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Brief Description of Maricopa County's Juvenile Court Information System

The Maricopa County Juvenile Court developed and installed an on-line, case-tracking and management information system in 1977. The system was designed to support the operations, management and research needs of the court by capturing extensive information on each youth and each case handled. This information is stored in over 100 unique record structures, with many able to appear multiple times within the set of individual records that comprise the data stored on a single case. In general, the system collects demographic and social data on each youth, including such elements as name, aliases, address, date of birth, sex, and race as well as information on the youth's parents and siblings. For each referral the system collects data on each offense referred, the referral source, the county attorney's decision, each hearing held and its results, the use of detention and other out-of-home placements while the case is pending disposition, the adjudication decision related to each offense, and the disposition of the case, along with all associated dates. The system also monitors post-dispositional activity of each case, such as placements, probation actions, and the fulfillment of restitution payments and/or fines. From this information court staff are able to monitor the activity on each case and to review any youth's past contacts with the court through on-line query. The system also performs such necessary tasks as developing court calendars and producing police feedback reports, daily detention reports, probation caseload reports, current placement reports, and routine reports required by other agencies. In addition the court has an active research and planning division that uses the automation information to conduct research and to evaluate programs and policies. In all, the information system has been an integral part of the Maricopa County Juvenile Court for many years.

Data Collection Methods

The Maricopa County Juvenile Court automated information system is an on-line case tracking system which captures information contemporaneously with the event. For example, information on police arrest reports accompanying a referral are entered at the time of the referral. The system also generates unique data elements related to a case by reviewing past information concerning the same youth. For example, the system creates a referral number for each new referral of a youth based on the youth's number of prior referrals to court intake. The automated system stores current information on each aspect of the case so that the status of any referral can be assessed by reviewing the system's on-line case summary screens.

Many data entries pass through the system's validity check procedures to insure that codes used are valid, dates entered are reasonable, and that data entered are consistent with prior information on a case. The system also routinely reviews the data stored on each case to determine if some data that should have been entered by a certain date are missing and produces error reports to identify these oversights. In addition to this internal review mechanism, the system produces numerous reports which contain data from individual cases for use and review by various court personnel. This on-going use of case information increases the likelihood that errors will be detected.

Publications

The Research and Planning Division of the Maricopa County Juvenile Court produces numerous reports each year addressing a wide range of issues. Among these are a series of annual statistical reports which review and trend the nature of the court's workload. In addition, the court produces research reports on special topics based on the data housed in the information system.

Archived Data Files

The original source of the archived data files has been the court's research master data file. The Research and Planning Division of the court routinely extracted selected data elements on each case and wrote this information onto a data file which they used as a base for their statistical analyses. An enhancement to the original information system in 1981 necessitated a rewrite of the research extract program. The new extract program was first applied to the active data file on 1/1/81 before the annual deletion of records from the active file of youth who had turned 18 years of age and were no longer under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. The program was not used to capture the records of youth who had turned 18 prior to 1980, even though these data were stored on the final research master created under the old system. Therefore, with a few exceptions for those youth who were 18 years of age in 1979 and not purged from the system, the first delinquency research master received by NJCDA in April of 1984 contained the court activity of all youth born after 1961.

The structure of the research master data file reflects to a large extent the structure of the on-line system. The research extract file system has a hierarchical data structure with a variable sequence of records for each youth depending on the specific characteristics of each case. The research master copies information from the on-line records, creates a number of summary variables, and sort keys. The master's format was created with the expectation that one day all the data elements it contains would be collected and incorporated onto the master file. In the beginning many data elements were left blank (or contained all zeros) because the data were not available. Over the years more and more data were added to the waiting fields, but it must be noted that just because a data element is listed in the format does not guarantee the data are complete.

The research extract file contains numerous individual record types containing a wide range of information about each case processed. For developing fixed format, single record, case-level records to be stored in the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, only selected record types were utilized. These were the following:

JUVENILE MASTER RECORD: This record contains child identifying information such as name, address, sex, race, date of birth, current social information, and current court status (e.g., probation officer, outstanding warrants).

COMPLAINT RECORD: This record is created each time the youth is referred to court for one or more delinquent or status offenses. This record on the research master contains referral level information (e.g., complaint number, referral agency, number of original charges, social data accurate at the time the case is processed, complaint disposition, and referral and disposition dates).

OFFENSE RECORD: This record is associated with a specific complaint record. There is at least one offense record for each complaint referred to intake. On each offense record is the charge referred, the date of the offense, its class, subclass, and severity. [Each offense code was given a severity ranking developed by the court based on the probability that a youth referred for this offense would have a prior record, be petitioned, and be institutionalized.]

PETITION RECORD: If the complaint is petitioned, a petition record is created which contains the date of the petition and the number of charges in the petition.

COURT OFFENSE RECORD: A court offense record is created for each offense petitioned in each complaint and contains the complaint number, the petitioned offense, and the finding at the adjudicatory hearing (i.e., transferred to adult court, adjudicated, adjudicated by admission, dismiss by motion of prosecution, or dismiss).

Every youth has one juvenile master record. Each compliant record has associated with it at least one offense record; if the case is petitioned a petition record and at least one court offense record exists. Conceptually the structure of research extract data on one child is:

Juvenile Master Record **Complaint Record** Offense Record Offense Record - as needed Offense Record - as needed (If Petition is Filed) Petition Record Court Offense Record Court Offense Record - as needed Court Offense Record - as needed Complaint Record - as needed Offense Record - as needed Offense Record - as needed Offense Record - as needed (If Petition is Filed) Petition Record Court Offense Record Court Offense Record - as needed Court Offense Record - as needed Juvenile Master Record - new child

The Maricopa County case-level file stored in NJCDA was result from an automated restructuring of the master research extract file. This program, which was designed and written by Archive staff, abstracted data from the set of records noted above and created a fixed format, single case record for each complaint.

