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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, COOK DIVISION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MICHAEL JOSEPH JACKSON,

Defendant.

Case No. 1133603

NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO
CONTINUE TRIAL; PENAL CODE §
1050(b); MEMORANDUM OF POINTS
AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF
ROBERT M. SANGER

~~UNDER SEAL~~

Honorable Rodney S. Melville
Date: December 20, 2004
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept: SM 8

TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT AND TO THE DISTRICT
ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, TOM SNEDDON, AND DEPUTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEYS GERALD FRANKLIN, RON ZONEN AND GORDON
AUCHINCLOSS:

NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL; PENAL CODE § 1050(b)

impossible because:

- a. The District Attorney has dumped more than 14,000 pages of discovery on the defense in the last two months and it is impossible for defense counsel to evaluate this material in time for the trial date;
- b. The prosecution has provided the defense with a witness list that is defective and it is not possible for the defense to prepare for a January 31, 2005 trial given these defects;
- c. The prosecution's newly announced battered women's syndrome defense of Janet Arvizo requires the defense to spend its time and resources investigating the prosecution's four experts, as well as preparing our own experts for trial;
- d. Despite the Court's warnings that at some point the gathering of information must cease and organizing for trial must begin, the prosecution continues to request and execute search warrants, making it impossible for Mr. Jackson's counsel to prepare in time for the current trial date;
- e. The District Attorney's witness list includes the names of witnesses from the *Abdool v. Jackson* civil case. Defense counsel must evaluate more than 25 bankers boxes of material related to that case in order to prepare to cross-examine these witnesses. This can not be done before January 31, 2005;
- f. Mr. Jackson has not yet received the transcripts of the grand jury selection process and the notes between the grand jurors and the prosecution. This information is necessary to evaluate whether the District Attorney complied with the holding of *Johnson v. Superior Court* (1975) 15 Cal. 3d 248 and to determine whether a fair cross-section challenge to the grand jury venire is warranted;
- g. There is still a significant amount of discovery that has not been provided to defense counsel;
- h. There is also a matter which counsel may wish to address in camera and we will make that request if it appears appropriate.

1 This motion is brought pursuant to Penal Code section 1050(b). This motion is based on
2 this notice of motion, the attached memorandum of points and authorities, the declaration of
3 Robert M. Sanger, the file and record and any other information presented prior to a ruling
4 hereon.

5 Dated: December 10, 2004

6 Respectfully submitted,

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1 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

2 **I.**

3 **INTRODUCTION**

4 Mr. Jackson is reluctant to request a continuance. The Court has stated that it is
5 committed to starting trial on January 31, 2005. Mr. Jackson is therefore hesitant to raise the
6 issue and would not but for the recent conduct of the prosecution in this case.

7 Mr. Jackson is also reluctant to seek a continuance because it appears that the prosecution
8 is not prepared. The timing of the search warrants served on December 3, 2004, and December
9 4, 2004, suggests that the prosecution may be hoping that the defense will request a continuance
10 as a result of these late searches. That may have been motivation for them to request search
11 warrants that were so unnecessary. The defense is hesitant to, in essence, give the District
12 Attorney what he wanted, by requesting a continuance. However, given the facts articulated
13 below, it has become clear that a continuance is necessary to protect Mr. Jackson's right to a fair
14 trial.¹

15 **II.**

16 **BACKGROUND**

17 The prosecution commenced these proceedings in mid November 2003, with the
18 execution of several search warrants, including one at Mr. Jackson's home, and an arrest warrant
19 alleging violation of Penal Code § 288(a), lewd conduct with a minor. A complaint was filed on
20 December 18, 2003, asserting seven counts under § 288(a) and two counts of giving alcohol to a
21 minor, in violation of Penal Code § 222. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

22 A series of hearings occurred in early 2004 that included discussion about the schedule
23 for a preliminary hearing. In March of 2004, the prosecution chose to convene a grand jury to
24 seek an indictment instead of a preliminary hearing. Grand jury proceedings ensued and an
25 indictment was filed on April 21, 2004. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

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1 unindicted persons to commit child abduction, false imprisonment and extortion. Twenty-eight
2 acts in supposed furtherance of the conspiracy are listed. The indictment also imagines four
3 counts of lewd conduct, one count of attempt and four counts of giving alcohol to a minor. The
4 new allegations in the indictment expand the number of witnesses to over one hundred. Many of
5 these witnesses reside out of state and some of them live outside the United States. (Declaration
6 of Robert M. Sanger.)

