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- A lawyer's conduct should conform to the requirements of the law, both in professional service to clients and in the lawyer's business and personal affairs. – Preamble to TDRPC
- I do affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and of this State; that I will honestly demean myself in the practice of the law, and will discharge my duties to my clients to the best of my ability. – Attorney's Oath

JUVENILE JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS

• Juvenile justice professionals must maintain the integrity and confidentiality of juvenile information, not seek more information than needed to perform their duties, and not reveal information to any person who does not have authorized access to the information for a proper, professional use

Code of Ethics; 37 TAC Ch. 345

WHAT IS A JUVENILE RECORD?

- The official "record" is in JJIS (DPS)
- Records and files exist with:
 - Law enforcement
 - Prosecutors
- Courts
- Probation Department
- $\ensuremath{\bullet}$ Treatment providers, including placements and TJJD

INFORMATION IN JJIS

- Juvenile's names and aliases
- Date and place of birth
- Physical description
- State ID number and other identifying info

INFORMATION IN JJIS

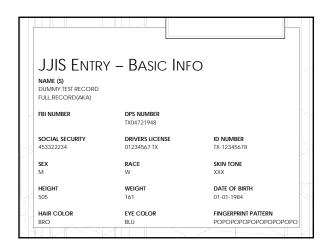
- Fingerprints
- Last known residential address
- Agency that took into custody or detained juvenile
- Dates of detention or custody

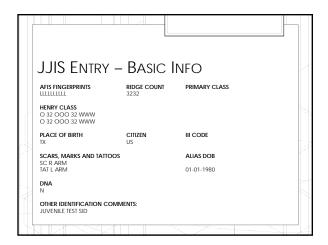
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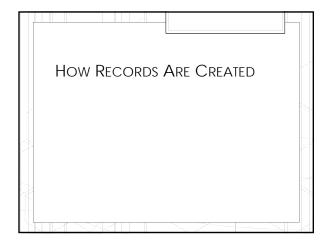
- Conduct for which taken into custody, detained, or referred, including level and degree of offense
- Juvenile intake agency or probation
- Disposition and date by intake agency or probation office

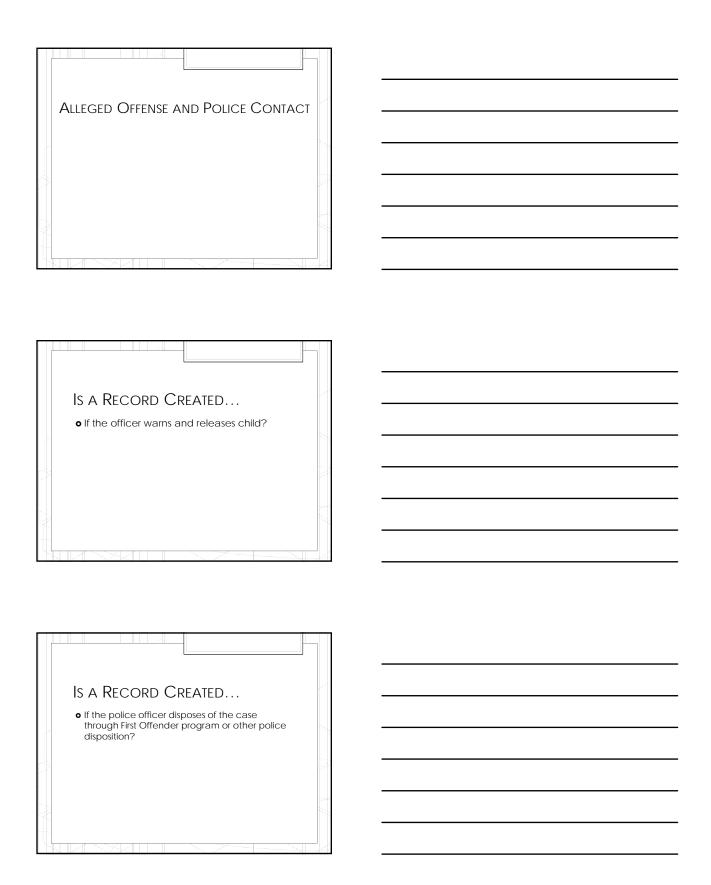
INFORMATION IN JJIS

- Prosecutor's office
- Disposition and date by prosecutor
- Disposition and date by court
- Commitment to or parole by TJJD and date
- Appellate proceedings









Is a Record Created... • If the officer refers the case for prosecution outof-custody?

Is a Record Created... • If the officer takes the child to the juvenile detention center?

LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS • Photographs • Fingerprints • Offense Reports • Statements • Lab Reports • Video

WHERE RECORDS GO

- DPS for inclusion in JJIS
- Juvenile Probation Department Intake
- Certain information to school if required by Article 15.27, CCP

JJIS ENTRY - LAW ENFORCEMENT

TRACKING SUFFIX A001

OFFENSE DATA AGENCY ID NUMBER OFFENSE DATE OFFENSE

123456 10-01-1995 ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY FAMILY MEMBER PC 22.01(a)(1) MISDEMEANOR - CLASS A REFERRED 10.01.1995

CITATION LEVEL & DEGREE DISPOSITION DISPOSITION DATE REFERRED

TX227023G - JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE AUSTIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGE

JUVENILE PROBATION INTAKE

- Accept Law Enforcement Records
- Make Initial Decisions
- Additional Records Created

No Probable Cause?

NO PROBABLE CAUSE

- If Intake determines no probable cause, case is not referred for prosecution
- Court SHALL enter an order destroying records, including JJIS records
- 58.006 Family Code

DEFERRED PROSECUTION

- Reported to JJIS
 - At time placed on
 - At time of successful completion
- Probation Department records are created relating to the supervision

WHERE RECORDS GO • JJIS • Prosecutor • Certain information to schools if required by Art. 15.27, CCP

JJIS ENTRY - INTAKE COURT AGENCY COURT OFFENSE CITATION LEVEL & DEGREE DISPOSITION DISP

REFER TO PROSECUTOR • Additional investigation may be conducted • Makes charging decisions

PROSECUTOR RECORDS

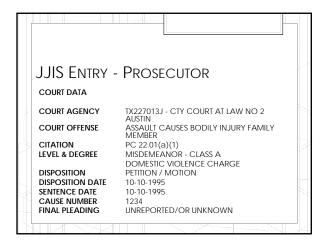
- If prosecutor determines no probable cause, court SHALL enter order destroying records, including JJIS entries (FC 58.006)
- If decide not to prosecute for other reasons, records remain in place – decision not to prosecute reported to JJIS

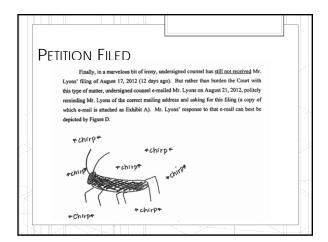
PROSECUTOR RECORDS

- All records received from law enforcement and probation
- All documents created based on investigation

WHERE RECORDS GO

- Prosecutor charging decision recorded in JJIS
- Shared with defense attorney as required by law
- Information provided to schools as required by Art. 15.27, CCP



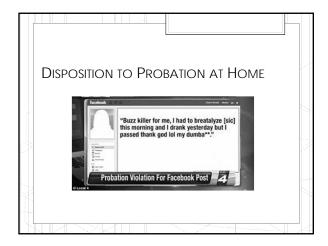




WHERE RECORDS GO Outcome reported in JJIS Copies provided to parties as required by law Copies provided to placement locations Reside in official court file

NOT TRUE FINDING If not true on all counts Court shall immediately order records sealed Family Code 58.003(d)

JJIS ENTRY - PROBATION COURT AGENCY COURT OFFENSE CITATION LEVEL & DEGREE DISPOSITION DIS



PROBATION DEPARTMENT RECORDS

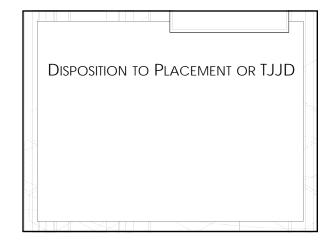
- Assessment documents
- Case plans and reviews
- Treatment records
- Other supervision related documents
- Chronological notes
- Court referral documents

WHERE RECORDS GO

- Certain modifications reported to JJIS
- Completion of probation reported to JJIS
- Certain information provided to schools if required by Art. 15.27, CCP

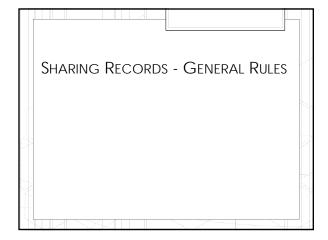
JJIS ENTRY — MODIFICATION COURT AGENCY COURT OFFENSE CITATION LEVEL & DEGREE DISPOSITION DISPOSITION

JJIS ENTRY - TJJD COURT AGENCY COURT OFFENSE CITATION LEVEL & DEGREE DISPOSITION DISPOSITION DATE SENTENCE DATE CAUSE NUMBER FINAL PLEADING CONFINEMENT PROVISION RECEIVING CUSTODY TX227013J - CTY COURT AT LAW NO 2 AUSTIN ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY FAMILY MEMBER PC 22 201(a)(1) LEVEL & DEGREE MISDEMEANOR - CLASS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGE ADJUDICATED 01-01-1996 CAUSE NUMBER 1034 101-11-1996 CAUSE NUMBER FINAL PLEADING NOT TRUE 2/Y PROVISION DETERMINATE SENTENCE TJJD



TREATMENT PROVIDER RECORDS • Treatment records • Behavior records • Medical records • Education records • Chronological notes • Other documents

WHERE RECORDS GO Certain information reported to JJIS if required Ex: Discharge from TJJD Certain information provided to schools if required by Art. 15.27



CONFIDENTIAL, EXCEPT WHEN IT'S NOT

- Records and files, including information from which a record could be generated, are confidential
- May be shared only if specifically authorized by law

Family Code 58.005, 58.007

LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS

A parent whose child was arrested with two other individuals for assault of another juvenile has asked the local police department for a copy of the offense report.