The logic of this program is as follows. The program stores the youth's identification number, birth date, sex and race from his/her juvenile master record so that these data can be entered on each of the youth's case records. The program then identifies a complaint record and each of the offense, petition and court offense records associated with this complaint. From the complaint record the program captures the complaint number, the referral agency, the date of referral, the number of offenses charged, available social information, dates and times of entry and release from detention, legal status of the youth at referral, the date and time of the initial intake interview, the county attorney's decision on the case, and the final court disposition. Next, from each related offense record, the offense and the date of the offense is placed in a stack. The referral offenses are sorted by their severity ratings using a severity rank ordering established by NJCDA. (This offense severity ranking scheme can be found in Appendix I.) The three most serious offenses in each case are then copied onto the output record along with the date the offense occurred. (Analyses show that 98 percent of all cases had three or fewer offenses.)

Next, if the complaint contains a petition record, the date of petition is copied onto the output record. (If there are no petition records associated with this complaint, the remainder of the output record is blank.) The petition offense and court (or adjudication) disposition from the court offense record(s) associated with the complaint are stacked. The court offenses (or petitioned offenses) are sorted by seriousness, just as the referral offenses are sorted above. The three most serious court offenses (petitioned offenses) and their court dispositions are copied onto the output record.

The court disposition codes associated with each petitioned offense were ordered by NJCDA from most to least severe as follows:

- 70 Remand to adult court
- 82 Adjudicated
- 83 Adjudicated by admission
- 89 Other
- 50 Dismiss
- 85 Dismiss by motion of prosecution
- 86 Amended
- 00 No entry

Once again the court offenses associated with the complaint are sorted as above, except the sort key of court disposition code is considered first. From this sorting, the most serious adjudicated offense is identified and copied onto the output record from the first offense record in the stack (if any) that has a court disposition of '82' or '83'. Finally to capture the most serious offense with the most severe disposition, the first offense in this last sorting and its court disposition were copied onto the output record.

Each case record in the resulting output file has 124 characters and contains 50 variables. Individual files contain copies of all case records disposed within a specific calendar year. The number of case records in each calendar year file is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Records</u>
1980	18,438
1981	18,254
1982	20,308
1983	21,315
1984	18,927
1985	22,367

Terms Of Availability

Each request to use these data should be directed to the Archive. The Archive will make the initial contact with the Maricopa County Juvenile Court to obtain their permission to release the data. The Maricopa County Juvenile Court has established a standard data release contract that must be completed and signed by anyone requesting access to their data (see

Appendix II).Upon the Court's authorization to release and disseminate the data, the data files will be supplied to the requestor by the Archive with any necessary cautions or restrictions.

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Summary tabulations on selected variables (manner of handling and sex breakdowns for delinquency/status offense cases and dependency/neglect cases) are publicly available beginning with 1982 data through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 48106.

USING THE CODEBOOK

The information that follows is based on a study of available documentation from the data supplier, interviews with court personnel, and diagnostic analyses performed by the Archive staff. The example below is a reproduction of information appearing in the codebook for a typical variable. The numbers in brackets do not appear in the codebook, but are references to the descriptions which follow this example.

	Column/ <u>Width</u>	Variable <u>Number</u>		Code Value and Description
[1]	30/2	[2] MC013	[3]	GRADE
			[4]	The school grade in which the youth was enrolled at the time of referral.

- [5] [6]
- (01) First
- (02) Second
- :
- :
- (12) Twelfth
- (13) College
- (15) Vocational training
- (16) Preschool
- [7] (99) Missing
- [8] NOTE: In the summer months this refers to the grade the juvenile has just completed.
- [1] The starting location and width of the variable in the machine-readable data file. This is the format information needed to read the data into other systems.
- [2] The variable number. The variable number is used as a variable name when the file is processed by systems which use alphabetic variable names (e.g. SPSS).
- [3] The variable label used by statistical systems to identify the variable or program output.
- [4] A description of the variable contents.
- [5] The code values occurring in the data for the variable.
- [6] The textual definitions of the codes. The first 20 characters form a short value label which some systems use to document the output of analysis programs. A longer description follows the short label when necessary.

[7] The designation of missing data. The Archive staff has replaced any out-of-bounds codes with missing data codes. Many analysis packages require that certain types of data which are usually excluded from analysis be designated as "missing data". Fields with no entry were left blank and "() No entry" is listed as a code value. Some

variables also have response options representing "unknown" which are also listed as code values.

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An explanatory/cautionary note.