7 In anticipation of arraignment on the indictment, Mr. Jackson relieved certain lawyers and
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9 which Mr. Jackson announced pleas of not guilty. At the next hearing on May 28, 2004, this
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12 to continue the trial date and set January 31, 2005 as the new trial date. (Declaration of Robert
13 M. Sanger.)

14 III.

15 SALIENT FACTS

16 A. THE VOLUME OF RECENT DISCOVERY

17 At the September 16, 2004, hearing, the Court expressed its concern that the prosecution
18 was going "to dump huge quantities" of discovery on the defense as trial approaches. Despite the
19 Court's warning, this is exactly what has occurred.

20 At the September 16, 2004, hearing, Mr. Sneddon stated that the defense had been
21 provided with more than 4,000 pages of discovery. At the October 14, 2004 hearing, Mr.
22 Sneddon announced that the prosecution had provided the defense with more than 8,000 pages of
23 discovery. Less than two months later, that number is now more than 22,000 pages.

24 Additionally, the prosecution has provided defense counsel with dozens with audio recordings
25 and forensic data on compact discs and DVDs. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

26 B. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DEFECTIVE WITNESS LIST

27 The Court ordered the prosecution and defense to exchange reciprocal discovery with
28 each other on December 6, 2004, pursuant to section 1054 of the Penal Code. The Court also

1 ordered the production of a witness list on that date. The prosecution provided a list of 164
2 "names," some of which were not names at all. The list was defective in ways that have severely
3 prejudiced the defense.

4 The prosecution's witness list does not include addresses, nor does it include, with one
5 single exception, what the potential subject matter is of the witnesses. This is exacerbated by
6 five inexplicable and unforgivable facts. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

7 First, despite over a year and a half to prepare this case, the prosecution's witness list
8 contains names of people who do not exist. For instance, number 65, Susan Hansen Hiephuyn,
9 does not exist. Neither does number 110, Du Ross O'Brien. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

10 After spending a tremendous number of hours of staff time and investigating these two
11 alleged people, the defense has now concluded that these are not names of actual individuals.
12 We challenge the prosecution to come forward to explain who these witnesses are supposed to
13 be. The cost and expense of this kind of unnecessary investigation is overwhelming, particularly,
14 as it comes during this specific time during which the defense is preparing for trial. (Declaration
15 of Robert M. Sanger.)

16 Second, the list contains the names of alleged witnesses which names we now believe
17 have been badly misspelled. For instance, Dr. Lee Ming Ho and Ronald LaGault appear to be
18 incorrectly spelled. It was easier to guess the identities of some of these witnesses compared to
19 others. Suffice to say, it has taken the effort of several lawyers and staff people over several days
20 to determine to whom the prosecution was referring. Some, such as "Alexander Montique,"
21 who's name the prosecution followed with "(sp)," have still not been identified. (Declaration of
22 Robert M. Sanger.)

23 Third, the prosecution has submitted ambiguous references, such as number 46,
24 "Entertain Management Expert." The reference to an "Entertain Management Expert" is of little
25 use, since there is no indication of what the subject matter of such an expert's testimony would
26 be, let alone the qualifications or identity of such an expert. Once the identity of such an expert
27 is disclosed, the defense will have to determine what the subject matter of that person's
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1 testimony would be, investigate the qualifications of that person, and consult our own expert.

