

# Public-Facing Juvenile Case Records in KC Script Special Law and Justice Committee Meeting

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#### Juvenile Court Records – Today's Topic

- What are we discussing today?
  - Whether index information of a juvenile case should be available online
- A few baseline definitions for today
  - <u>Juvenile case</u>: Criminal charges filed in Superior Court, person <18
  - <u>Index</u> means table of contents of a juvenile case file
  - <u>Data</u> are the elements of information kept in the system about cases
  - <u>Documents</u>: Papers filed in the juvenile case by parties or the court

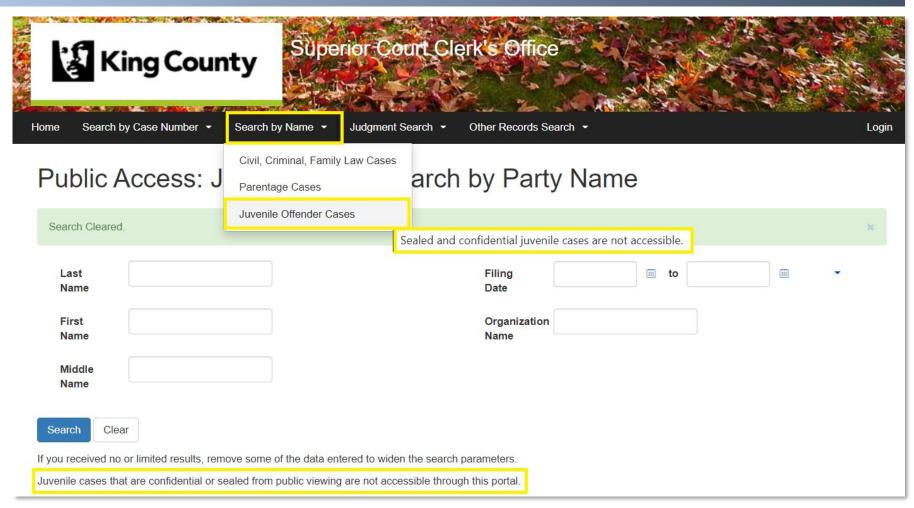
#### Access to Superior Court Records

- KC Script is the name of the DJA system that holds the data for King County Superior Court case records
- Access to court records is governed by RCWs, State General Court Rule 31, Local GR 31, case law, court orders
- Court records access is governed by different laws and rules than public disclosure
- Court Records are much more accessible than public disclosure: real time access, while case is pending and historical, thousands accessed daily.
- One of DJA's major responsibilities is managing access to Superior Court records

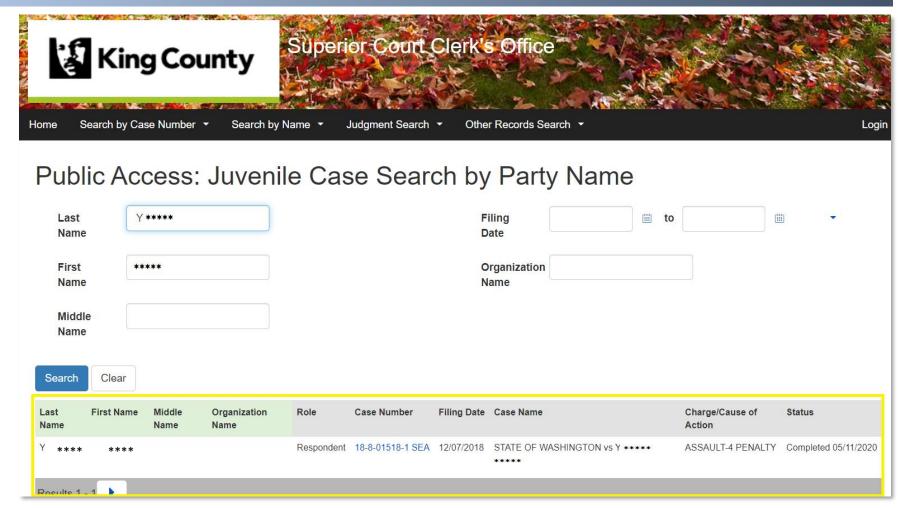
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- The issue brought to the Court and being discussed today is about the index accessible to the public for juvenile cases
- KC Script has a public portal available from the DJA website
- The portal seeks to comply with all laws, rules, that govern
- Laws and rules about juvenile records are different; many cases are sealed. Documents are not available remotely.
   Once sealed the case and index are not available.
- In order to search, user must have a case number or name
- Not published on the web; Can't Google to get to it
- Example screens follow

