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FOR PIERCE COUNTY**

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RE: Kirby v. City of Tacoma
Pierce County Cause No. 99-2-13911-4

Counsel:

It is my understanding that counsel have agreed to submit the defense motion for protective order as to Ray E. Corpuz to this court for decision without oral argument. After having reviewed the amended complaint, and the pleadings filed, I am granting the motion for a protective order. I do not believe that the argument presented shows a connection between the plaintiffs' complaints and the situation involving Mr. Corpuz. Without that connection, the mere recitation that discovery is likely to lead to admissible evidence lacks support.

I have not signed the City's proposed order as I believe it goes beyond the motion. I do not believe that sealing the motion or responsive pleadings is appropriate. Further, no argument was presented which to support an order restricting dissemination of information received to date.

At this point, my order merely grants removes the requirement on the defendant to provide answers to the specific Requests for Admission and prevents inquiry into this specific details during the deposition of Mr. Corpuz. This is not intended to limit inquiry of Mr. Corpuz as to information given him by Chief Arreola.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Strombom
Superior Court Judge

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