2 (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

3 Fourth, the prosecution lists as number 41, "DOJ Experts." Such a reference is
4 impossible to decipher, since the prosecution has listed a number of actual DOJ experts.
5 Defendant has no idea as to what the subject matter of such unlisted DOJ experts will be, let
6 alone their qualifications and proposed testimony. The same preparation will be required for
7 these experts if they are ever properly disclosed. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

8 Fifth, there are a number of purported witnesses who are listed for whom there have been
9 no statements provided. In addition to the alleged battered women's syndrome experts referred
10 to below, there are a number of other experts for whom absolutely no witness statements, reports,
11 or any other information was furnished. Again, numerous attorneys and staff have investigated
12 over the last several days and we believe that we have at least an idea of who most of the people
13 on the list are. However, we truly have no idea as to why some of them would be called in this
14 case. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

15 **C. THE PROSECUTION'S NEWLY ANNOUNCED BATTERED WOMEN'S**
16 **SYNDROME DEFENSE OF JANET ARVIZO**

17 The prosecution, on their witness list, list four people who appear to be Battered
18 Women's Syndrome experts. There are no reports providing the statements of these witnesses.
19 Therefore, they have failed to comply with the court's orders and with Penal Code Section 1054.
20 Furthermore, we cannot tell, from disclosure of Karla Fischer, Nancy Lemon, Mindy Mechanic
21 and Gail Pendleton who we learned through our own investigation are purported Battered
22 Women's Syndrome experts, what their purpose is in calling these witnesses. It is impossible to
23 determine whether the prosecution plans on calling these witnesses because they are so worried
24 about Janet Arvizo's improbable testimony and bizarre behavior, whether they are trying to
25 corner the market on BWS experts, or whether the prosecution is still attempting to determine
26 which experts will testify at trial. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

27 Regardless of the purpose of listing the four experts, the point of the court's discovery
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1 order was to allow the parties to prepare for trial. The defense is now required to speculate as to
2 why such a witness might be called and to thoroughly investigate the four witnesses in an attempt
3 to meet whatever testimony may be offered. The defense must also attempt to find a Battered
4 Women's Syndrome expert who has not been placed on the prosecution's witness list. That in
5 itself is a significant challenge. And then the defense, through consultation with the witness, will
6 have to determine whether we are prepared to call such witness at trial. (Declaration of Robert
7 M. Sanger.)

8 **D. THE PROSECUTION'S CONTINUOUS USE OF THE SEARCH WARRANT**
9 **PROCESS**

10 This matter is more fully briefed in the motion filed concurrently herewith. The fact the
11 District Attorney has abused the search warrant procedure with its predictable effect on Mr.
12 Jackson and his lawyers warrants a continuance.

13 **E. *ABDOOL V. JACKSON***

14 The District Attorney's witness list indicates that witnesses from the *Abdool v. Jackson*
15 civil case will be called at trial. The Abdool trial involved a significant number of witnesses and
16 spanned several months. The plaintiffs not only lost the trial but were found by the court to have
17 lied giving rise to approximately \$60,000 in sanctions against them. Defense counsel must
18 evaluate more than 25 bankers boxes of material related to that case in order to prepare to cross-
19 examine and impeach these witnesses. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

20 **F. GRAND JURY SELECTION TRANSCRIPTS AND GRAND JUROR NOTES TO**
21 **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

22 Defense counsel has not been provided with a copy of the grand jury selection transcripts
23 or the notes between the grand jurors and the District Attorney. The court reporter has indicated
24 that she is in the process of preparing the transcripts of the grand jury selection process and that
25 she will advise counsel when the transcripts are ready. As of today's date, the defense has been
26 unable to obtain the notes and has been informed by the Jury Commissioner's staff that they are
27 in the process of attempting to obtain the order from the Court that authorizes them to release the
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1 notes. It will not be possible to file the substantive motions on these issues for hearing the week
2 of December 20, 2004, as previously intended. These motions will have to be heard in January,
3 2005, because it is not possible for counsel to prepare motions regarding the grand jury venire
4 and the Johnson with enough notice for the hearings the week of December 20, 2004.

