Sealed Juvenile Cases

Under RCW 13.50.260:

(6)(a) If the court enters a written order sealing the juvenile court record pursuant to this section, it shall, subject to RCW 13.50.050(13), order sealed the official juvenile court record, the social file, and other records relating to the case as are named in the order. Thereafter, the proceedings in the case shall be treated as if they never occurred

(7) Inspection of the files and records included in the order to seal may thereafter be permitted only by order of the court upon motion made by the person who is the subject of the information or complaint, except as otherwise provided in RCW 13.50.010(8) and 13.50.050(13).

Exceptions listed are not relevant to this line of inquiry, and cover identifying information held by police (fingerprint cards, etc.) or use by hospitals and researchers.

JABS and Odyssey handle display of sealed juvenile cases differently, depending on screens viewed and search use. For instance:

JABS Case Search:

[redacted] is a sealed case.
You do not have authority to view information about this case.

Press Continue.

JABS Name Search:

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True Name: [redacted] Alias: [redacted] 8 Cases ICH DCH PDCH

AKA	Party	Case Number	Crt	Date	Short Title	DV	Jg	DR	O	CD	W	F	C	BAL
*** Start of Sealed Cases ***														
*	[redacted]		S37	--/--/----	[redacted]	-	-		-	-	-		-	----------
*	[redacted]		S37	--/--/----	[redacted]	-	-		-	-	-		-	----------
*	[redacted]		S37	--/--/----	[redacted]	-	-		-	-	-		-	----------
				--/--/----	[redacted]	-	-							
				--/--/----	[redacted]	-	-							
				--/--/----	[redacted]	-	-							
*	[redacted]		S37	--/--/----	[redacted]	-	-		-	-	-		-	----------
*	[redacted]		S37	--/--/----	[redacted]	-	-		-	-	-		-	----------
*	[redacted]		S37	--/--/----	[redacted]	-	-		-	-	-		-	----------
				--/--/----	[redacted]	-	-							
*** End of Sealed Cases ***														
*	WIPRSPJ[redacted]		S37	[redacted]	THEFT-1	N	D			CMPL				
					THEFT-2 ACCESS DEVICE	N	D							
					THEFT-2 ACCESS DEVICE	N	D							
					THEFT-2 ACCESS DEVICE	N	D							
					THEFT-2 ACCESS DEVICE	N	D							
*	WIPDEP[redacted]		S37	[redacted]	DEP Dependency	N				CMPL				

All charges for sealed cases are visible

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Pulled from JABS for individual with sealed juvenile cases present, using a clerk-level account (level 30). All level 30 accounts seem to be able to view the records, regardless of the county or court level, which has been verified through both personal testing and contacting court administrators.

Results have also been viewed using a test account at level 25 (Prosecutors), but Levels 22 (Law Enforcement) and 20 (Public Defenders) displayed no sealed cases. Level 22:

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Individual Case History

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True Name: [redacted] Alias: [redacted] 1 Cases

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*	WIPRSPJ	[redacted]	S37	[redacted]	THEFT-1	N	D			CMPL				
					THEFT-2 ACCESS DEVICE	N	D							
					THEFT-2 ACCESS DEVICE	N	D							
					THEFT-2 ACCESS DEVICE	N	D							
					THEFT-2 ACCESS DEVICE	N	D							

Although LEAs cannot view through JABS, WSP has access to sealed juvenile cases through BIT reports authorized in AOC contract DSA16352, and during 10/23/2015 & 12/4/2015 DDC meetings. WSP, in turn, disseminates this information to criminal justice agencies in 17 states, DSHS, and 22 federal agencies, under RCW 13.50.260(8)(d):

(d) The Washington state patrol shall ensure that the Washington state identification system provides criminal justice agencies access to sealed juvenile records information.

Odyssey Name Search:

[Redacted entirely from public version]

Odyssey Case Search:

[Redacted entirely from public version]

Odyssey handles sealed cases using the presence of a role, “CM-Sealed”. For Whatcom County alone, the following users have the role:

User County	Login Name	Last Name	First Name	Role Name
Whatcom	j37aclw	Whipple	Cynthia	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	j37aslk	Kraft	Stephanie	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37aaar	Reynolds	Amy	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37aacf	Furman	Ann	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37aamp	Parker	Abbey	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37abce	Egbers	Britt	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37abjm	Moulton	Becky	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37abna	Anderson	Brooke	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37acal	Long	Connie	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37acdm	Martin	Christy	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37adlc	Cartwright	Diana	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37adlr	Reynolds	David	CM - Sealed

Whatcom	s37ahrb	Britain	Heather	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37ajcr	Riddick	Joan	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37ajeg	Green	Jenifer	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37ajlo	ONeill	Jennifer	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37akch	Henken	Karen	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37akes	Schuster	Kimberly	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37akim	Massey	Kirstie	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37akmm	Morales	Kati	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37akrp	Pedersen	Kellie	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37almb	Baijot	Laura	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37alst	Telfer	Linda	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37amgr	Rodriguez	Melissa	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37amls	Scevers	Marsha	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37anbh	Hawley	Nicole	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37arln	Nix	Renee	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37arml	Montoya-Lewis	Raquel	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37asar	Rhodefer	Shea	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37askm	McIntyre	Sharmaine	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37aslk	Kiele	Sandra	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37atjn	Neil	Terri	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37atlm	Moody	Tierra	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37atls	Shelton	Teresa	CM - Sealed
Whatcom	s37ayjb	Brunner	Yvonne	CM - Sealed

1. Does allowing so many users in JABS and Odyssey to view the cases comply with the highlighted requirements in RCW 13.50.260?
2. Are the applications to treat juvenile cases (*treated as if they never occurred*) differently from other sealed cases (*unless protected by statute . . . available for viewing by the public on court indices*)?
3. Should the applications display the charges for the sealed cases? If so, are the sealed cases clearly marked in Odyssey?
4. Prosecutors are given authority to see the *existence* of sealed juvenile cases under RCW 13.50.260(8)(c):
   (c) The administrative office of the courts shall ensure that the superior court judicial information system provides prosecutors access to information on the existence of sealed juvenile records.
   Does JABS currently display too much in this regard?