VARIABLE LIST

MC001	File number
MC002	Year of birth
MC003	Julian date of birth
MC004	Age, computed
MC005	Age at onset
MC006	Sex
MC007	Race
MC008	Complaint number
MC009	Referral agency
MC010	Year of complaint
MC011	Julian date of complaint
MC012	Original counts
MC013	Grade
MC014	School status
MC015	Marital status of parents
MC016	Employment status of parents
MC017	Year detained
MC018	Julian date detained
MC019	Hour detained
MC020	Year released
MC021	Julian date released
MC022	Hour released
MC023	Legal status
MC024	County attorney grade
MC025	Year of citein
MC026	Julian date of citein
MC027	Hour of citein
MC028	Complaint disposition
MC029	Year of complaint disposition
MC030	Julian date of complaint disposition
MC031	Year of petition
MC032	Julian date of petition
MC033	Most serious offense referred
MC034	Year of most esrious offense referred
MC035	Julian date of most serious offense referred
MC036	Hour of most erious offense
MC037	
MC038	Second most serious offense referred
MC039	Year of second most serious offense referred
	Julian date of second most serious offense referred
MC040	Hour of second most serious offense
MC041	Third most serious offense referred
MC042	Year of third most serious offense referred
MC043	Julian date of third most serious offense referred
MC044	Hour of third most serious offense
MC045	Most serious offense petitioned
MC046	Second most serious offense petitioned
MC047	Third most serious offense petitioned
MC048	Most serious offense adjudicated
MC049	Most serious offense with most severe court
	disposition
MC050	Most severe court disposition

CODEBOOK: VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

Column/ <u>Width</u>	Variable <u>Number</u>	Code Value and Description	
1/6	MC001	FILE NUMBER	
		[Required field] This is a 6-digit child identification number assigned the system the first time a child is referred to court. At times a new file number is given to a child by mistake, and when discovered the syste automatically copies the new complaint information onto records with the original ID number.	e m
DATE OF	<u>BIRTH</u> :	The date of the juvenile's birth coded in Julian format (year/day).	
7/2	MC002	YEAR OF BIRTH	
		(61) 1961 :	
		: (85) 1985	
9/3	MC003	JULIAN DATE OF BIRTH	
		(001) One :	
		: (366) Three-hundred-sixty-six	
12/2	MC004	AGE AT REFERRAL	
		Age in years at the time of referral to court intake, calculated by subtracting date of referral from date of birth.	
		(01) One :	
		: (21) Twenty-one (99) Missing	
		NOTE: If any of the necessary data are missing or if the calculation produces an illogical value, a missing value code of '99' is placed in the field.	he

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Number Code Value and Description

14/2 MC005 AGE AT ONSET

Variable

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Age at onset is defined as the age at which the child was first referred to court intake for a delinquency or status offense. This is the age at referral on the youth's first complaint record.

(01)	One
•	
(21)	Twenty-one
(00)	•

16/1 MC006 SEX

The sex of the youth.

- (1) Female
- (2) Male

17/1 MC007 RACE

The race of the youth.

- (1) Caucasian
- (2) Black
- (3) American Indian
- (4) Oriental
- (5) Mexican American
- (6) Other

18/2 MC008

COMPLAINT NUMBER

A count of the number of delinquency and status complaints received involving this particular youth. If there are dependency cases in the child's court history they are not included in the count.

- (01) One
- :
- :
- (30) Thirty

20/3 MC008

REFERRAL AGENCY

The source of referral of the complaint to court intake.

Code Value and Description

- Law Enforcement Agencies
- (001) Avondale
- (002) Buckeye
- Chandler (003)
- (004) Department of public safety
- (005) El mirage
- (006) Federal agency
- (007) Gila bend
- Gilbert (008)
- (009) Glendale
- (010)Goodyear
- (011) Maricopa county sheriff
- (012) Mesa
- (013) Paradise valley
- Peoria (014)
- (015) Phoenix
- Scottsdale (016)
- Surprise marshal (017)
- Tempe (018)
- (019) Tolleson
- (020) Wickenburg
- Youngtown (021)
- (030) Guadelupe
- (022)Other law enforcement
- Other sources
- (023) Court
- (024) Parents or legal guardian
- (025) Probation officer
- (026) School
- (027) Social agency
- (028) State department of corrections
- Other source, not law enforcement (029)

DATE OF COMPLAINT: The date the case was referred to court intake, in Julian format (year/day).

- YEAR OF COMPLAINT 23/2 MC010
 - (61) 1961 1 5 (85) 1985

25/3 JULIAN DATE OF COMPLAINT MC011

> (001) One :

Column/ <u>Width</u>	Variable <u>Number</u>	Code Value and Description
	<u></u>	: (366) Three-hundred-sixty-six
		(300) milee-hundreu-sixty-six
28/2	MC012	ORIGINAL COUNTS
		The number of charges referred to court intake.
	•	(00) (01) One
		: (15) Fifteen
30/2	MC013	GRADE
		The school grade in which the youth was enrolled at the time of referral.
		(01) First (02) Second :
		: (12) Twelfth (13) College (15) Vocational training (16) Preschool (99) Missing
		NOTE: In the summer months this refers to the grade he/she has just completed.
32/1	MC014	SCHOOL STATUS
		School status at time of referral to court intake.
		 Attending Not attending Expelled Suspended Withdrawn Graduated No entry
33/1	MC015	MARITAL STATUS OF PARENTS
		Marital status of biological or adoptive parents at time of referral to court

Marital status of biological or adoptive parents at time of referral to court intake.

Column/ Variable Width Number

Code Value and Description

- (1) Living together married
- (2) Living together
- (3) Divorced or separated
- (4) Father deceased
- (5) Mother deceased
- (6) Both deceased
- (7) Other
- () No entry

34/1 MC016

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PARENTS

Employment status of natural parents at time of referral to court intake.

- (1) Father only employed
- (2) Mother only employed
- (3) Both parents employed
- (4) Neither parent employed

NOTE: In many cases this is difficult to determine when the natural parents are divorced or separated.

DATE DETAINED:

The date and hour the youth was first placed in juvenile court's detention center in relation to this complaint.

