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9 SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10 FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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12 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
13 CALIFORNIA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 MICHAEL JOE JACKSON,

17 Defendant.

Case No.: 1133603

18 ACCESS PROPONENTS' SUPPLEMENTAL
19 MEMORANDUM REQUESTING
20 IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE OF
21 VIDEOTAPES PLAYED IN OPEN COURT
AND INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE AT
22 HEARINGS HELD ON JULY 27, 2004,
23 AUGUST 16-17, 19-20, AND 23, 2004, AND
24 SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17, 2004

Date: October 14, 2004

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Department SM-2,
Judge Rodney S. Melville

[VIA FACSIMILE]

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26 The Access Proponents, a group of media organizations,¹ respectfully file this supplement to
27 their August 23, 2004 Motion requesting this Court to grant public access to the videotapes and other
28 evidence introduced during hearings addressing Mr. Jackson's motions to quash the indictment and

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1 suppress evidence. During the hearing held on September 16, 2004, this Court stated that in the fu-
2 ture it would play all videotapes in open court so the public could view those tapes contemporane-
3 ously with their airing in court, and the Court has in fact followed that practice with respect to virtu-
4 ally all such videotapes introduced into evidence.² The Court also asked the parties to submit spe-
5 cific explanations as to which portions, if any, of the approximately 50 exhibits admitted into evi-
6 dence during this series of hearings should remain under seal and scheduled arguments on those is-
7 sues for October 14. But the content of the videotapes played in open court fall into a special cate-
8 gory and the Access Proponents request the immediate release of these materials.

9 Unlike the other exhibits, such as documents, these videotapes were aired in open court, and
10 the press and public have already viewed their contents. There is simply no conceivable basis for
11 keeping such material under seal. *See NBC Subsidiary (KNBC-TV), Inc. v. Superior Court*, 20 Cal.
12 4th 1178, 1222 n.47 (1999) (questioning the threat of prejudice to fair trial rights once information
13 was made public). Moreover, transcription cannot capture the videotaped evidence and, other than
14 the tapes themselves, there is no real record of such evidence for the public to scrutinize.
15 Thus, there is no reason to wait for the parties to make additional submissions regarding whether
16 these videotapes should remain under seal, and all factors militate strongly in favor of immediate re-
17 lease.

18 Indeed, as the Second Circuit has observed regarding videotapes played in open court, “[o]nce
19 *the evidence has become known to the members of the public, including representatives of the*
20 *press, through their attendance at a public session of court, it would take the most extraordinary*
21 *circumstances to justify restrictions on the opportunity of those not physically in attendance at the*
22 *courtroom to see and hear the evidence” In re Application of Nat’l Broad. Co.*, 635 F.2d 945,
23 952 (2d Cir. 1980) (emphasis added); *see also United States v. Graham*, 257 F.3d 143, 151 (2d Cir.
24 2001) (holding that “while the events surrounding the instant case have gained some notoriety, the
25 possibility that the jury pool will become so tainted as to prevent the defendants here from obtaining

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27 ² Counsel for the Access Proponents has requested, but not yet obtained, a transcript of these hear-
28 ings.


1 fair trials is too speculative to justify denial of the public's right to inspect and copy evidence pre-
2 sented in open court").³ There are no such circumstances here, and for all of these reasons, the Court
3 should immediately release all videotapes introduced into evidence and played in open court without
4 waiting for the parties' submissions in connection with the October 14 hearing.

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6 DATED: September 24, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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27 ³ The Access Proponents will make their best efforts in working with the Court to minimize the
28 potential burdens on court personnel of copying the videotapes aired at the proceedings.

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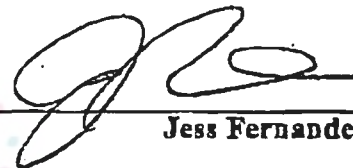
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