



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

**Sitting as the Juvenile Court
295 Fair Lane
Placerville, California 95667**

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EL DORADO CO. SUPERIOR COURT
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DATE: September 26, 2017
JUDGE: Dylan Sullivan, Presiding Juvenile Judge
CLERK: Derinda Lambie

**STANDING ORDER RE:
Statements Made by Youth during Multi-Agency Case Staffing Meetings
Are Protected from Future Use**

El Dorado County developed a case planning process for youth involved, or at risk of being involved, in both the dependency and delinquency systems called Multi Agency Case Staffing (MACS) meetings. Whenever possible, MACS meetings should include the youth involved. MACS meetings are confidential. To best serve the needs of the youth, the youth must feel able to speak candidly and share information with the various service providers, including the probation officer and social worker. Any information shared in these meetings is intended to be used solely for the purpose of assisting the youth involved, and their family, in obtaining necessary services and support. These meetings are considered non-accusatory and are specifically not to elicit evidence of guilt.

The Court finds:

- 1) Youth at risk for dual involvement in the dependency and delinquency systems are vulnerable and are at high risk for negative outcomes.
- 2) Youth involved in MACS meeting should be encouraged to speak candidly and need assurances their statements will not be used against them in future delinquency or adult criminal proceedings.
- 3) Judicially declared rules of evidence based on the privilege against self-incrimination, known as use immunities, have been established to bar the admission of incriminating statements made in certain contexts for policy reasons. Such immunities are consistent with the rehabilitative goals of the Juvenile Court.

Based on these findings, and consistent with *In re Wayne H.* (1979) 24 Cal.3d 595, and *People v. Macias* (1997) 16 Cal.4th 739, IT IS THE ORDER OF THE COURT:

- 1) Other than for impeachment purposes, statements, admissions, confessions, or incriminating information shared by the youth in a MACS meeting shall be exempt from admission as substantive evidence in any future delinquency or criminal court proceedings.

Dated: September 26, 2017



DYLAN SULLIVAN

Presiding Juvenile Judge of the Superior Court of California



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