- 35/2 MC017 YEAR DETAINED (70) 1970 : : (85) 1985 37/3 JULIAN DATE DETAINED MC018 (001) One :
 - •
 - Three-hundred-sixty-six (366)
- 40/2 MC019

HOUR DETAINED

(00)(01) : :

(23)

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Column/ <u>Width</u>	Variable <u>Number</u>	Code Value and Description
DATE REL	<u>EASED</u> :	The date and hour the youth was last released from the juvenile court's detention center in relation to this complaint. The time period between the date detained and the date released may not represent the amount of time the youth was held in secure detention. In between the first entry and the last release the youth may have moved in and out of detention several times.
42/2	MC020	YEAR RELEASED
		(70) 1970 :
		: (85) 1985
44/3	MC021	JULIAN DATE RELEASED
		(001) One :
		: (366) Three-hundred-sixty-six
47/2	MC022	HOUR RELEASED
		(00) (01) :
		: (23)
49/1	MC023	LEGAL STATUS
		Legal status at time of referral to court intake.
		 Released from parole Discharged from State Department of Corrections Probation Committed to State Department of Corrections Transferred to other jurisdiction Ward of other agency No entry

50/1 MC024

COUNTY ATTORNEY GRADE (alpha/numberic field)

The county attorney decision on how to process the complaint, developed after studying the information collected by court intake .

Column/ <u>Width</u>	Variable <u>Number</u>	Code Value and Description
		(1) No petition filed - no delinquent act perceived
		(2) No petition filed - charge "de minimus"
		(3) No petition filed - little likelihood of conviction
		(4) No petition filed - victim requests no prosecuti

- iled victim requests no prosecution
- (5) No petition filed victim or witness refuses to help
- No petition filed cost benefit of prosecution too high (6)
- No petition filed case used as "aid in pros" (7)
- No petition filed held in lieu of testimony (8)
- (9) No petition filed further investigation request
- (A) Petition filed by county attorney
- (B) Sent back to probation officer
- (C) No petition filed
- (D) Not filed youth too old
- (E) Not filed misdemeanor
- (Z) Missing
- DATE OF CITE-IN:

The date and hour court intake conducted the cite-in or initial interview with the youth.

MC025	YEAR (OF CITE-IN
	(70) :	1970
	: (85)	1985
MC026	JULIAN	DATE OF CITE-IN
	(001)	One
	(366)	Three-hundred-sixty-six
MC027	HOUR (00) (07) : : (16)	OF CITE-IN
	MC026	(70) : (85) MC026 JULIAN (001) : : (366) MC027 HOUR (00) (07) : :

58/2 MC028 COMPLAINT DISPOSITION

> The final disposition of the complaint as made by the court or the probation (intake) office.

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Code Value and Description

Non-Court Disposition - In these cases the intake or probation department responds to the complaint without a court hearing.

- Invalid complaint Represents administrative corrections by the (01)data entry office when erroneous entries have occurred. An example of erroneous entry is a duplicate complaint entered onto the data base.
- (02) Withdrawn complaint - A written complaint is submitted to the intake department (Juvenile Court Center) alleging a delinquent or incorrigible act by a child. When the referring agency withdraws the complaint by letter no further action is taken by the Court Center.
- (03)Non-complaint-Completed - Some children are brought to the attention of juvenile court by their parents/guardian without a written complaint. These referrals usually pertain to cases where counselling services are made available to the family.
- (04) Unresolved complaint - In certain cases the juvenile is never located and cannot be brought to court. In such cases no disposition has taken place, the matter has not been brought to a conclusion and the complaint is unresolved.
- (05) Missing - The data entry office has need for a disposition code to perform certain internal procedures. This disposition code is used to make those adjustments.
- (10)Record only, not referred - This disposition is usually used when the child is very young or the complaint does not allege a chargeable offense (i.e., information only, interrogation). A record is made of the complaint, and the parents are informed of the allegations. No other action is taken.
- (11)Record only, victim refuses prosecution - The county attorney chooses not to file a petition because, in this case, the victim refuses to prosecute the child. The matter is not pursued and no further action is taken.
- Record only, referred to State Department of Corrections (12)(SDOC) - The child is a ward of SDOC and under their jurisdiction. Maricopa County Juvenile Court does not assume jurisdiction and SDOC deals with the matter internally.
- Record only, referred to Department of Economic Security (14) (DES) - The child is either a ward of DES or the offense charged indicates a dependency situation. The child is referred to a social agency of the Department of Economic Security which can more appropriately deal with the circumstances of the case.
- (16)Record only, referred to diversion program - The complaint is a misdemeanor and the child has no court record, no petition is filed and no court hearing occurs. The police usually make this

Variable Column/ Number

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Variable <u>Number</u>	Code Value and Description				
		referral directly to the Youth Service Bureau which then deals with the circumstances of the case.			
	(18)	Record only, referred to other jurisdiction - The child is not under the jurisdiction of Maricopa County Juvenile Court. The complaint is referred to the agency having jurisdiction of the child. For example, youths over 18, children under jurisdiction of a tribal court, or residents of another state, etc.			

