

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY
JUVENILE DIVISION

Petition No. 94-8481-DLANO-FF 1560539
94-8488-DLANO-FF 1560542
94-8467-DLANO-FF 1560533
94-8494-DLANO-FF 1560543
94-8673-DLANO-FF 1560544
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In the Interests of:

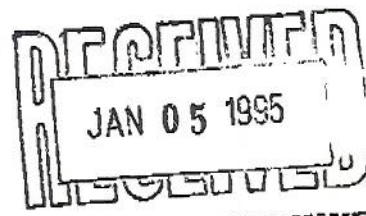
MATTHEW GAY, PRESTON D.
GIBSON, CHESTER D. HUMPHREY,
RONNIE JACKSON, and RAY
ANTWAN NATHAN,

Children.

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CLERK OF COURT

ORDER GRANTING AMENDED MOTION
TO INSPECT COURT RECORDS

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard by the Court upon the Amended Motion To Inspect Court Records filed by Times Publishing Company Inc. ("the Times"). The Court held a hearing on December 12, 1994, during which arguments of counsel for the Times, counsel for Matthew Gay, Ronnie Jackson, Chester D. Humphrey, Preston Gibson and Ray Antwan Gibson ("the Juveniles"), and from the State Attorney, were presented. The Court has considered the statutory and constitutional and policy arguments presented and the Court is otherwise duly advised in the premises. Accordingly, the Court rules as follows:



1. Chapter 39.045(4), Fla. Stat. (1994), states that all juvenile Circuit Court Records may be inspected upon order of this Court by persons deemed by the Court to have a proper interest therein. The Court finds the Times by its nature as a newspaper of general circulation is such a person.

2. The Court finds that the names, photographs and the pendency of criminal charges against the Juveniles is a matter of public knowledge.

3. It is a matter of great importance that the public be aware of the past contacts between the Juveniles and the juvenile justice system, and of that system's failure to meaningfully deal with those contacts. This failure has been not only to the juveniles, but to society.

4. It is not appropriate at this time for the Times to inspect reports prepared by psychologists or psychiatrists about the Juveniles.

5. No evidence was offered by any of the Juveniles to demonstrate sufficient cause why the records sought by the Times should be sealed and the Court, while not having to reach the Constitutional arguments raised by the Times, finds them persuasive.

6. All records and copies of records from other jurisdictions which have become a part of any of the Juveniles' files for whatever reason, are deemed to be a part of this Court's files for the purposes of this order.

7. The Court knows of no previous contact that Chester D. Humphrey has had with the juvenile justice system and accordingly finds at this time the Times' request for his records is moot.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Times' motion hereby and the same is GRANTED. The Clerk shall permit the Times forthwith to inspect, review, photocopy and otherwise view the entire juvenile Court files, with the exception of any report prepared by a psychologist or a psychiatrist which might be contained therein, of Matthew Gay, Ronnie Jackson, Preston Gibson and Ray Antwan Nathan.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this 30 day of Dec, 1995.


CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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