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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

A DEFENDANT MAY CHALLENGE IMPROPRIETIES IN THE GRAND JURY PROCESS

Cases such as Johnson v. Superior Court (1975) 15 Cal.3d 248, People v. Backus (1979) 23 Cal.3d 360, 293, and Cummiskey v. Superior Court (1993) 3 Cal.4th 1018, stand for the proposition that defendants may challenge improprieties in the grand jury process. The selection of the grand jurors, and, in particular, the role of the Court, or if applicable, District Attorney in the selection process, may provide grounds for such a challenge in the case at bar. Therefore, it follows that Mr. Jackson has a right to discovery of transcripts of grand jury selection.

II.

GRAND JURORS CAN ONLY BE EXCUSED ON LIMITED STATUTORY GROUNDS

Penal Code Sections 893 and 894 provide an exhaustive list of qualifications for prospective grand jurors. Grand jurors may only be excused from service on these limited statutory grounds. Therefore, in order to challenge improprieties in the grand jury process based on a failure to abide by the statutes Mr. Jackson is entitled to transcripts of the grand jury selection process. Unless, and until, the defense is provided a transcript of the selection process, the defense has no basis to evaluate whether or not such a challenge is appropriate.

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CONCLUSION

The Court should order the court reporter to prepare a transcript of the grand jury selection process and provide the transcript to counsel for Mr. Jackson and to the prosecution.

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