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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL JACKSON,

Defendant.

Case No.: 1133603

Order for Release of Redacted Documents

[Search Warrant 5192 and 5196, Affidavits
and Returns]

The redacted form of Search Warrant 5192 and 5196, and their related Affidavits
and Returns attached to this order shall be released and placed in the public file. The
unredacted originals shall be maintained conditionally under seal pending the hearing on
December 23, 2004.

DATED: DEC 15 2004

Rodney S. Melville
RODNEY S. MELVILLE
Judge of the Superior Court

SW No. 5192STATE OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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SEARCH WARRANT AND AFFIDAVIT
(AFFIDAVIT)

I, **Detective Craig Bonner**, swear under oath that the facts expressed by me in the attached and incorporated statement of probable cause are true and that based thereon I have probable cause to believe and do believe that the property described below is lawfully seizable pursuant to Penal Code Section 1524, as indicated below, and is now located at the location set forth below. Wherefore, I request that this Search Warrant be issued.

/s/ Craig Bonner

(Signature of Affiant)

NIGHT SEARCH REQUESTED: YES () NO (X)

(SEARCH WARRANT)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ANY SHERIFF, POLICEMAN OR PEACE OFFICER IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA: proof by affidavit having been made before me by **Detective Craig Bonner**, that there is probable cause to believe that the property described herein may be found at the locations set forth herein and that it is lawfully seizable pursuant to Penal Code Section 1524, in that it tends to show that a felony has been committed or that a particular person has committed a felony.

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO SEARCH: Neverland Valley Ranch (NVR), located at 5225 Figueroa Mountain Road, unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, north of Los Olivos, State of California. Refer to attachment "A", "B", "C" and "D" for details pertaining to specific locations within NVR which will be searched and for a list of specific items to be searched for and/ or specific procedures to be conducted at each location.

AND TO SEIZE IT IF FOUND and keep it in your custody until further order of court. This Search Warrant and incorporated Affidavit was sworn to as true and subscribed before me this 24th day of November, 2004, at 11:50 ~~A.M.~~ P.M. Wherefore, I find probable cause for the issuance of this Search Warrant and do issue it.

/s/ Rodney S. Melville

(Signature of Magistrate)

NIGHT SEARCH APPROVED: YES () NO (X)

Judge of the Santa Barbara Superior Court, Santa Maria Division

ATTACHMENT "A"

All locations to be searched are located on the Neverland Valley Ranch (NVR) property, located at 5225 Figueroa Mountain Road. This attachment will serve to define and minimize the scope of the search as follows:

1. A search will be conducted of the portable storage/ office trailer, which your affiant believes to be located on NVR, behind the administrative building. The area where this trailer is situated is circled and noted on the attached aerial photograph (Attachments B and D). The portable trailer is further described as reddish in color, with dark brown trim and approximately eighteen feet by eight feet in dimension.



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** No items of evidence not specifically authorized by this warrant will be seized by law enforcement personnel serving this warrant without prior judicial approval. If evidence which is of significant importance is observed in plain view, law enforcement personnel will contact the issuing magistrate and seek an addendum to this warrant.

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**Identification and Expertise of Affiant:**

Your Affiant, Craig Bonner has been regularly employed by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department for eleven years. Your Affiant has worked as a peace officer in the State of California for the same period. During this time period, your Affiant has investigated hundreds of various offenses including murder, robbery, burglary, theft, assault, narcotic and drug violations, sex crimes, physical and sexual child abuse, and traffic investigations. As the result of these investigations, your Affiant has made hundreds of arrests for the various crimes.

Your Affiant attended a Level Two and Level Three reserve police academy at Allan Hancock College. Your Affiant also attended the basic law enforcement training academy while employed by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department. Your Affiant possesses the Basic and Intermediate P.O.S.T. Certificates, and regularly attends in-service training. Your Affiant has attended a number of specialized investigative courses and seminars including Sexual Assault Investigation, Homicide Investigation, Violent Crime Analysis, Officer Involved Shooting investigation and High Technology/ Computer Crimes Investigation.

