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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF

Name \_\_\_\_\_, Juvenile

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ A  male  female

**ORDER FOR CLOSED PROCEEDINGS**

**Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2353**

NOW on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the Court finds that it is not in the best interest of the  **juvenile named above, who was less than 16 years of age at the time of the alleged offense**  **alleged** victim for the hearings in the captioned matter to be open to the public. It is therefore ordered that the \_\_\_\_\_ hearing(s) in the captioned matter shall be closed to the public and only open to the juvenile, the juvenile's parents, attorneys for the parties, officers of the Court, the witness testifying, the victim and the following members of the victim's family: \_\_\_\_\_ IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Judge of the District Court

Authority

K.S.A. 38-2353.

Notes on Use

The statute provides that juvenile hearing be open to the public, unless the judge determines that opening the hearing to the public is not in the best interests of the victim, or, if the juvenile was less than 16 years of age at the time of the offense, the judge determines that opening court proceedings is not in the best interest of the juvenile. The court may then exclude all persons except the juvenile, the juvenile's parents, attorneys for parties, officers of the court, the witness testifying and the victim or such members of the victim's family as the court deems appropriate. K.S.A. 38-2353. Victim and members of the victim's family are terms defined at K.S.A. 74-7335.