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15 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
16 FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, COOK DIVISION

17 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
18 CALIFORNIA,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 vs.

21 MICHAEL JOSEPH JACKSON,

22 Defendant.

) Case No. 1133603

) MOTION TO LIMIT CROSS-EXAMINATION
) OF MACAULAY CULKIN (Evidence Code
) Section 352)

) Honorable Rodney S. Melville

) Date: TBD

) Time: 8:30 am

) Dept: SM 8

23 TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT AND TO THE DISTRICT
24 ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, TOM SNEDDON, AND DEPUTY
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS GERALD FRANKLIN, RON ZONEN, GORDON AUCHINCLOSS
26 AND MAG NICOLA:

27 Please take notice that the Defendant does hereby move and will further move on a date
28 determined by the Court. at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard in

MOTION TO LIMIT CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MACAULAY CULKIN (Evidence Code Section 352)

1 Department 8 of the above entitled court, for an order restrict the prosecution from cross-
2 examining Macaulay Culkin regarding the charges pending against him. This motion is based on
3 Evidence Code Section 352.

4 This motion is based on this Notice of Motion, and the Memorandum of Points and
5 Authorities attached hereto, the papers, records and files in this case, and such other matters as
6 may be received by the Court at or after the hearing scheduled on this motion.

7 Dated: May 10, 2005

8 Respectfully submitted,

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1 MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

2 I.

3 THE COURT SHOULD PROHIBIT CROSS-EXAMINATION OR REFERENCE TO
4 ANY PENDING CHARGES AGAINST MR. CULKIN BECAUSE THE CHARGES ARE
5 NOT RELEVANT TO CREDIBILITY OR ANY ISSUE IN THE PRESENT CASE

6 It is anticipated, based on conversations with Macaulay Culkin's lawyer and on public
7 comments by Mr. Culkin, that he will testify that the allegations of Phillipe Lamarque, Blanca
8 Francia, and Adrian McManus, regarding Mr. Jackson and Mr. Culkin are false. He will testify
9 that no lewd conduct occurred. Mr. Culkin will testify that his relationship with Mr. Jackson was
10 appropriate. This testimony is relevant to rebut the false allegations made by the prosecution's
11 Section 1108 witnesses.

12 According to publicly available news reports, Macaulay Culkin is accused of illegally
13 possessing marijuana and prescription medicine in Oklahoma.¹ The news reports indicate that
14 the next court date is June 8, 2005 and that the proceeding is still in a pre-trial posture. The
15 prosecution should be prohibited from inquiring about these charges. The charges are irrelevant
16 to Mr. Culkin's testimony regarding his experiences with Mr. Jackson a decade ago.² Mr. Culkin
17 has consistently denied in public statements that molestation occurred. Furthermore charges
18 themselves do not involve moral turpitude. As such, the Court should prohibit the prosecution
19 from cross-examination or any reference to the charges on the grounds that the charges are
20 irrelevant, and, even if there was some probative value, the probative value is outweighed by
21 danger of undue prejudice and undue consumption of time. (Evidence Code Section 352.).

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25 ¹ Unlike the in the case of a prosecution witness with pending criminal charges, the
pending charges are not material to the witness' motivation for testifying.

26 ² Therefore, it is not necessary for Mr. Culkin to refuse to answer based on his Fifth
27 Amendment privilege. However, if the Court were to disagree with this analysis we will cross
that bridge when we come to it.

1 II.

2 CONCLUSION

3 For the reasons stated above, the Court should restrict the prosecution from cross-
4 examining Mr. Culkin regarding the charges pending against him.

5 Dated: May 10, 2005

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned declare:

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. I am employed in the County of Santa Barbara. My business address is 233 East Carrillo Street, Suite C, Santa Barbara, California, 93101.

On May 10, 2005, I served the foregoing document MOTION TO LIMIT CROSS EXAMINATION OF MACAULEY CULKIN the interested parties in this action by depositing a true copy thereof as follows:

Tom Sneddon
District Attorney
312 East Cook Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454
568-2398

 BY U.S. MAIL - I am readily familiar with the firm's practice for collection of mail and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. Such correspondence is deposited daily with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid and deposited during the ordinary course of business. Service made pursuant to this paragraph, upon motion of a party, shall be presumed invalid if the postal cancellation date or postage meter date on the envelope is more than one day after the date of deposit.

 X BY FACSIMILE - I caused the above-referenced document(s) to be transmitted via facsimile to the interested parties [SEE ABOVE]

 X BY HAND - I caused the document to be hand delivered to the interested parties at the address above.

 X STATE - I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed May 10, 2005 at Santa Maria, California.


BOBETTE TRYON