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In Re The Santa Barbara Criminal Grand Jury

Case No.: No. 04-002

Grand Jury Decorum Order

The impaneling of a criminal grand jury in Santa Barbara County has created significant media and public interest. This kind of interest presents a significant challenge to the court charged with responsibility for ensuring the integrity of the grand jury process. Dissemination of any information disclosed during the grand jury proceedings by witnesses and grand jurors, particularly prior to any indictment, violates the integrity of the grand jury process.

The secrecy of all grand jury proceedings is deeply rooted in our traditions. Since the very beginning of the grand jury system, grand jury proceedings have been closed to the public and records of such proceedings have been kept from the public eye. The California Supreme Court has recognized the importance of maintaining the heritage of grand jury secrecy when there has not been an indictment, in order to preserve the effectiveness of the grand jury process, as well as to protect witnesses against the adverse consequences, including damage to reputation, of disclosing their testimony.

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In order to protect the integrity of the grand jury process, the court makes the following orders:

Except as expressly authorized by this court:

- 1. No person shall communicate with any person summoned to appear for service as grand jurors.
- No person shall obstruct, impede, attempt to influence or otherwise interfere with any prospective grand juror, grand juror or witness.
- No person shall communicate with any prospective grand juror, grand juror or witness concerning any matter disclosed by the court or prosecution to the grand jury.
- 4. No person shall photograph any prospective grand juror, grand juror or witness while in the Santa Barbara Superior Courthouse, its courtrooms, jury assembly area or grand jury room, or while entering or exiting the Courthouse, its courtrooms, jury assembly area, grand jury room, or any other facility or property utilized by the grand jury.
- 5. No person shall communicate with anyone summoned as a grand juror who appears and is not selected for service as a grand juror concerning any matter disclosed by the court or prosecution, or concerning the reasons that person was not selected for grand jury service.
- 6. No witness, prospective grand juror, grand juror or any person summoned to appear as a grand juror and who is not selected for service as a grand juror may disclose anything concerning what occurred in the grand jury room.

Anyone in violation of this court order may be subject to contempt of court.

Any person found guilty of contempt of court is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Dated this 24th day of March 2004

Clifford R. Anderson III Presiding Judge