5 (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

6 **G. DISCOVERY NOT PROVIDED TO DEFENSE COUNSEL**

7 The prosecution has failed to provide defense counsel with significant discovery,
8 including statements of witnesses and police reports. This issue is further briefed in a motion to
9 be filed, however, there are several key items of discovery that are particularly relevant to this
10 motion. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

11 The District Attorney has just taken a DNA sample and are apparently seeking to do DNA
12 comparisons. They have had possession of DNA samples for over a year since November 18,
13 2003. The prosecution could have done this a year ago. Instead they have waited until the close
14 of discovery. If and when we receive the reports we will have to hire experts, do our own
15 comparison, and conduct further investigation. It is not possible to do this in time for a January
16 31, 2005 trial date. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

17 The government's computer analysis was provided to us late. This material, related to
18 computers seized in November of 2003. The government's computer analysis and reports were
19 completed in February, March and April 2004. The complete forensic report should have been
20 turned over to the defense no later than April 2004.2004. Instead, the reports consisting of
21 hundreds of pages were submitted to the defense in October, 2004. The defense is significantly
22 behind the curve of attempting to obtain our own expert analysis in order to evaluate the
23 hundreds pages in their reports and voluminous materials on the actual computer hard drives.
24 (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

25 Furthermore, it is apparent from the most recent search warrants, that the government
26 intends to create Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) models of Mr. Jackson's residence for
27 presentation at trial. The government has confiscated the blueprints of Mr. Jackson's residence.

1 If and when the government provides the defense with discovery related to the CAD models, the
2 defense will not be able to evaluate whether it is accurate without hiring its own expert to
3 evaluate the CAD and to take its own measurements and do its own exhibit. (Declaration of
4 Robert M. Sanger.)

5 There is reason to believe that the prosecution intends to call one or more purported
6 experts on pedophilia. The District Attorney, however, has not submitted reports as to what the
7 expert or experts are going to say. When and if those statements are submitted to defense
8 counsel, we will need to hire our own expert, investigate the prosecution's expert(s), and conduct
9 further investigation in order to adequately prepare for trial. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

10 We know from the witness list that the prosecution intends to offer Evidence Code
11 Section 1108 evidence. The defense we will vigorously oppose this in a Section 402 motion.
12 However, the defense is not in a position to oppose such evidence since we have not been
13 provided with statements. In at least one instance, such a witness was interviewed in September
14 or October of 2004, and we still do not have a report of such an interview, let alone the statement
15 of the witness or any basis to know whether the witness would properly qualify under Section
16 1108. (Declaration of Robert M. Sanger.)

17 IV.

18 THE APPLICABLE LAW

19 The trial court is authorized to continue the trial upon a showing of good cause. (Cal.
20 Pen. Code § 1050(b).) The court has vast discretion in these matters, with the pertinent inquiry
21 being whether a continuance is in the interest of justice under the totality of circumstances.
22 *People v. Snow*, 30 Cal. 4th 43, 70, 132 Cal. Rptr. 2d 271 (2003).

23 Naturally, the defense must be provided ample time to reasonably prepare for trial.
24 (*People v. Fontana*, 139 Cal. App. 3d 326, 333, 188 Cal. Rptr. 612 (1982).) This is a fact-based
25 inquiry focusing on the nature of the case, the status of discovery, the age of the litigation and the
26 occurrence of prior continuances. The failure to provide the defense adequate time to prepare in
27 light of the conduct of the District Attorney would violate the rights to a fair trial, due process,

1 equal protection, privileges and immunities and effective assistance of counsel under the 4th, 5th,
2 6th, and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution and relevant provisions of the
3 California Constitution.

4 V.

5 **A CONTINUANCE IS NECESSARY FOR ADEQUATE TRIAL PREPARATION**

6 The massive volume of discovery recently provided, the prosecution's defective witness
7 list, the prosecution's newly announced battered women's syndrome defense of Janet Arvizo,
8 the prosecution's continuous use of the search warrant process, the prosecution's intent to
9 introduce testimony related to the *Ahdool v. Jackson* case, the fact that Mr. Jackson has not yet
10 received the transcripts of the grand jury selection process and the notes between the grand jurors
11 and the prosecution, the significant amount of discovery, including statements of experts and
12 forensic reports, that has not yet been provided to defense counsel, and a matter which may be
13 addressed *in camera*, render a January 31st trial unrealistic.

