## Superior Court of California County of Sacramento Sitting as the Juvenile Court



In the Matter of

STANDING ORDER OF THE JUVENILE COURT

No. SSC-JV-17-082 Department 90

ORDER: DISMISSAL OF JUVENILE TRAFFIC MATTERS AND DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS

## **Dismissal of Juvenile Traffic Matters**

Until June 2012, the Juvenile Division of the Sacramento County Superior Court handled all juvenile traffic matters. In administering those cases, the Juvenile Division used the Superior Court's Traffic Division's case management system. Since June 2012, the Court's Traffic Division has processed all juvenile cases involving Vehicle Code infractions, while the Juvenile Division has handled all other juvenile cases involving Vehicle Code violations, including misdemeanors.

In an effort to reduce case volume and corresponding workload in preparation for the Traffic Division's transition to a new case management system, and for the additional reasons described below, the Superior Court ordered the dismissal of the following categories of cases processed by the Traffic Division, including juvenile traffic cases encompassed within these categories:

1. Cases with "CRTREC" status where charges have been adjudicated, with fine balances due to the Department of Revenue and Recovery or GC Services, with filing dates of December 31, 2005 and prior, excluding charged violations of Vehicle Code section 20002. Cases in this category were dismissed in an effort to reduce case volume and corresponding workload in preparation for the Traffic Division's transition to a new case management system, and due to the fact that they were uncollectable.

2. Cases with "Active" or unadjudicated status due to a defendant's failure to appear, with filing dates of December 31, 2010 and prior, excluding charged violations of Vehicle Code sections 20002 and 23103. A large number of cases in this category remained active and unadjudicated in the Court's system with pending warrants or

unsatisfied civil assessments. These cases were dismissed in an effort to reduce case

volume, and for lack of prosecution.

3. Cases with "Active" or unadjudicated status due to a defendant's failure to appear,

with filing dates of December 31, 2005 and prior, regardless of the offense charged. Like

the category above, a large number of cases in this category remained active and

unadjudicated in the Court's system with pending warrants or unsatisfied civil

assessments. Accordingly, these cases were likewise dismissed in an effort to reduce

case volume, and for lack of prosecution.

Consistent with the Superior Court's dismissal of the traffic cases described above, the

Juvenile Court seeks to dismiss certain juvenile traffic cases not encompassed within the

Superior Court's dismissal orders but warranting dismissal for the same reasons specified in

those orders.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following cases shall be dismissed:

1. Juvenile traffic cases in a court receivable status ("CRTREC" status) where charges

have been adjudicated, with fine balances due to the Department of Revenue and

Recovery or GC Services, with filing dates between January 1, 2011 and June 25, 2012,

inclusive. These cases are dismissed in an effort to reduce case volume in preparation for

the Traffic Division's transition to a new case management system, and because they are

uncollectable.

2. Juvenile traffic cases with "Active" or unadjudicated status due to a

minor's/subject's/defendant's failure to appear, with filing dates between January 1, 2011

and June 25, 2012, inclusive. These cases are dismissed in an effort to reduce case

volume in preparation for the Traffic Division's transition to a new case management

system, and for lack of prosecution.

**Destruction of Records** 

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 826, "[i]uvenile court records in

juvenile traffic matters...may be destroyed after five years from the date on which the

jurisdiction of the juvenile court over a minor is terminated, or when the minor reaches the age of

21 years, if the person was alleged or adjudged to be a person described by [Welfare and

Institutions Code] Section 601. Prior to such destruction the original record may be microfilmed

or photocopied." (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 826(c).) Such records include "all records and papers,

any minute book entries, dockets and judgment dockets ...." (Ibid.)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all juvenile court records in infraction and

misdemeanor traffic cases, dismissed by this order or by the Superior Court's dismissal orders,

referenced above, where charges were filed on or before June 25, 2012, shall be destroyed in

accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 826, subdivision (c), provided that the

person who is the subject of the records has reached the age of 26 and, if the person who is the

subject of the records was alleged or adjudged to be a person described by Welfare and

Institutions Code section 601, that person has not requested the release of the records to his or

her custody pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 826.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the Juvenile Court's intention to destroy the

referenced court records shall be given before any court records are destroyed, as required by

Government Code section 68152.

Date: December 11, 2017

Stacy Boulware Eurie Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court