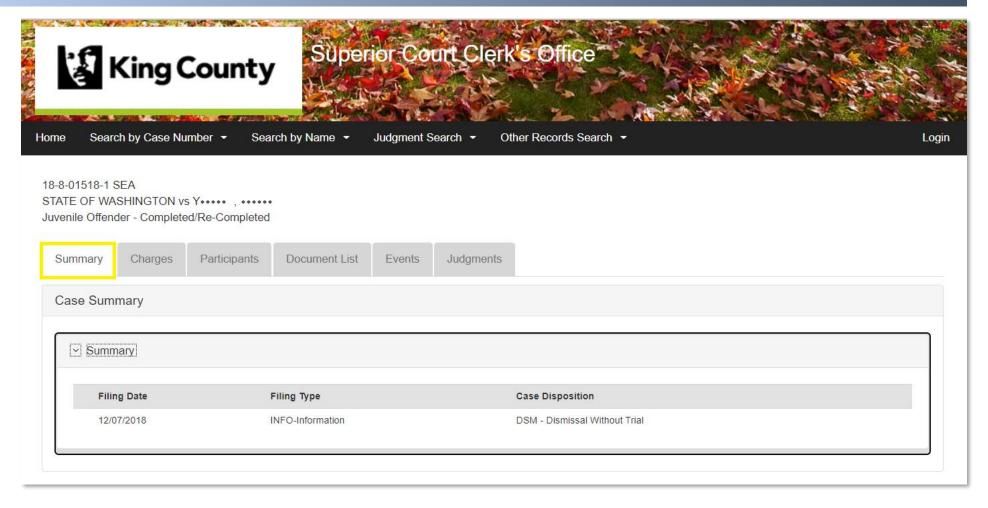
## Search by Name – Juvenile Offender Cases



