THOMAS W. SNEDDON, JR., DISTRICT ATTORNEY County of Santa Barbara JUN 0 2 2084 By: RONALD J. ZONEN (State Bar No. 85094) Senior Deputy District Attorney GARY M. BLAIR, Executive Officer 3 GERALD McC. FRANKLIN (State Bar No. 40171) Carried Wagner Senior Deputy District Attorney CARRIE L. WAGNER, Deputy Clerk 4 1105 Santa Barbara Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 5 Telephone: (805) 568-2300 FAX: (805) 568-2398 б 7 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARRARA SANTA MARIA DIVISION 9 10 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. 11 No. 1133603 Plaintiff. 12 NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR ORDER mifacts.com, 13 DIRECTING THAT SEARCH WARRANT NO. SW 5035 MICHAEL JOE JACKSON, 14 THE DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF AND THE Defendant. RETURN. WHEN FILED, BE 15 CONDITIONALLY SEALED AND REMAIN UNDER SEAL 16 UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF COURT; DECLARATION OF 17 GERALD McC. FRANKLIN IN SUPPORT THEREOF 18 MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES 19 DATE: June 25, 2004 20 TIME: 8:30 a.m. DEPT: SM 2 (Melville) 21 22 TO: MICHAEL JOE JACKSON, AND TO THOMAS A. MESEREAU, STEVE 23 COCHRAN, and ROBERT SANGER, HIS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD, AND TO 24 THEODORE J. BOUTROUS, JR., ESO., GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER, LLP: 25 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 25, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter 26 as the matter may be heard, in Department SM 2, Plaintiff will, and hereby does, 27 move for an order directing that the following records be maintained under conditional seal 28

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27 28 I, Gerald McC. Franklin, say:

- 1. I am a lawyer admitted to practice in the State of California. I am a Senior Deputy of the District Attorney of Santa Barbara County. I am one of the lawyers of record for the People, Plaintiff in this action.
- 2. This motion to seal records pertains to warrant no. SW 5035 for the seizure of certain records of AGRAS Billing Macc., together with the affidavit supporting issuance of the warrant and the return, if any, thereon. The warrant was issued on May 26, 2004. The return on the warrant has not yet been filed with the court. The warrant, the supporting affidavit and the return thereon, by statute, are not open to public inspection until the return to the warrant has been filed or within 10 days after the warrant was issued.
- 3. The information set out in the affidavit in support of SW 5035 expands upon the confidential information gained by investigators in the course of the ongoing investigation, set out in the original warrant for the search of Neverland Ranch, most of which was sealed by order of this Court pending trial in order to preserve the right of both parties to a fair trial, and in subsequent warrants issued in furtherance of that investigation. In addition, the affidavit makes reference to information gathered by investigators following execution of the warrant for the Neverland Ranch search, which they regard as confidential and which would be prejudicial to defendant's right to a fair trial if disclosed to the public prior to trial and while the investigation itself is still underway.
- 4. I believe the information set out in the affidavit for each warrant is privileged information within the meaning of Evidence Code sections 1040, subdivision (a) and 1042, subdivision (b), and as information relating to the investigation of alleged child molestation offenses, it may also be privileged pursuant to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, Penal Code sections 11164 through 1117.4. I hereby claim and assert that privilege.
- 5. I therefore believe that the interest in a fair trial overrides the public's prompt access to the search warrant records, and supports the sealing of those records until the investigation has been concluded.

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In PSC Geothermal Services Co. v. Superior Court (1994) 25 Cal.4th 1697, our Supreme Court noted:

"Section 1534 provides that the documents associated with the warrant are public documents 10 days after its execution. Typically after the search, arrests are made. There is no exception in the statute for instances, such as that here, where the search is used to further an ongoing investigation. Such information, however, may be privileged as official information under Evidence Code sections 1040, subdivision (a) and 1042, subdivision (b)." (Id., at p. 1714.)

Evidence Code section 1040, subdivision (a) provides: "As used in this section, formation means information acquired in confidence by a public employee in the course of his or her duty and not open, or officially disclosed, to the public prior to the time the claim of privilege is made."

Evidence Code section 1042, subdivision (b) provides: "Notwithstanding subdivision (a) [requiring a court to make adverse findings adverse to the public entity upon any issue in a court proceeding to which privileged information is material], where a search is made pursuant to a warrant valid on its face, the public entity bringing a criminal proceeding is not required to reveal to the defendant official information or the identity of an informer in

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order to establish the legality of the search or the admissibility of any evidence obtained as a result of it." (Emphasis added.)

The procedure for sealing records under California Rules of Court, rule 243.1 et sequapplies only to records that are deemed public. (*Id.*, rule 243.1(a)(2).) Search warrants, their supporting affidavits and the returns thereto are open to the public within 10 days of issuance or until the warrant is executed and returned, whichever is earlier. (Pen. Code, § 1534, subd. (a).)

Rule 243.1(d) provides that

The court may order that a record be filed under seal only if it expressly finds facts that establish:

- (1) There exists an overriding interest that overcomes the right of public access to the record;
 - (2) The overriding interest supports sealing the record;
- (3) A substantial probability exists that the overriding interest will be prejudiced if the record is not sealed;
 - (4) The proposed sealing is narrowly tailored; and
 - (5) No less restrictive means exist to achieve the overriding interest.

Rule 243.1(e) provides, in pertinent part:

(1) An order sealing the record must (i) specifically set forth the facts findings that support the findings and (ii) direct the sealing of only those documents and pages, or, if reasonably practicable, portions of those documents and pages, that contain the material that needs to be placed under seal. All other portions of each documents or page must be included in the public file.

Rule 243.2(b) provides, in pertinent part, that "Pending the determination of the motion [of a party to file a record under seal], the lodged record will be conditionally under seal."

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DATED: June 2, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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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,

On June 2, 2004, I served the within NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR ORDER DIRECTING THAT SEARCH WARRANT NO, SW 5035, THE SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT AND ANY RETURN TO BE FILED AND MAINTANINED UNDER SOME CONDITIONAL SEAL UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF COURT; DECLARATION OF GERALD McC. FRANKLIN: MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES 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 2st day of June, 2004.







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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

No. 1133603

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V.

MICHAEL JOE JACKSON,

Defendant.

Plaintiff,

ORDER DIRECTING THAT
SEARCH WARRANT NO.
SW 5035, THE SUPPORTING
AFFIDAVIT AND ANY RETURN
BE MAINTAINED UNDER
CONDITIONAL SEAL UNTIL
FURTHER ORDER OF COURT

It appearing from the Declaration of Gerald McC. Franklin and from the supporting affidavit in Santa Barbara Superior Court Search Warrant File No. SW 5035 that the affidavit contains confidential information, premature disclosure of which may prejudice an ongoing investigation and the constitutional right of both parties to a fair trial, the Court orders as follows:

- 1. That search warrant number SW 5035, its supporting affidavit, and any return presently on file or which may be filed between now and June 25, 2004 in Santa Barbara Superior Court File No. SW 5029, are conditionally sealed;
- 2. The motion to maintain those documents under conditional seal until further order of court shall be heard on June 25, 2004, at 8:30 a.m.

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