- (20) Record only, referred to police agency Complaints on children nearing their eighteenth birthday are frequently referred back to the police to be filed in adult court once the child reaches 18 years. These complaints are graded "D" by the county attorney.
- (22) Record only, referred to other agency Referrals are made to other agencies for specialized services not described here. Any complaint referred to such an agency where the referral constitutes a final disposition falls in this category.
- (25) Guilty/traffic Used only for matters which are under the jurisdiction of the traffic hearing officer. This general disposition is most cases indicates that a fine has been levied.
- (26) Not guilty/traffic- Used only for matters which are under the jurisdiction of the traffic hearing officer. This disposition indicates that the case has been dismissed and no action was taken.
- (27) Released This code is used only with warrants or some other administrative action. This record was not initiated by a complaint and should not be considered to be a new offense in a youth's court history. The record is established to track warrants and then to indicate when the ordered is no longer active.
- (28) Adjusted This code indicates that after review the intake worker decided that the case warranted no further action, but that it should be recorded for PIC Act purposes.
- (29) Adjust, conditional To receive this disposition, the child must first admit the act. The youth is then given some conditions that must be meet, such as restitution, community service, and/or writing a letter. If these conditions are not met, the case is then petitioned to court for formal processing; if this is done, this disposition code would have been overwritten by the new disposition. Therefore the youth met his obligations in cases with this code.
- (30) Adjust, counsel, and warn When the complaint is graded "B" by the county attorney, the probation officer has the discretion to determine that the circumstances of the case indicate that counselling, warning and releasing the child is appropriate action to take. The child may voluntarily make restitution or participate in a series of therapy sessions or other programs.

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Column/ Width

Code Value and Description

Such cases also include circumstances where the child agrees to aid the county attorney in another case. In these cases the child does not have to admit to the act.

- (34) Adjust, facts not proven The county attorney has graded the complaint "C" contending that there is insufficient evidence to file a petition. A probation officer interviews and warns the child and family offering voluntary services but no additional action can be taken.
- (38) Adjust, from other jurisdiction The child is under jurisdiction of another court. A written complaint results in child being interviewed and referred to the court hearing. Runaways from other jurisdictions will often have this disposition.
- (49) Non-court other This code is used for other dispositions not described above which occur without a court hearing.
- (54) Judicial adjust This code indicates instances where the judicial officer adjusts a complaint prior to a petition being filed. The juvenile has usually already been adjudicated on a more serious offense and adjudication on this offense would not alter the current disposition.

<u>Court Dispositions</u> - The following court dispositions indicate what happens in court as a result of a petition filed by the county attorney. The petition is based upon a written complaint and departmental report describing the alleged delinquent or incorrigible behavior. The petition may list more than one offense and the court disposition may be based on several offenses.

- (50) Dismiss The petition is dismissed when the case, based on evidence presented in court, cannot be proven, or the county attorney drops the charges prior to the hearing, usually as part of a plea bargain.
- (51) Penalty ordered The child is shown to be delinquent or incorrigible based upon evidence presented at a court hearing. The court hearing which follows is the disposition hearing at which the court decides how it will respond to the offense committed by the child. A penalty imposed upon a child is a court response which requires the child to pay a monetary assessment or contribute a designated number of hours in a work program, or make restitution, or any combination of these.
- (52) Terminate and close The child has been adjudicated delinquent or incorrigible and the court has already provided the juvenile with sufficient service designed to treat the problem. The court may then determine that it's involvement in the matter concerning the child is no longer desirable and the case is closed.
- (60) Probation When the court adjudicates a child and determines that he/she is delinquent or incorrigible the child may be placed

under the supervision of a probation officer with certain terms of probation. A child on probation may continue to reside with his/ her family or may be placed in a residential placement facility.

- (62) Probation and restitution The court finds that the juvenile is delinquent or incorrigible. The child is placed on probation, agreeing to meet certain conditions of probation including restitution to the victim of the offense, or a penalty. The child may be placed outside the home.
- (64) Continued probation The child has previously been placed on probation. The court decides to allow him to continue on probation under the review of the assigned probation officer. The court may decide placement outside the home and/or different terms of probation are required.
- (66) Continued probation and restitution The court decides to allow the child to continue on probation provided he agrees to compensate the victim of the offense for the damages the victim suffered. The court may also decide to alter the original terms of probation and/or order placement outside the child's home.
- (68) Commit to State Department of Corrections The court decides that a structured secure environment is required for the child where close attention and supervision can be given. The State Department of Corrections has such facilities. Jurisdiction is transferred to SDOC which then determines length of time to be served in a secure facility.
- (69) Award to State Department of Corrections The child has previously been committed to SDOC. The court turns the child over to SDOC. The alleged offense is then dealt with by SDOC review board.
- (70) Remand to adult court Children are remanded when the act alleged is serious and the child's record indicates that he is not amenable to treatment as a juvenile. The court transfers its jurisdiction to adult court for prosecution of the child as an adult.
- (72) Transfer to other agency If a child moves away from Maricopa County to another court jurisdiction, after the adjudication has occurred, the matter is transferred to the new jurisdiction for disposition.
- (79) Court other There are other special dispositions given at a court hearing not described here which reflect unique situations of the case. This category is used for these other dispositions.

NOTE: Traffic matters in Maricopa County can be initiated by a delinquent complaint or by a citation. The delinquency master research file contains only cases initiated by a complaint, therefore traffic matters initiated by a citation are not on this data file. Those matters which are

Code Value and Description

under the jurisdiction of the traffic hearing officer and which law enforcement decides are serious enough to be processed through a delinquent complaint are in the file. Along with the traditional traffic matters (e.g., reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence) the traffic hearing officer in Maricopa County also has jurisdiction over curfew violations and possession of alcohol, even though they were not traffic related.

