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Subject: JuCR 7.16

Washington State Supreme Court,

I've worked for the juvenile court with youth and families for thirty-two years, twenty-five years as a juvenile probation manager. My direct professional experience and education makes me an expert in this field.

JuCR 7.16 needs to be eliminated or amended because:

1. **Some warrants are necessary to save lives of the youth- Youth who are using Fentanyl, Heroin, or Methamphetamines are a danger to themselves, but may not be danger to the community. And;**

2. **Youth need to be held accountable for their crimes- If youth are referred to the juvenile court for Felony charge(s) and fail to appear for court, what message does this send the youth? What message does this send the victim? JuCR 7.16 removes accountability for the youth who fail to appear for court.**

There are many more reasons, and examples, but I want my message to be direct and brief.

Respectfully,
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