14 It is unfair and unnecessary to push this matter to trial before the defense has had the
15 same type of time and access to relevant material as the prosecution. That type of access has yet
16 to occur and is still being worked out by the parties with the benefit of guidance from this Court.
17 Mr. Jackson is entitled to no more, but no less, protection than any other person accused by the
18 government. He and his counsel have to have the right to adequately prepare for trial so he can
19 have a fair trial, due process, and the effective assistance of counsel. He should not have less
20 protection than be deprived of the privileges and immunities of any other person in this country
21 or state who stands accused.

22 VI.

23 **CONCLUSION**

24 Therefore, based on the reasons set forth above, unfortunately, we are forced into a
25 position of requesting a continuance. It is unfortunate because the court has asked counsel to
26 avoid such a request. However, the request is necessitated by the conduct of the prosecution
27 itself. It is also unfortunate because the request appears to be based on the fact that the
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1 prosecution itself is not prepared. However, given the significance of the case, we have no
2 choice but to accommodate them by requesting a continuance. A continuance in the area of 6
3 weeks is indispensable. That time is necessary to protect Mr. Jackson's rights to assistance of
4 counsel and a fair trial.

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DECLARATION OF ROBERT M. SANGER

I, Robert M. Sanger, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice law in the courts of the State of California, a partner in the law firm of Sanger & Swysen, and co-counsel for Michael Jackson.
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1 16. Regardless of the purpose of the testimony of the four experts, the point of the court's
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8 trial.

9 17. Mr. Jackson is filing a pleading regarding the District Attorney's continuous use of the
10 search warrant process concurrently herewith.

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20 we have been unable to obtain the notes and have been informed by the Jury
21 Commissioner's staff that they are in the process of attempting to obtain an order from
22 the Court that authorizes them to release the notes. If the date is not continued these
23 motions must be heard the week of January 10, 2005, because it is not possible for
24 counsel to prepare motions regarding the grand jury venire and the notes with enough
25 notice for the hearings the week of December 20, 2004.

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27 including statements of witnesses and police reports. This issue is further briefed in a
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10 computers seized in November of 2003, could have been provided to defense counsel as
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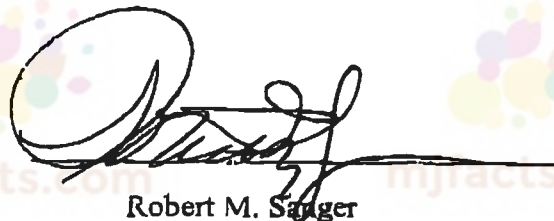
27 25. We know from the witness list that the prosecution intends to offer Evidence Code
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1 Section 1108 evidence that we will vigorously oppose in a Section 402 motion.

2 However, the defense is not in a position to oppose such evidence since we have not been
3 provided with statements. In at least one instance, such a witness was interviewed in
4 September or October of 2004, and we still do not have a report of such an interview, let
5 alone the statement of the witness or any basis to know whether the witness would
6 properly qualify under Section 1108.

7 26. A continuance in the area of 6 weeks is indispensable. That time is necessary to protect
8 Mr. Jackson's rights to assistance of counsel and a fair trial.

9 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
10 foregoing is true and correct this 10th day of December, 2004, at Santa Barbara, California.

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Robert M. Sanger

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned declare:

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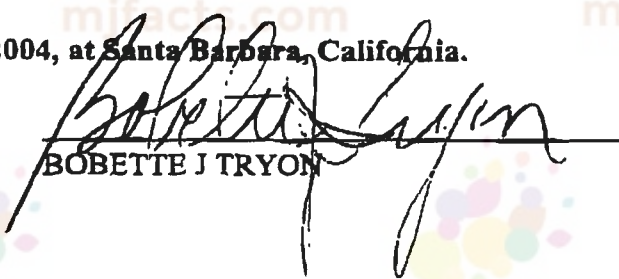
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Executed December 10, 2004, at Santa Barbara, California.


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