NOTE: The State of Arizona has established a policy entitled 'Progressively Increasing Consequences', or the PIC Act, to guide the handling of juvenile cases. Put simply, each time a youth returns to court a consequence must be ordered that is more severe than the one ordered on the previous complaint. The consequences are generally restitution, community service, or some other type of informal probation. To be eligible for the PIC Act program, the youth must admit to the act. Consequences are then ordered. If the youth successfully completes the activities, the case is closed. If the youth fails to complete the activities, the case is petitioned to court for formal handling. Disposition code '28' is used to indicate minimal, if any, consequences. Disposition code '29' indicates some consequence was given and should be monitored to assure complian. These two codes are subsets of actions that were previously reported under code '30' and which have replaced code '30' since the adoption of the PIC Act policy,

DATE OF COMPLAINT DISPOSITION: The date the final disposition was given, coded in Julian format (year/day).

60/2	MC029	YEAR OF COMPLAINT DISPOSITION		
		(70)	1970	
		(85)	1985	
62/3	MC030	JULIA	N DATE OF COMPLAINT DISPOSITION	
		(001)	One	
		: (366)	Three-hundred-sixty-six	
DATE OF F	PETITION:	If any o	of the offenses in this case were petitioned	

If any of the offenses in this case were petitioned to court for formal processing, the date the petition was filed with the clerk of court, coded in Julian format (year/day).

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YEAR OF PETITION

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		(85)	1985	
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67/3	MC032	JULIAN	VDATE OF PETITION	
		(001)	One	
		:		
		:		
		(366)	Three-hundred-sixty-six	
70/4	MC033	MOST	SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED	
		The mo	ost serious offense charged at the time of referral to	oout intoko
		/		count intake.
		()	Does not apply No offense	
			Incorrigible, general	
			Incorrigible, refusal to obey parent or guardian	
		(0012)	Truancy, habitually from school	
			Runaway, within county	
			Runaway, outside county	
			Suicide, including attempt	
			Information only	
		(0025)		
			Administrative process, general	
		(0050)	Court order hold	
		(0051)	Courtesy hold	
			Courtesy investigation	
			Warrant	
		• •	Courtesy supervision	
			Material witness	
			Warrant from other jurisdiction	
		(0058)		
			Sovereignty, general	
		(0200)	Military, general	
		(0300)	Immigration, general	
			Homicide, general	
			Manslaughter, negligent vehicle	
			Murder, first degree	
			Murder, second degree	
			Manslaughter	
			Attempted murder	
			Kidnapping, general	
			Kidnap for ransom	
			Kidnap for sexual assault	
			Unlawful imprisonment	
			Custodial interference	
		• •	Kidnapping	
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		(1100)	Sexual assault, general	
			Sexual assault, general Rape, statutory, no force	

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(2301)	• •
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(2303)	
(2304) (2305)	
(2305)	Larceny, parts from automobile Larceny from shipment
(2307)	
(2308)	
(2309)	
(2310)	
(2311)	Larceny, petty theft from automobile
(2390)	
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		(4004)	Prostitution
			Prostitution
			Enticement for prostitution
			Receiving earnings of prostitute Liquor, general
			Liquor, possess unlawfully
			Liquor, misrepresent age in purchase
			Drinking from open container
			Drunkenness, general
			Drunkenness from vapors, drugs, not alcohol
		(4200)	Obstructing police, general
			Resist an officer
			Obstruct criminal investigation
			False report, give
			Obstruct, destroying evidence
			Obstruct, compounding a crime
			Obstruct, wearing mask
			Hindering prosecution, second degree
			Hindering prosecution, first degree
			Flight, escape, general
			Escape from institution
			Flight to avoid, court, placement
			Escape from institution, third degree
			Escape from institution, second degree
			Escape from institution, first degree
		(5000)	Obstructing judiciary, general
			Contempt of court
			Probation violation
			Failure to appear
			Failure to appear, felony
			Failure to appear, misdemeanor
			Influencing a witness
			Interfering with judicial proceedings
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			Bribery, general
			Weapon offense, general
			Carrying concealed weapon
			Explosives, use illegally
			Weapon, use illegally Weapons misconduct
			Weapon, other, use illegally
			Fireworks, use illegally
			Depositing explosives
			Public peace, general
			Unlawful assembly
			Telephone, use unlawfully
			Disorderly conduct
			Disturbing the peace
			Violation of curfew
			Loitering
			Loitering - drugs
		(5381)	
			Vandalism
		(5391)	Vulgar obscene language
			Criminal nuisance

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(5393) Interference, schools
(5400) Traffic offense, general
(5401) Leave accident with death or injury
(5403) Driving under the influence of drugs
(5404) Driving under the influence of liquor
(5405) Traffic offense, moving
(5406) Traffic offense, non-moving
(5490) Reckless driving, no intoxicated
(5495) Traffic warrant
(5700) Invasion of privacy, general

(5707) Trespassing, other

(5790) Criminal trespass, third degree

(5791) Criminal trespass, second degree

(5792) Criminal trespass, residence

(5793) Criminal trespass, fenced yard

(5800) Smuggling, general

(6200) Conservation, general

(6201) Conservation, animals, cruelty

(6300) Vagrancy, general

NOTE: The Maricopa County Juvenile Court adopted the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) uniform offense classification system. However, NCIC did not develop severity ratings for each offense code. Maricopa County included a severity ranking in their automated record, but communication with the court indicates that the court did not support the ordering. Therefore, NJCDA develop its own ranking for the severity of the NCIC offense codes which are displayed in Appendix I. Using this ranking the offenses found in the complaint were ranked ordered by severity and recorded in this sequence. If researchers wish to apply their own rank ordering, they may do so because 98 percent of all cases contained 3 or less offenses and the three most serious are recorded on the NJCDA case record.

DATE THE MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE OCCURRED: The date and time of day the most serious offense in the case was alleged to have occurred.

