the structure to search for the defendant.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 770-0073.

Respectfully,

Kevin J. Kyzar

B.B.R.A. #: 141

**7. Letter to the DDC
Regarding
Public
Websearch**

To Whom It May Concern:

I have started this letter several times. I cannot seem to find the words to elicit much needed change. All I can do is tell you my story. A story I have given up all hope on and was not even going to write this letter until my daughter called me today hysterical and now terrified.

I wrote Shannon Hinchcliffe about a matter I am having with the Clallam County Courts. I apologize; I have to tell you about my issue to get to the point of this letter. I will try to be brief if at all possible.

I am currently in a domestic violence situation. I am in hiding in Clallam County from a very dangerous individual. I got a traffic ticket for not wearing a seatbelt. I pled guilty to the 1st ticket and paid the fine and asked the court to seal the record, which was done without incident, argument or commentary. Matter of fact, Judge Porter seemed very concerned and helpful. He never once expressed any concerns or hesitations. The only concern was that I used the wrong form but once he found out that the prosecutor had drafted up a corrected one, he was more than happy to sign my order.

A few months later I got the same ticket. As I have stated all along, I am not trying to make excuses or break the law intentionally. Due to what I stated above, I am overwhelmed which is an understatement. My daughter and I are trying to rebuild our lives and move on in a place where we know no one, have no support system, all the while we are living under constant surveillance to protect us while my ex is using all possible means necessary to find us. My ex won't stop trying to find us. He has a felony assault conviction, has violated the restraining order several times and several other assaults that were not charged due to lack of evidence. The day in question I just got some more news from my lawyer and my daughter was struggling with some issues there as well and we were just both very overwhelmed and I was trying to explain things to a 17 year old who doesn't understand why the legal system is not doing anything to protect us. My ex has filed over 200 motions in another court using the legal system to now harass me. Well with the lack of understanding and help in this difficult legal situation for people in our situation she was arguing with me about what was going on and why legal system is not helping us and I once again forgot my seatbelt in all the commotion and trying to get out of town for the day for us to have a break even briefly from the constant chaos. Since that time, 8-29-2017 I have been trying to get my info off of your court website as the longer it appears there the more danger we are in using the GR 15 Rule.

My abuser knows where I work. I work for Wal-Mart there are only two in Clallam County so seeing where I got the ticket; it would not take much to find us. This time however; the same Judge, Judge Porter did not understand that if he seals the record he is not sealing it with Department of Licensing. Judge Porter, I felt, was more hell bent on putting me in my place and humiliating me in court because I did it twice than listening to the real problem. Now he stated he had an issue with it because he feels I could be masking a criminal record. I DO NOT HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD. Something I had repeated to him 3 times and he ignored me. Judge Porter stated it is preventing the DOL from seeing my real driving record and it also prevents the insurance companies from the same and does not give them a true picture of my driving history and criminal record. He pulled his clerk in there who told him it does not affect anything but the Washington State Website and again GR 15 was discussed. The clerk told the Judge that the record still goes to DOL. The judge then stated he wanted the clerk to ask the AOC. If the AOC says he can sign it, then he will but until then no. The clerk stated he went to the AOC and they told him they were forwarding it to the legal department. I spoke with the DOL and they confirmed that they still had record of my tickets and the insurance companies can still see them. They are not being sealed or masked as the judge suggests. This in turn led me to write a letter to the AOC much like the one I am writing today. I contacted a lawyer. I was prepared to sue the state of Washington. A day later the judge heard back from the AOC and found that this criminal record he was referring to, this committing a felony he kept accusing me of, he was in fact incorrect. It is for people with commercial driver's licenses. Something I do not have. So I ask why is it the judge wouldn't even listen to his clerk. GR 15 was set up for this very issue; the problem is it's after the fact. It puts the info up forcing us to ask to remove it and go through issues like this in court. What happens if I get another ticket for anything? Tail light out, headlight. The pressure of not being able to breathe for fear of getting a ticket. Could you drive like that? That one simple ticket is a possible death sentence? Now be a 17 year old girl who grew up in the violence and knows full well what the man is capable of and a new driver and be so worried you may make a mistake. Such as what happened today.

So here it is, October 7th, 2017. I got the ticket August 28th. I tried to be proactive about it. I tried to get the ticket off BEFORE it went on there. Nope. I was told that I need to send the judge a letter to mitigate it; he sees them faster I was told. This was also not true. Do you know by the time I went to court on this issue on September 28th my information has already been up there a month and the judge had not even read my letter to mitigate it. I have been at risk for a month. I don't know how long it was up beforehand because I was under the assumption that it did not go on the website until after it had been disposed. Not the case it goes up the minute the officer gives you a ticket. This HAS got to change. So now, the judge on September 29th states he will sign the order after putting me through hell and having to write letters to the AOC. Now on the 29th he reads my mitigating circumstances and fines me 135.00. Which is the standard rate, but I asked for leniency given the circumstances. I was granted none. Because this judge doesn't believe in that if you repeat your mistake. So here it is October 7th and I do not have one dime to pay to get my ticket off the record and quite honestly, I have given up. I feel like my abuser already has won. I am so tired of fighting. I want you to understand I made a mistake but that mistake not wearing a seatbelt should not be worth my life or that of my child. Every day that it was up there put our lives in danger. So now it's all on me not the judge because I am not paying the bill. I would still pay the bill but the courts can't seal it or take it off if I don't pay it first. There is nothing in place to allow me to pay it after they take it off which makes me feel like they are blackmailing me with my own life. Pay or else....When I said to the judge the longer it's up there the more I am in danger his response to me was well one more day isn't going to matter is it? Really? One more day could be the difference between life or death but if he doesn't care why should I anymore? Why should I continue to keep fighting for my life when no one cares?

