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Sent via email to: Kevin.Cottingham@courts.wa.gov

Dear Data Dissemination Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide context as to why our request for a short-term JIS fee reduction advances a worthwhile and legitimate public interest and is, therefore, entirely consistent with the standard required by your agency.

Data Driven Safety, LLC ("DDS") has been dedicated to improving public safety for more than 12 years. We provide services ranging from criminal conviction monitoring to insurance underwriting support to health care subrogation involving motor vehicle accidents. Our clients include the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool, public corporations, various municipalities (including several in your state), educational institutions, emergency service providers, health care organizations and a number of non-profits seeking to protect vulnerable population groups (for whom we provide services at no cost). In addition, our data has been the basis for both internal and external research projects including traffic data safety studies, most recently used to evaluate whether or not there is an increase in crash severity/offenses post-COVID.

To support several of these services, DDS needs access to traffic infraction information ("TI Data"). For that reason, we worked with staff at the Administrative of the Courts ("AOC") to obtain a monthly data file containing TI Data filed and/or closed in the preceding month. This data feed was authorized by the AOC after extensive legal analysis by your counsel and the relevant JIS record dissemination committee. The arrangement was documented by a MOU that has been extended without interruption for nearly a decade.

Unfortunately, the October 2020 record management system migration by the King County District Court ("KCDC") has created an administrative burden such that the AOC no longer is able to provide TI Data pertaining to cases handled by the KCDC.

Since then, we have attempted to work with both your organization and the KCDC to expedite a solution to provide us visibility into these important judicial records. While both have indicated a willingness to provide the information, competing priorities are such that we have yet to be provided a timeline for resolution of this issue by either judicial body. If helpful, I would be pleased to detail those efforts (including our offer to pay the costs of any AOC-approved 3rd party programming efforts - so as not to burden your IT staff).

We believe a stop-gap solution exists. Specifically, we seek your approval to make a single search inquiry for each KCDC TI case created since October 2020 at no additional cost to us. In other words, we are willing to invest in the capability to pull down a single digital copy of each missing TI record until the situation is resolved. We just ask that we not be charged for accessing these records at the JIS rate since we pay for the exact same data via the MOU.

Again, I hope you agree that our continued access to the data to provide public safety service offerings is a valid (and worthwhile) public purpose that justifies the "use" of public resources. We look forward to your decision. In the meantime, I would be pleased to address any additional concerns or questions. I can be reached by phone: 703-216-8859 or by email: susannaparker@datadrivensafety.com Thank you.

Regards,

Sent electronically by SFP 06/08/2021

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