

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

FAMILY COURT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE ORDER NO. 175

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF JUVENILE
FINGERPRINT CARDS

WHEREAS, the Family court of St. Louis County was created by Sections 487.010 through 487.190 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, the Honorable Margaret Donnelly has been appointed Administrative Judge of the Family Court of St. Louis County pursuant to Section 487.010.3 RSMo;

WHEREAS, Section 211.151.3 R.S.Mo. mandates law enforcement officers to fingerprint and photograph a juvenile who has been taken into custody for a delinquent offense that would be considered a felony if committed by an adult and Section 43.503 R.S.Mo. requires that juvenile fingerprints obtained pursuant to Section 211.151.3 R.S.Mo. be submitted to a centralized state repository; and

WHEREAS, Section 211.151.3 R.S.Mo. requires law enforcement officers to obtain the prior approval of the juvenile judge in order to fingerprint or photograph a juvenile who has been taken into custody as a victim of abuse or neglect, as a status offender, or as a misdemeanor delinquent offender; and

WHEREAS, Amended Family Court Administrative Judge Order No. 165 prohibits the Juvenile Officer and the Children's Division from engaging in the practice of securing fingerprints or photographs of juveniles except to the extent necessary to comply with provisions of existing law or as otherwise ordered by the Court on a case-by-case basis.

WHEREAS, the Operations Department of the Family Court has accumulated **duplicate** images of fingerprint cards of juveniles who have had contact with the Family Court prior to the enactment of Family Court Administrative Judge Order No. 165.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the employees of the Operations Department or its designee(s) are/is authorized to destroy all **duplicate** fingerprint records including but not limited to those records set forth and contained in Exhibit A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Circuit Clerk provide notice of these assignments by causing this order to be published as soon as practicable in the St. Louis Countian, by posting a copy of this order in a conspicuous place in the office of the Circuit Clerk, and my making copies of this order available for distribution from the Office of the Circuit Clerk.

SO ORDERED:


Margaret Donnelly
Administrative Judge of the Family Court

Entered this **21st** day of December, 2018.

Handwritten signature or name, possibly "Margaret Brown" or similar, written in cursive.

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