74/2	MC034	YEAR (OF MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED
		(70) :	1970
		(85)	1985
76/3	MC035	JULIAN	I DATE OF MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED
		(001) :	One
		: (366)	Three-hundred-sixty-six

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79/2	MC036	HOUR OF MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED	
		(00) (01) :	
		(23)	
81/4	MC037	SECOND MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED	
		The second most serious offense charged at the time of referral to court intake. See variable MC033 for code values and descriptions.	
DATE THE	SECOND M	OST SERIOUS OFFENSE OCCURRED: The date and time of day the second most serious offense in the case was alleged to have occurred.	
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85/2	MC038	YEAR OF SECOND MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED	
		() Does not apply (70) 1970 :	
		: (85) 1985	
87/3	MC039	JULIAN DATE OF SECOND MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED	
		() Does not apply (001) One :	
		(366) Three-hundred-sixty-six	
90/2	MC040	HOUR OF SECOND MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED	
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92/4	MC041	THIRD MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED	

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		Code Value and Description		
		The third most serious offense charged at the time of referral to court intake. See variable MC033 for code values and descriptions.		
DATE THE		ST SERIOUS OFFENSE OCCURRED: The date and time of day the third		
<u> 27112 111</u>		most serious offense in the case was alleged to have occurred.		
96/2	MC042	YEAR OF THIRD MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED		
		() Does not apply		
		(70) 1970		
		(85) 1985		
98/3	MC043	JULIAN DATE OF THIRD MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED		
		() Does not apply		
		(001) One		
		(366) Three-hundred-sixty-six		
101/2	MC044	HOUR OF THIRD MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE REFERRED		
		() Does not apply		
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		(01)		
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103/4	MC045	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE PETITIONED		
		The most serious offense petitioned in the case. See variable MC033 for code values and descriptions.		
107/4	MC046	SECOND MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE PETITIONED		
		The second most serious offense petitioned in the case. See variable MC033 for code values and descriptions.		
111/4	MC047	THIRD MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE PETITIONED		

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		The third most serious offense petitioned in the case. See variable MC033 for code values and descriptions.
115/4	MC048	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE ADJUDICATED
		The most serious offense petitioned which resulted in a court action of adjudication. See variable MC033 for code values and descriptions.
119/4	MC049	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE WITH MOST SEVERE COURT DISPOSITION
		The most serious offense which resulted in the most severe court disposition. See variable MC033 for code values and descriptions.
		NOTE: For petitioned cases this is the offense which received the most severe court action. The rank ordering of the court actions are: remand to adult court, adjudicated, adjudicated by admission, other, dismiss, dismiss by motion of prosecution, amended. If no offenses are petitioned, this variable is blank.
123/2	MC050	MOST SEVERE COURT DISPOSITION
		The most severe action taken at the adjudicatory or waiver hearing.
		 No entry (50) Dismiss (70) Remand to adult court

- Adjudicated
- (82) (83)
- Adjudicated by admission Dismiss by motion of prosecution (85)
- (86) Amended
- (89) Other

NOTE: For nonpetitioned cases this variable is blank.

Appendix I

Offense Seriousness Hierarchy Listing

SEVERITY		
RANKING	CODE	OFFENSE
25	2310	Larceny from mails
25	2311	Larceny, petty theft from automobile
25	2390	Larceny, bicycle
25	2391	Larceny, petty theft
25	2392	Larceny, grand theft
25	2393	Theft, \$100 or more
25	2394	Theft with firearm
25	2395	Theft from a person
25	2396	Theft \$100-\$250
25	2397	Theft \$250-\$500
25	2398	Theft \$500-\$1000
25	2690	Theft of credit card
27	2302	Purse snatching, no force
28	2300	Larceny, grand or petty, general
29	2303	Shopiifting
30	2400	Stolen vehicle, general
31	2411	Unauthorized use of vehicle, joyride
32	2408	Stolen vehicle, possess
32	2491	Stolen motorcycle, possess
32	2800	Stolen property
32	2801	Stolen property, sell
32	2803	Stolen property, receive
32	2804	Stolen property, possess
32	2890	Trafficking in stolen property, first
32	2891	Trafficking in stolen property, second
33	2500	Forgery, counterfeiting, general
33	2500	Forgery of checks
33	2600	Fraud, general
33	2605	Fraud, use of credit cards
33	2691	Fraudulent schemes
33	2700	Embezzlement
35	2900	
35	2990	Damage property, general Malicious mischief
35	2992	
35	2993	Malicious mischief, property
35	2993	Criminal damage, over \$10,000
35	2994	Criminal damage, \$1,500 or more
35	2995	Criminal damage, \$1,000 or more
35	2990	Criminal damage, petty
35	5390	Criminal polluting Vandalism
36	5700	
36	5700	Invasion of privacy, general
		Trespassing, other
36	5790	Criminal trespass, third degree
36	5791	Criminal trespass, second degree
36	5792	Criminal trespass, residence
36	5793	Criminal trespass, fenced yard
37	2100	Extortion, general
38	3593	Dangerous drugs, other
39	3592	Dangerous drugs, possess
40	1192	Sodomy with minor
41	1116	Rape, statutory, no force
42	4000	Sex, commercialized, general
42	4002	Prostitution, procure for
42	4004	Prostitution