Can the police department give the offense report to the parent?

FAMILY CODE 58.007(e)

- Law enforcement records open to inspection and copying by:
 - Juvenile Justice Agency
 - Criminal Justice Agency
 - Child
 - Parent or Guardian



FAMILY CODE 58.007(j)

- Before release to child, parent, or guardian, must redact:
 - any personally identifiable information about any other juvenile suspect, offender, victim, or witness
 - any information excepted from required disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, or other law

COURT RECORDS

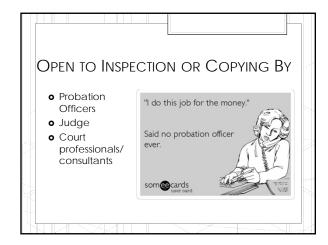
An attorney representing one of a juvenile's parents in a divorce case requests records from the court file.

Can the attorney have the records?

FAMILY CODE 58.007(b)

Records of:

- o JUVENILE COURT
- CLERK OF COURT,
- o JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, or
- PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



OPEN TO INSPECTION OR COPYING BY • Juvenile Justice Agency • "an agency that has custody or control over juvenile offenders"

OPEN TO INSPECTION OR COPYING BY • Attorney for a party to the proceeding • State • Child • Parent/spouse/guardian/GAL

OPEN TO INSPECTION OR COPYING BY

- Public or private agency or institution
 - providing supervision of the child by arrangement of the juvenile court or
 - having custody of the child under juvenile court order

OPEN TO INSPECTION OR COPYING BY

- Anyone with legitimate interest in the proceeding or work of court
- As long a they have leave of the juvenile court



LEGITIMATE INTEREST

Immigration Purposes

Civil action based on juvenile's conduct

Adult Prosecution

REQUEST FROM PROSECUTOR

- If adjudication admissible in adult punishment
- Court must provide certified copy to prosecutor

58.007(g) Family Code

SECTION 3(a), ART. 37.07, CCP

- Generally, allows the state and defense to offer any evidence, including prior criminal record, that the court deems relevant for sentencing.
- Specifically, allows evidence of an adjudication of delinquency of a felony or Class B misdemeanor or higher

AIDING APPREHENSION

• If DTA or Warrant, court can release certain information to aid in apprehension

Family Code 58.007(h)

AIDING APPREHENSION Information that can be disclosed: Name, Including Alias Description of alleged unlawful conduct

AIDING APPREHENSION Information that can be disclosed: Physical Description Photograph

TREATMENT PROVIDER RECORDS The juvenile who is now an adult asks for medical records to assist in his application for Social Security Disability. Can he have the records?

FAMILY CODE 58.005

- Applies to public or private agency
- Providing supervision of/having custody of child
- Pursuant to court order or arrangement

TJJD

Other Placement

Post-Adjudication Facility

Types of Records

- Applies to all records
- Including:
 - Personally identifiable information
 - Information obtained for treatment

May Be Disclosed To

 The professional staff or consultants of the agency or institution

MAY BE DISCLOSED TO • Judge • Court Professional Staff/Consultants

MAY BE DISCLOSED TO • Probation Officers

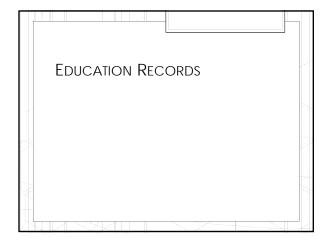
• Attorney for the Child

MAY BE DISCLOSED TO

- Another person/entity to whom the child is referred for treatment or service – must have written confidentiality agreement with disclosing entity
- TDCJ or TJJD for the purpose of maintaining statistical records of recidivism and for diagnosis and classification

MAY BE DISCLOSED TO • Anyone with legitimate interest in the proceeding or work of court • As long a they have leave of the juvenile court • Governmental agency if the disclosure is required or authorized by law

AUTHORIZED BY LAW Subpoena from prosecutor or court Public Information Act Access to Education Records Medical Privacy Laws



EDUCATION RECORDS

Upon intake, the juvenile probation department contacts the school and asks for information about the child, including information that is confidential.

Can the probation department have the information?