The judge was okay with it before but because I did it again, he was mad, which I understand to a degree but GR 15 clearly states that when the threat to a person is more important than the public's need to know then the record could be sealed. I am not trying to hide anything but my whereabouts for our safety. I am not trying to mask anything. He just kept saying there was some ruling about not being able to mask a felony. I do not have a felony; I do not have any gross misdemeanors or misdemeanors. I had a civil traffic infraction. I am at a point in my life where I am so tired of fighting the legal system to protect us when they are working against us that I just am ready for him to find me and put me out of my misery. I have given up all hope. The legal system has treated me and my daughter like the criminals instead of helping fix a problem that exists and puts us in danger.

I have given up. I was not going to write this letter at all until today, my daughter was pulled over because my tags are expired. 1. I did not know they were expired. 2. I do not have the money because every ounce of money I have left over is going to the lawyer to protect me, which I have court on the 13th of this month. I have to face a man who has raped me twice, assaulted me numerous occasions and now worry he will follow me home over child support. For the last year he has dragged me into court almost every other week if not every week over frivolous motions. They have written slanderous letters to my employer. I have been stalked for over a year and a half so I have no doubt he probably already knows where I am.

I make good money but I can't even afford to feed us and I have to worry now about paying a 135 dollar ticket just to get it off the website for our safety and now I have 30 days to pay to get my tags fixed to keep that from going on the record because if I do not pay it in 30 days I don't even know how much but if I do not pay it then she stated they will issue me a ticket and it will go back on the website and I will be in front of that same judge again. What will he do to me then? Throw me in jail because I am masking a criminal record? To add insult to injury we are in the Address Confidentiality program which protects our address. It's on my license; my vehicles are registered to it. It is what I was told to do to protect us. The Deputy that pulled my daughter over proceeded to tell her that we are violating the law because we will not give out our home address. My daughter refused so she used her school address. So now he will know what school she goes to if I do not pay the damn ticket in 30 days when she mails her and that becomes public record. I called the Sergeant today to get that rectified and they are not familiar with the Address Confidentiality program and they won't fix it. Despite the program clearly states we do not have to provide our physical address. So now I have a hysterical 17 year old who feels like she just signed our death warrant?

So that is why I am writing this letter. I have given up. I don't have any more fight left in me. But I have to protect my daughter or give her peace of mind that isn't really there. I have to lie to my daughter and tell her everything is okay when it's not. I have to make her feel that we are safe when the reality is, we are not. The legal system is set up to deal with things after the fact. Not preventing it. They are set up to let things happen and when he kills me, and he will. I know it's just a matter of time whose fault is it? Is it mine for doing everything I could to fight a system not set up for us?

Is it the legal system for failing us at every turn? All the sergeant could tell me today when I complained about it was Welcome to Washington Laws. Well I am sure that will be a consolation to my family at my funeral. If it sounds like I am being too dramatic, I am. But it's not drama its reality. Mine. Until you have lived it, you can't possibly understand how bad it really is. My reality is quite simple. I am living on borrowed time. I will die at his hands and there is nothing that anyone can do to stop it. It won't matter if I pay the 135 or the other fees because Washington State already gave him the tools to find me. They won't try to fix it unless I pay. My ransom is 135 dollars and whatever the fix it ticket is.

All I can do at this point is make you aware of what is wrong with the system and pray that the next woman and child in the same situation doesn't have to fight and lose like I have. That hopefully you will see how wrong this system is and fix it for the next people.

The courts have already gone on record saying my life is really only worth 135.00 dollars and a fix it ticket. Judge Porter can explain to my daughter why when this man finds me why he felt it necessary to keep me on the website and humiliate me over a criminal record I do not have. They can explain to her not to get upset when she has seen and been traumatized by a man whom she has seen most of her life beat her mother and sister that we are violating a law that was supposed to be to protect us. They gave us the tools to use and then rammed them down our throat and used it against us.

If this doesn't disturb you and show you there needs to be change, nothing will. All I wanted to do was get us away from a very bad situation but it seems that is impossible because all the help that is promised is not there. I just wanted to keep us safe. I have failed at that, I have failed my daughter. I alone have to live with apparently being so irresponsible I got a ticket for not wearing my seatbelt. That is on me. It's on me that I cannot protect my child. I tried.

Do you have any idea what it's like for a 17 year old to feel like if she makes one mistake driving such as expired tags it literally could mean the end of our life. I ask that you please change the rules to keep information off the website until we can prove or disprove our situation for victims of domestic survivors. Stop putting us at risk before you get your money. Stop making money more important than our lives. Stop being reactive and start being proactive. Just like the song if I die Young says, "Funny when you're dead how people start listening" Don't let this be the case like it is so many other times.

Sincerely,

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