## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA FOR COURT USE ONLY FILED 312-C East Cook Street STREET ADDRESS: SUPERIOR COURT of CALIFORN COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 5369 Santa Maria, CA 93456-5369 CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: Cook Division DEC - 2 2004 People of the State of California v. Michael Joe Jackson GARY M. BLAIR, Executive Officer Carried Wagner CARRIE L. WAGNER, Deput Com FINDINGS AND ORDER RE SEALING DA'S MEMORANDUM **CASE NUMBER: 1133603** REGARDING DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATION PURSUANT TO PEOPLE V. SANCHEZ; DEFENSE RESPONSE THERETO; SANGER DECLARATION

On November 1, 2004, the DA filed a Memorandum Regarding Defendant's Obligation Pursuant to People v. Sanchez under conditional seal. A redacted version was released the same day. Defendant's Response and the Sanger Declaration was filed on November 1, 2004, under conditional seal and redacted versions released the same day. On November 29, 2004, the court granted the motion to seal the document.

The Court makes the following findings:

Both the Memorandum and the Response identify the complaining witness and his family by name.

The names have been redacted. The Sanger Declaration provides a confidential explanation in response to the moving papers.

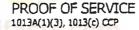
In this case, protection of the Defendant's right to a fair trial and protection of the identity of the minor complaining witness and his family overcomes the right of public access to the record. A substantial probability exists that those interests will be prejudiced if the record is not sealed as 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. A redacted version of this document was released as noted above.

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On <u>DECEMBER 2.</u> 20 04. I served a copy of the attached <u>FINDINGS AND ORDER RE SEALING D.A.'S</u>

<u>MEMORANDUM REGARDING DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATION PURSUANT TO PEOPLE v. SANCHEZ: DEFENSE RESPONSE THERETO; SANGER DECLARATION</u>

addressed as follows:

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I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of DECEMBER . 20.04, at Santa Maria, California.

CARRIE L. WAGNER



