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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF

CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL JACKSON, et al.

Defendant.

Case No.: 1133603

Protective Order

TO: Thomas W. Sneddon, District Attorney for the County of Santa Barbara, and to
Mark J. Geragos, attorney of record for Defendant Michael Jackson, and all interested parties:

It is the Order of this Court that no attorney connected with this case as Prosecutor or
Defense Counsel, nor any other attorney working in or with the offices of either of them, nor
their agents, staff, or experts, nor any judicial officer or court employee, nor any law
enforcement employee of any agency involved in this case, nor any persons subpoenaed or
expected to testify in this matter, shall do any of the following:

1. Release or authorize the release for public dissemination of any purported extrajudicial
statement of either the defendant or witnesses relating to this case;

- 1 2. Release or authorize the release of any documents, exhibits, photographs, or any
2 evidence, the admissibility of which may have to be determined by the Court;
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4 3. Make any statement for public dissemination as to the existence or possible existence of
5 any document, exhibit, photograph or any other evidence, the admissibility of which may
6 have to be determined by the Court;
- 7 4. Express outside of court an opinion or make any comment for public dissemination as to
8 the weight, value, or effect of any evidence as tending to establish guilt or innocence;
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10 5. Make any statement outside of court as to the content, nature, substance, or effect of any
11 statements or testimony that have been given or is expected to be given in any proceeding
12 in or relating to this matter;
- 13 6. Issue any statement as to the identity of any prospective witness, or the witness's
14 probable testimony, or the effect thereof;
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16 7. Make any out-of-court statement as to the nature, source, or effect of any purported
17 evidence alleged to have been accumulated as a result of the investigation of this matter.

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19 This Order does not include any of the following:

- 20 1. Factual statements of the accused person's name, age, residence, occupation and family
21 status.
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23 2. The time and place of arrest, the identity of the arresting and investigating officers and
24 agencies, and the length of the investigation.
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26 3. The nature, substance, and text of the charge, including a brief description of the offenses
27 charged.

- 1 4. Quotations from, or any reference without comment to, public records of the Court in the
- 2 case.
- 3 5. The scheduling and result of any stage of the judicial proceedings held in open court in an
- 4 open or public session.
- 5 6. A request for assistance in obtaining evidence or the names of possible witnesses.
- 6 7. Any witness may discuss any matter with any Prosecution or Defense Attorney in this
- 7 action, or any agent thereof, and if represented may discuss any matter with his or her
- 8 own attorney.
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12 Any violation of this order will result in a contempt action for any offender within

13 the jurisdiction of this Court. A copy of this Order shall be provided to any prospective witness

14 that a party intends to call for any proceeding in this action.

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17 DATED: January 16, 2004

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19 RODNEY S. MELVILLE
20 Judge of the Superior Court

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