Your Affiant is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, as a detective, and have acted and received the information set forth in this declaration in that capacity.

Statement of Probable Cause:**Synopsis:**

Your Affiant and Sheriff's Department investigators wish to search Neverland Valley Ranch (NVR) for the presence of evidence pertinent to this investigation and to the trial of the defendant. The specific items and information sought by this search were either:

- 1) Unknown to investigators during the service of the search warrant (No. SW8844686) at NVR on 11-18-2003; or
- 2) Were outside the scope of the search warrant (No. SW8844686); or
- 3) Were beyond the capabilities of the investigative personnel present during the search warrant.

Specifically, your Affiant requests authorization to search/ examine:

■ A storage/ office trailer located at NVR

■ Michael JACKSON's personal bedroom area and the adjoining areas of the main house (entry/ reception area and the hallway leading to JACKSON's bedroom)

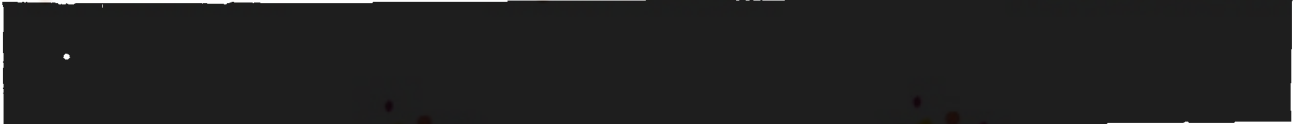
Your Affiant seeks to minimize the invasiveness of this search and examination by confining the scope of the search to those areas specifically addressed in this statement of probable cause. [REDACTED] The search of the remaining listed areas will consist only of examination and documentation processes outlined in this statement of probable cause. During the service of this warrant, SBSO investigators will make a concerted effort to minimize inconvenience to Michael JACKSON, his family members and to his staff at NVR.

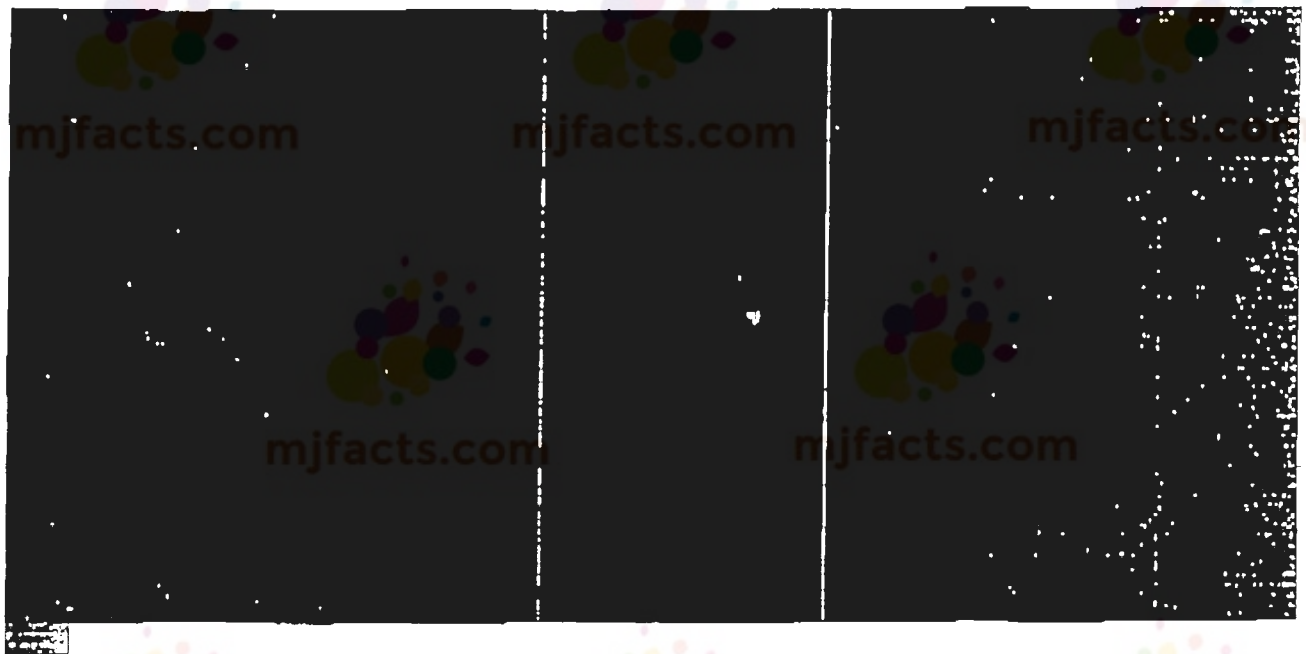
Background:

Your affiant has read the search warrant and affidavit executed on November 18, 2003, in support of a search warrant (No. SW8844686) for Neverland Valley Ranch (NVR). [REDACTED]

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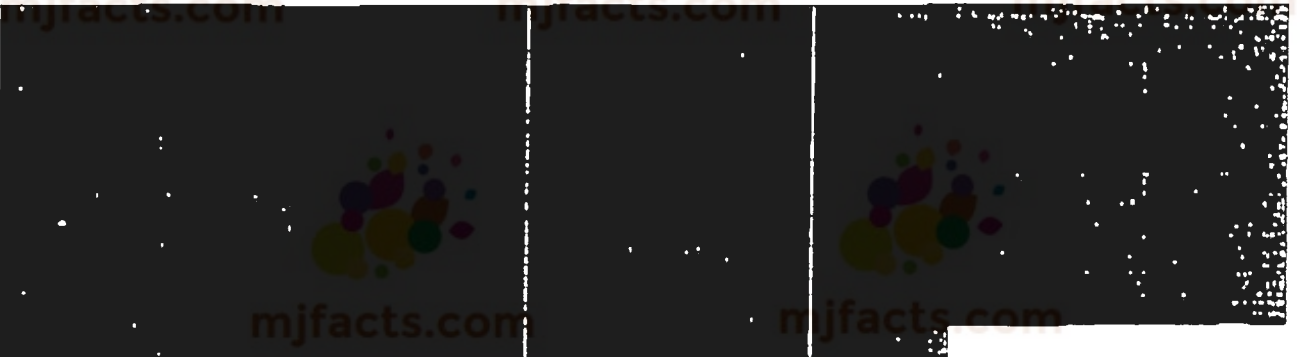
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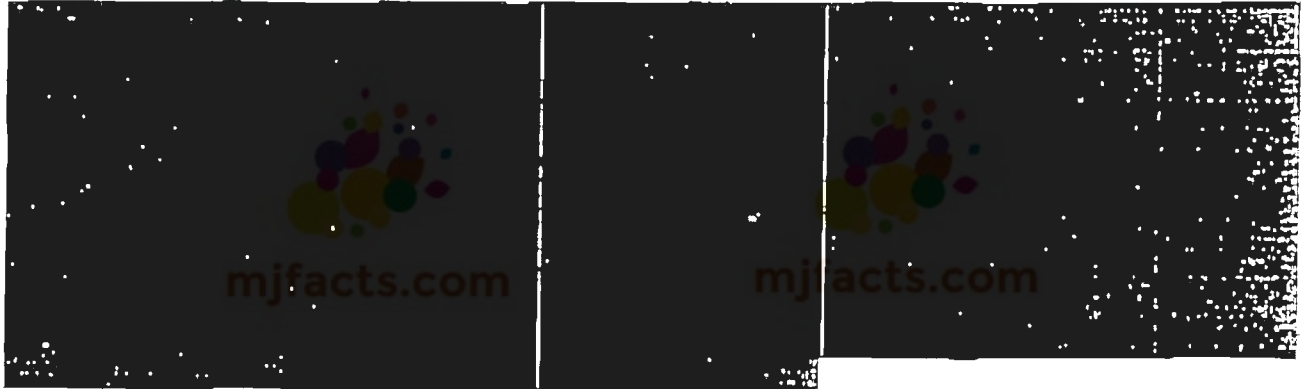
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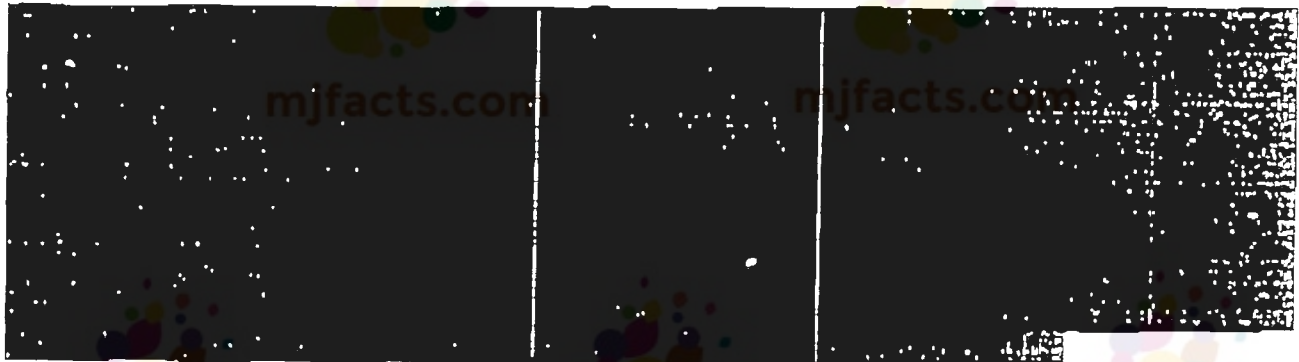
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Issues and solutions:

