

**Order After Judicial Review on
Petition for Access to
Juvenile Case File**

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1 Name of petitioner: _____

The court finds and orders:

2 After a review of the juvenile case file and review of any filed objections and a noticed hearing, the court denies the request.

Reason(s) for denial:

- a. Access is not in the child’s best interests.
- b. The need for access does not outweigh the privacy rights of the child and the policy considerations favoring confidentiality of the juvenile case file.
- c. Petitioner has not shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the records requested are necessary and have substantial relevance to the legitimate need of the petitioner.
- d. There are no responsive records.
- e. Other: _____

3 After a review of the juvenile case file and review of any filed objections and a noticed hearing, the court grants the request. The petitioner has shown by a preponderance of the evidence that access to records is necessary and that records have substantial relevance to the legitimate needs of the petitioner. The court has balanced these needs with the child’s best interest. The court finds that the need for access outweighs the policy considerations favoring confidentiality of juvenile records.

a. The following records may be disclosed: with redactions

b. The procedure for providing access is:

c. See attached.

4 This child is deceased, and the request is granted.

a. The court has read and considered the following:

Fill in court name and street address:
Superior Court of California, County of

Fill in child's name and date of birth:
Child's Name:

Date of Birth:

Court fills in case number when form is filed.
Case Number:

Your name: _____

4 b. There is a presumption under Welfare and Institutions Code section 827(a)(2)(B) in favor of the release of the documents unless a statutory reason for confidentiality is shown to exist. The court has balanced only the interests of the child who is the subject of the juvenile case file and the interests of other children who may be named in the file with _____.

c. The following records may be disclosed: with redactions

d. The procedure for providing access is:

e. Any information that relates to another child or could identify another child, except for information about the deceased, must be redacted.

f. See attached.

5 The child is deceased and the request is denied. The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that access to the juvenile case file or of any portion of it is detrimental to the safety, protection, or physical or emotional well-being of another child who is directly or indirectly connected to the juvenile case that is the subject of the request.

Additional orders:

6 a. Petitioner may not disseminate the information to anyone who is not specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 827 or 827.10.

b. Petitioner may disseminate the disclosed records listed in item 3a only to: _____

 as redacted subject to protective order additional orders attached

7 Disclosure subject to protective order (*list orders*): _____

8 Other: _____

9 See attached.

Date: _____

Judicial Officer

