

**SUBJECT: Youth Court Video Project**

PREPARED BY: Chief Charlie Fannon

DATE: 02/13/98

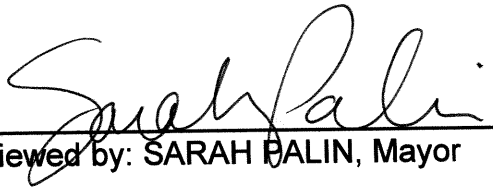
FOR AGENDA OF: Youth Court

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**SUMMARY: These funds will be used to produce a video which will serve to educate school staff, students and the public at large about the Youth Court process. It may help in other areas as well, such as orienting students to an out-of-school program for which they can receive school credit.**

**FISCAL IMPACT: NO---** Amount requested: \$4,986.00 Fund: 21-498-2907

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend Approval**



Reviewed by: SARAH BALIN, Mayor

Attachments: Ordinance #98-09, Youth Court letter dated 2/11/98.



# Mat-Su Youth Court

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Dear Charlie:

The Mat-Su Youth Court has recently received funding to develop a video of 20-30 minutes describing our Youth Court program. A contract has been signed with AVT Productions in Wasilla, with filming to begin this month. The video should be completed sometime in April.

The video will include the crime scene, development of the police report, case screening, intake interview, setting up the Youth Court case files, and substantial filming in a courtroom showing how Youth Court functions, and related topics.

As one who has been an advocate of the Youth Court program, I'd very much appreciate your participation through a videotaped interview specifically about how Youth Court now provides consequences for minor misdeeds that did not happen before Youth Court, that police officers now make arrests involving juveniles that weren't made in many cases before, because the officers knew that nothing would happen, now juveniles are beginning to realize that they are answerable for their actions, and are responsible for the decisions they make, etc.

I ask that you speak about these issues in your own words, not to limit your comments, but rather to ensure each person interviewed doesn't say the same things about Youth Court. The interviews will require only a few minutes of your time, and may be edited to fit time constraints.

I'll be in touch with you when filming will be scheduled. Your assistance in developing this Youth Court tape will be very much appreciated. Feel free to give me a call at 376-9334 with any comments or questions.

Sincerely yours,

  
M. James Messick