SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

STREET ADDRESS: 312-C East Cook Street

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 5369

CITY AND ZIP CODE:

Santa Maria, CA 93456-5369

BRANCH NAME:

Cook Division

People of the State of California v. Michael Joe Jackson

NOV 1 5 2001

GARY M. BLAIR, Executive Officer Carried Wagner CARRIE L WAGNER, Deputy Clerk

CASE NUMBER: 1133603

FINDINGS AND ORDER RE SEALING EXHIBITS ADMITTED DURING THE COURSE OF DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS TO SUPPRESS EVIDENCE (PEN. C. § 1538.5) (PARTS 1 AND 2) (EXHIBITS 28-30, 41 and 52)

During the course of the hearing on Defendant's Motions to Suppress Evidence (Pen. C. § 1538.5) (Parts 1 and 2), 52 exhibits were identified to the court. Only 45 of those exhibits were admitted to evidence. Those exhibits were conditionally sealed and the court now grants the motion to seal Exhibits 28-30, 41 and 52.

The Court makes the following findings:

The exhibits include photographs of Bradley Miller's office, a list containing the names of the complaining witnesses, the unindicted co-conspirators and several witnesses, and a transcript of an interview conducted by Bradley Miller with the complaining witness and his family. The documents identify the complaining witness and family by name as well as particular items of evidence, the admissibility of which has yet to be determined. The court further finds that redacted versions of these documents are not possible. The photographs cannot be redacted and no redaction of the list or interview so that comprehensible material remains is possible.

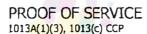
In this case, protection of the Defendant's right to a fair trial and protection of the identity of the minor complaining witness and his family overcomes the right of public access to the record. A substantial probability exists that those interests will be prejudiced if the record is not sealed as requested. The intensity of the media coverage in this case is unprecedented. Each court hearing is thoroughly reported and exhaustively analyzed by the media. It is substantially probable that if the evidence expected to be given at trial were to be released pretrial, it would be similarly reported and analyzed. The sealing order is necessary to maintain the integrity of the available jury pool by limiting its exposure to the expected evidence and testimony pretrial and to prevent exposure to inadmissible items of evidence. The Court has consistently held that because of the pervasive media coverage in this case, the Defendant's right to a fair trial outweighs public access. Those findings are relevant here and incorporated by reference. [See Findings and Order re: Motion for Protective Order, filed January 23, 2004 and Findings and Order re: Sealing of Search Warrant Materials, filed January 23, 2004]

There are no less restrictive means to protect those interests. The extraordinary circumstances present in this case overcome the presumption that cautionary admonitions and instructions to the jury pool would have a curative effect. It is far more desirable to avoid the prejudice in the first instance than to hope to identify unaffected jurors later.

The Court acknowledges that its order must be narrowly tailored to accommodate the maximum public disclosure. As stated above, no redacted versions of these documents will be released.

Dated:

NOV 15 2004





I am a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of the county aforesaid. I am employed by the County of Santa Barbara, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 312-H East Cook Street, Santa Maria, California.

On NOVEMBER 15, 20 04, I served a copy of the attached FINDINGS AND ORDER RE SEALING EXHIBITS ADMITTED DURING THE COURSE OF DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS TO SUPPRESS EVIDENCE (PEN. C. § 1538.5) (PARTS 1 AND 2) (EXHIBITS 28-30, 41 AND 52) addressed as follows:

THOMAS A. MESEREAU, JR.
COLLINS, MESEREAU, REDDOCK & YU, LLP
1875 CENTURY PARK EAST. 7TH FLOOR
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

THOMAS W. SNEDDON, JR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 1112 SANTA BARBARA STREET SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101

SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101			
X FAX			
By faxing true copies thereof to 3r.); (805) 568-2398 (Thomas Sneddon)		310) 861-1007 (Thomas Mesereau,	
Pursuant to California Rules of Court 20			
facsimile machine and is attached hereto		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
MAIL			
	enclosed in a sealed envelope with	postage fully prepaid, in the United	
States Postal Service mail box in the City			
there is delivery service by the United St			
communication by mail between the plac	to or mailing and the place so addre	!ssed.	
PERSONAL SERVICE			
	t their office with the person having	charge thereof or by hand delivery	
to the above mentioned parties.			
EXPRESS MAIL			
		ice, substation, mail chute, or other	
like facility regularly maintained by the envelope, with express mail postage paid	d	eceipt of Express Mail, in a sealed	
ijracts.com		mjracts.co	
I certify under penalty of perjury NOVEMBER20_04_, at Santa Maria, C		rect. Executed this 15 TH day of	
100 TELLIPERT , 20 OT, at Julia Plana, C	anomia.		

mifacts.com