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8 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**
10 **SANTA MARIA DIVISION**

11
12 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
13 Plaintiff,
14 v.
15 MICHAEL JOE JACKSON,
16 Defendant.

No. 1133603

NOTICE OF PLAINTIFF'S
JOINER IN DEFENDANT'S
OPPOSITION TO MEDIA'S
REQUEST THAT GRAND JURY
TRANSCRIPT AND
INDICTMENT BE UNSEALED

DATE: May 28, 2004
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 9 (Melville)

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19 "Access Proponents" ("Media") have moved for an order unsealing the grand jury
20 transcript and unredacting the indictment in this matter.

21 Defendant has filed his Opposition to Media's motion, on the ground that disclosure
22 of what amounts to a one-sided view of the case would inevitably contaminate the jury pool
23 and add further fuel to unremitting and sensationalist commentary in the popular press and on
24 television – all to the prejudice of defendant's right to a fair trial.

25 The People wholeheartedly join in defendant's opposition. The jurors in this case
26 should learn about the evidence while seated in the jury box, not at the breakfast table or from
27 late-night talk shows. The Court wisely sealed the transcript and redacted much of the
28 indictment itself. Those records should remain sealed.

1 DATED: May 22, 2004

2 Respectfully submitted,

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA } SS

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years and I am not a party to the within-entitled action. My business address is: District Attorney's Office; Courthouse; 1105 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101.

On May 22, 2004, I served the within NOTICE OF PLAINTIFF'S JOINDER IN DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO MEDIA'S REQUEST THAT GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPT AND INDICTMENT BE UNSEALED on Media's counsel, and on Defendant, by THOMAS A. MESEREAU, JR., STEVE COCHRAN, and ROBERT SANGER, by faxing a true copy to counsel at the facsimile number shown with the address of each on the attached Service List, and then by causing to be mailed a true copy to each counsel at that address.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Santa Barbara, California on this 22st day of May, 2004.


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