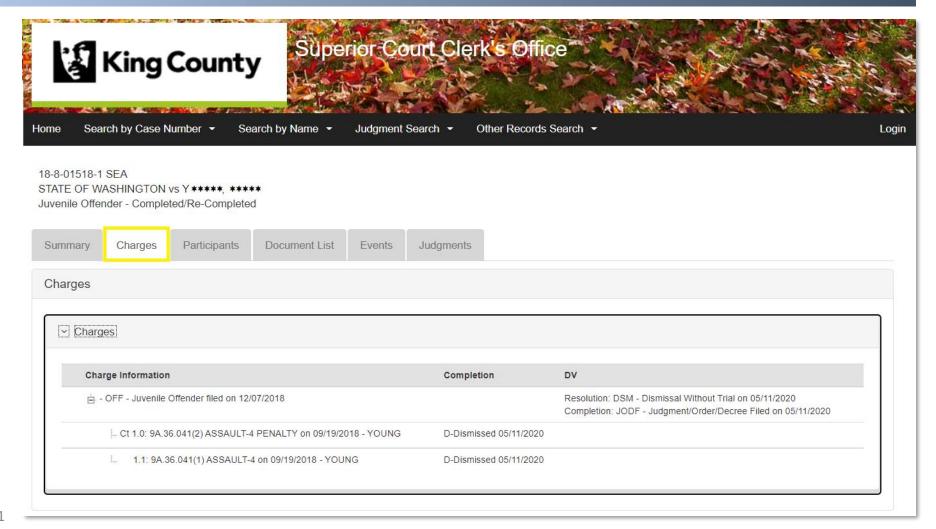
# Search by Name – Results



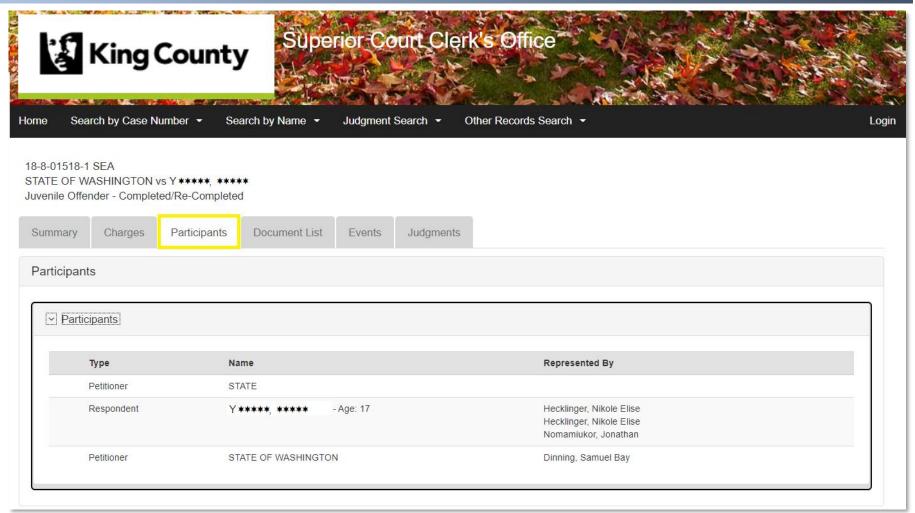
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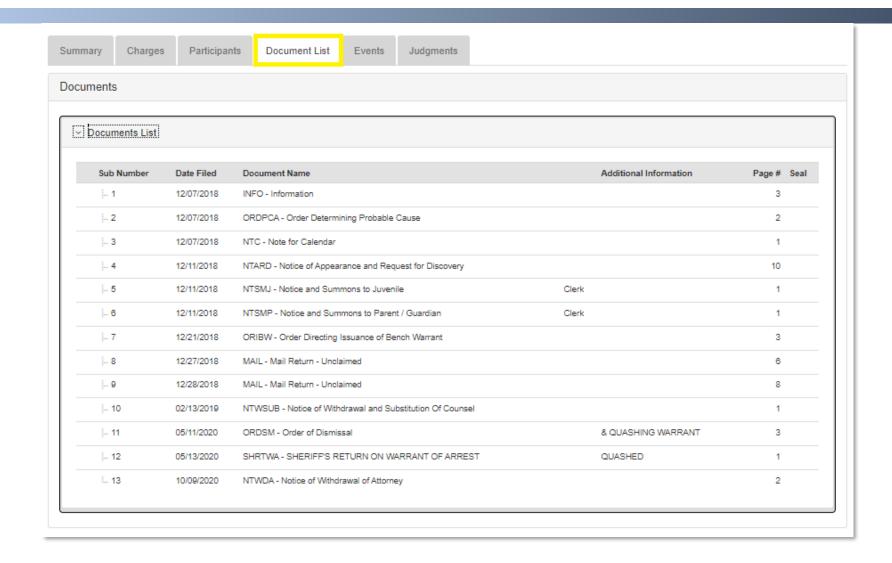
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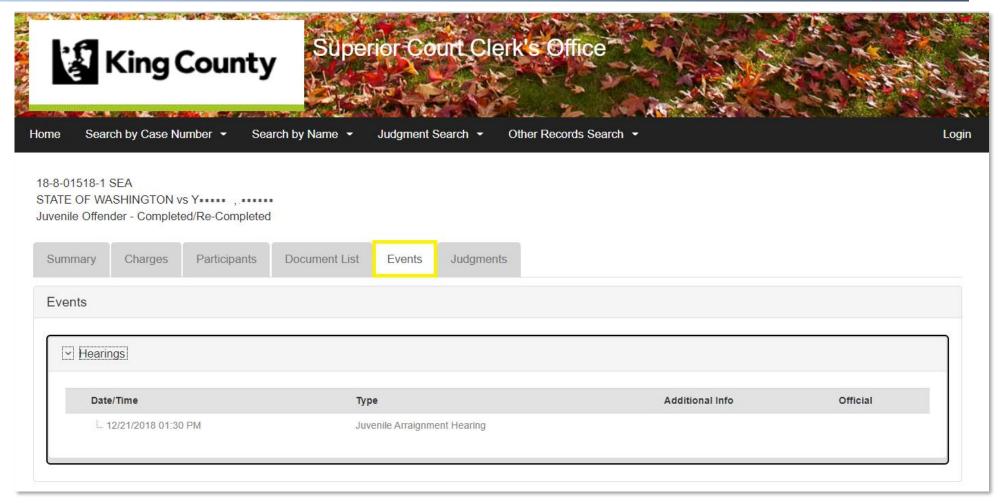
#### Participants



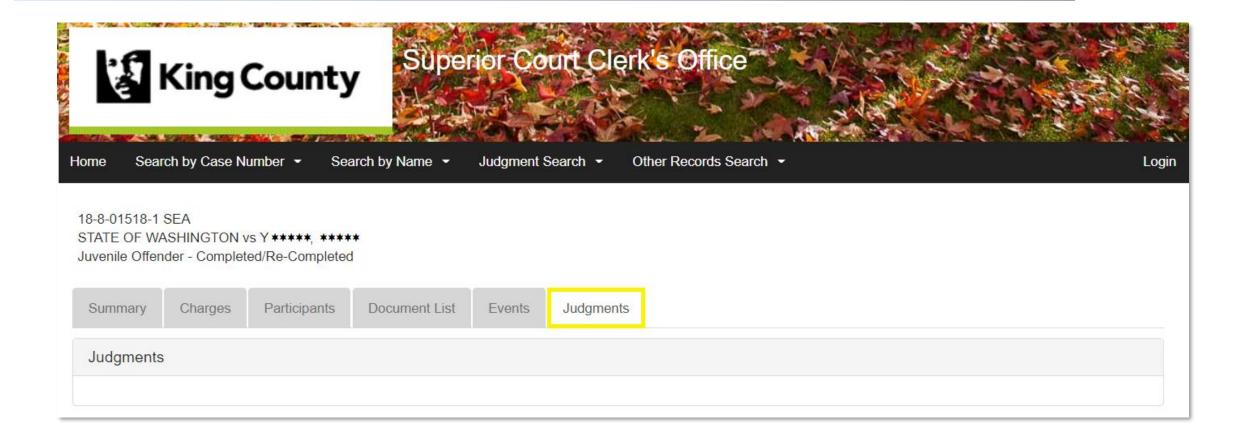
#### Document Index



#### **Events**



## Judgements



# Search by Name – Case is Sealed



Note:

Searched different variations of the Juvenile's first & middle names with same results.