EDUCATION RECORDS

- Schools must share education records, including confidential information at request of juvenile service provider if student:
 - Taken into custody under FC 52.01 or
 - Referred to juvenile court for CINS or DC

58.0051, Family Code

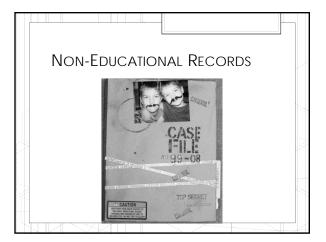
EDUCATION RECORDS

- Juvenile Service Provider can only use the information to:
- verify the identity of a student involved in the juvenile justice system; and
- provide delinquency prevention or treatment services to the student

58.0051, Family Code

EDUCATION RECORDS

- JSP can share with JSP under this statute
- May develop MOU
- Cannot violate federal law



Non-Educational Records

- Juvenile Service Provider shall share with other JSP upon request
- Only for these purposes:
 - identifying a multi-system youth;
- coordinating and monitoring care; and
 improving the quality of juvenile services provided

58.0052, Family Code

DETERMINATE SENTENCE RECORDS A reporter requests information related to a determinate sentence case. Can anything be disclosed to the reporter? What about in a certification case?

DETERMINATE SENTENCE RECORDS

- If probation transferred, district clerk's public records consist of only:
 - Petition
 - ${\bf o}$ Grand jury approval
 - Judgment re: DS conduct
 - Transfer Order

Family Code 54.051

CERTIFICATION RECORDS

- If certified as adult, district clerk's public record consists of only:
 - Petition for discretionary transfer
 - Order of transfer
 - Order of commitment (to jail or juvenile detention)

Family Code 54.02(s)

INFORMATION IN JJIS A military recruiter requests a copy of the criminal history, including juvenile history, of an individual applying to be accepted into the military. Can DPS give the recruiter the information?

INFORMATION IN JJIS

- DPS may share with:
 - Military, with permission of juvenile offender
 - Person or entity listed in Gov't Code 411.083
 - Juvenile Justice Agency
 - TJJD for analytical purposes; TJJD Ombudsman
 - County, JP, Muni court exercising jurisdiction over a juvenile for truancy

Family Code 58.101-58.113

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WHAT IS RESTRICTED? • TJJD records, if committed • Juvenile probation department records • Clerk of court records • Prosecutor records • Law enforcement records • JJIS records

INAPPLICABILITY

- Restricted Access does not apply to:
 - Sex offender registration records maintained by DPS or local law enforcement agency
 - Records relating to criminal combination or street gang maintained by DPS or local law enforcement agency

EXCEPTION TO RESTRICTED ACCESS

 Restricted Access doesn't apply as long as juvenile is still under juvenile court or TJJD jurisdiction

WHEN RELEASE PERMITTED OPS may permit access to restricted status JJIS info only to: Criminal justice agency for criminal justice purpose JJJD for research purposes

• Family Code 58.204(b)

When Release Permitted

- JPD, CLERK, PROSECUTOR, LAW ENFORCEMENT, TJJD:
 - May only allow access as provided by 58.204(b)
 - Response to requests: No Records Exist

RELEASE TO JUVENILE

- May have information in JJIS (summary info) with permission of juvenile court
- May have access to documents to prepare a motion for sealing

Release to Others

- At request of person who is subject of records AND with permission of court
- Any person may have information in JJIS

RELEASE TO PARTY TO CIVIL SUIT

- If juvenile has put facts relating to juvenile's record at issue in suit
- Party to a civil suit may have information in JJIS
- With permission of juvenile court

Release to Military

- DPS may release JJIS info
- With permission of juvenile
- If juvenile is an applicant for enlistment

Same as for non-restricted records

RELEASE TO MILITARY

- Court, Probation Department, or Prosecutor
- Can share records and files in same manner as if unrestricted
- With juvenile's written permission and
- With leave of court or pursuant to juvenile board guidelines

SPRING CLEANING DESTRUCTION

- Physical records and files of closed juvenile cases may be destroyed if criteria met
- "Physical Records and Files" includes entries in computer file or information on microfilm, microfiche, or any other electronic storage media

Spring Cleaning Destruction

- Court records are NOT authorized to be destroyed under this provision
- If destruction criteria met, others may destroy if given appropriate approval:
 - ${\bf o}$ Probation records Juvenile Board approval
 - Law enforcement Head of agency approval
 - Prosecutor A prosecuting attorney's approval

SPRING CLEANING DESTRUCTION • Paper files may be destroyed if duplicated electronically, even if criteria for total destruction not met • OAG opinion: GA-1017 (2013)

SEALING

- Adjudication vacated (deleted from JJIS and court records)
- Proceeding dismissed and treated as if never occurred (exception: later capital prosecution)

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