

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2000-05

(Policy not to release addresses of jury panel member or jurors)

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 13-71-136 regarding the availability of juror list provides that “Absent a court order to the contrary, upon request, the jury commissioner shall make available for inspection by counsel or pro se parties a list of prospective jurors’ names and addresses.” Also Crim P 10(f) state that in a criminal case, when the jury panel is drawn for a given case, a list of the names and addresses of the jurors on the panel shall be made available to defendant’s counsel, and if defendant has no counsel, the list shall be served on him personally or by certified mail.

AND WHEREAS, generally a statute controls over a rule, thus given the court authority by adoption of an order to control what information is made available;

AND WHEREAS, in the interest of safety and protection from harassment and unwelcome contact, citizens called for jury service are entitled to reasonable protection from unlimited access by litigants, counsel and the public in contacting said citizens. In this regard, Jury Reform measure were adopted in Colorado in 1998 which includes standards to reasonably ensure the privacy of prospective jurors. Standard 4.2d of the Jury Management Standards provides in pertinent part as follows:

“The judge should ensure that the privacy of prospective jurors is reasonably protected. Jurors shall not be required to disclose personal locating information, such as addresses or place of business in open court and such information shall not be maintained in files open to the public. The trial judge shall ensure that parties and counsel have access to such location information as appropriate and necessary.”

AND WHEREAS, in keeping with the policy established by said Standard 4.2d, is should be a policy of the District that the jury commissioner shall not disclose or release the addresses of prospective jurors except in circumstances in which the actual address of the prospective juror is reasonably necessary to determine his or her ability to serve as an impartial juror in the case.

NOW THEREFORE, the jury commissioner and clerks of court in the District shall not disclose or release the address of any prospective juror to the public or to any litigant in the case to be tried unless upon a showing of good cause, by the requesting person, the judge assigned to conduct the trial finds it reasonably necessary to disclose said information to assure that the prospective juror can serve impartially, and that such disclosure will not place the prospective juror in a position of danger or subject to unwelcome contract or harassment.

DONE BY THE COURT, This 15th day of March 2000.

Robert A. Brown, Chief Judge
Seventh Judicial District

cc. JDA-EJC for distribution to Judges, Jury Commissioner, Clerks of Court