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RAN	IKING	CODE	OFFENSE
	42	4090	Enticement for prostitution
	12	4091	Receiving earnings of prostitute
	13	3605	Indecent exposure
	43	3612	Public sexual indecency
	43	3690	Lewd and lascivious acts
	43	3700	Obscenity, materials, general
	14	3601	Child molesting
	14	3691	Sexual abuse
	14	3600	Sex offense, general
	45	1100	Sexual assault, general
	46	3500	Dangerous drugs, narcotics, general
	48	3504	Hallucinogen, possess
	48	3562	Marijuana, possess
	48	3594	Sniffing, glue
	48	3595	Sniffing, paint
	48	3596	Sniffing, gasoline
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	+0 19	3505	Sniffing, substance unknown
	+9 19	3564	Hallucinogen, other Marijuana, other
	+9 50	4900	
	50	4900	Flight, escape, general Escape from institution
	50	4902	
	50	4990	Flight to avoid, court, placement
	50	4991	Escape from institution, third degree
	50	4991	Escape from institution, second degree
	51	4992 5200	Escape from institution, first degree
	51	5200	Weapon offense, general
	51	5213	Carrying concealed weapon
	51	5288	Weapon, use illegally Weapons misconduct
	51	5290	
	52	2206	Weapon, other, use illegally
	53	5403	Burglary tools, possess Driving under the influence of drugs
	53	5404	Driving under the influence of liquor
	54	5401	Leave accident with death or injury
	55	5490	· ·
	56	4200	Reckless driving, no intoxicated Drunkenness, general
	56	4290	Drunkenness from vapors, drugs, not alcohol
	57	5300	Public peace, general
	57	5307	Unlawful assembly
	57	5311	Disorderly conduct
	57	5312	Disturbing the peace
	57	5314	Loitering
	57	5315	Loitering, drugs
	57	5381	Riot
	57	5391	
	57	5392	Vulgar obscene language Criminal nuisance
	57	5393	Interference, schools
	57		
	58	6300 5000	Vagrancy, general
	58		Obstructing judiciary, general
	58	5005 5015	Contempt of court
	58	5015	Failure to appear
	58	5090 5091	Failure to appear, felony
	58	5092	Failure to appear, misdemeanor Influencing a witness
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RANKING	CODE	OFFENSE
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58	5093	Interfering with judicial proceedings
59	5291	Fireworks, use illegally
59	3800	Family offense, general
59	3805	Contributing to delinquency/dependency of minor
59	3900	Gambling, gaming, general
59	4100	Liquor, general
59	4190	Drinking from open container
59 50	5309	Telephone, use unlawfully
59 50	4800	Obstructing police, general
59	4802	Obstruct criminal investigation
59	4803	False report, give
59	4804	Obstruct, destroying evidence
59 50	4808	Obstruct, compounding a crime
59	4809	Obstruct, wearing mask
59	4890	Hindering prosecution, second degree
59	4891	Hindering prosecution, first degree
59	5094	Perjury
59	5100	Bribery, general
59	5800	Smuggling, general
59 50	6200	Conservation, general
59 50	6201	Conservation, animals, cruelty
59	0100	Sovereignty, general
59	0200	Military, general
59 50	0300	Immigration, general
59	1400	Abortion, general
60	5206	Explosives, use illegally
60	5292	Depositing explosives
63	5012	Probation violation
64	0014	Runaway, within county
64	0015	Runaway, outside county
65	0012	Truancy, habitually from school
66 67	5313	Violation of curfew
67 68	0011	Incorrigible, refuse to obey parent/guard
68	4104	Liquor, possess unlawfully
68	4105	Liquor, misrepresent age in purchase
69	3598	Tobacco, possess or use
69 70	0020	Suicide, including attempt
70	0010	Incorrigible, general
72	5405	Traffic offense, moving
72 72	5406	Traffic offense, non-moving
73	5400	Traffic offense, general
73	5495	Traffic warrant
76	0055	Material witness
77	0021	Information only
77	0025	Non-complaint
77 77	0030	Administrative process, general
77	0050	Court order hold
77	0051	Courtesy hold
77	0052	Courtesy investigation
77	0053	Warrant
77	0054	Courtesy supervision
77	0056	Warrant from other jurisdiction
77	0058	Hearing other court
99	0000	Case in process

Appendix II

Standard Research Conditions Contract

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MARICOPA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CENTER

STANDARD RESEARCH CONDITIONS

COMPUTER TAPES

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proposed research project which includes the c	objectives	of the
study, the methodology and a listing of all pe	ersons and	entities
to be affiliated with the project. I agree th	nat the res	search
will be conducted as described. Any changes t	to this pro	oject post
approval will be submitted in writing before i	implementa	tion. I
affirm that all persons and entities affiliate	ed with the	is
research project agree to abide by all of the	following	•condi-
tions:		

- 1. Neither identified nor raw information will be disseminated to any third party. Adequate steps will be made to secure information from access by any third party. Only researchers identified as part of the approved project will have access to the information and such access shall be only on a need to know basis.
- 2. Information will be utilized only by the researchers identified and only for the project specified. All identifiable information gleaned from the research will remain confidential. Any disclosure beyond the research effort would not only jeopardize the access to the Court Center's data but may also constitute an unlawful act.

A pre-publication copy of all research reports utilizing the Court Center's data will be provided to the Division of Research and Planning. At the completion of the project (the end date specified above) the original data and all subsequent data sets with identifiable information will be returned to the Court Center. Upon request, the researcher agrees to provide coded information and/or original lists to the Division of Research and Planning.

Violations of these conditions may result in, but are not limited to, immediate termination of access and denial of any subsequent access by any or all participants, affiliates and/or sponsors of the research project.

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Appendix III

Original Data Collector's Statement of Acceptance