It is your affiant's understanding that Michael JACKSON is currently residing at Neverland Ranch, along with his children. We understand the service of this warrant could be disruptive to JACKSON and his family. In order to mitigate the disruption, SBSO investigators will make every attempt to minimize the invasiveness of this search and the amount of time required to ~~serve the warrant, conduct the search/examination process and vacate the premises.~~ SBSO investigators will not seize any evidence not specified within the warrant, without first seeking judicial approval (addendum warrant).

Additionally, we would like to provide Michael JACKSON and his family with the ability to leave the premises prior to our beginning the search of the main house. To this end, it is our intent to notify JACKSON and his legal representatives 90 minutes prior to beginning the search of the main house area. This would provide ample time for JACKSON to leave the ranch, with his family and associates, if he so desires. It would also provide time for JACKSON's legal representatives (Robert Sanger) to respond NVR

a redacted version of the warrant will be provided to JACKSON, or his representative/s. In this redacted version of the warrant, all locations except the storage/office trailer will be blacked out. After the 90 minutes have expired and the remaining locations to be searched are secured by SBSO personnel, JACKSON, his legal representative and/or NVR staff will be provided with an unredacted version of the warrant.

What follows is an approximate timeline for the search/ examination procedure:

1. 0900 hours – SBSO personnel, DA advisors and civilian experts will make contact at the front gate of NVR. The NVR staff will be advised of the warrant and our intent to search NVR. The NVR staff will be provided with a redacted copy of the warrant (the warrant will only list the storage/office trailer portion of the search. Personnel utilized to execute this search warrant at NVR will be kept to a minimum. We will insure only those personnel necessary to safely and accurately conduct the search, examination and documentation processes will be allowed onto the NVR property.
 - a. NVR staff will be told that we will begin the search of the main house area in 90 minutes. JACKSON's legal representatives will also be contacted and advised that we are serving the warrant at NVR and of our intent to begin searching the main house area in 90 minutes. The advisement will specifically address that JACKSON, his family members, associates and employees are free to move about NVR and may leave NVR if they so desire.
 - b. All LB/ DA and civilian expert personnel will immediately proceed to the administrative area at NVR. The search of the storage trailer/ office will begin.
2. 1030 hours (or 90 minutes from the initial contact at the entrance to NVR) – SBSO, DA and civilian expert personnel will move to the main house area of NVR.
 - a. SBSO personnel will secure those areas that are to be searched and will maintain control of those areas until the search is completed.
 - b. Once the areas to be searched are secured, an unredacted copy of the warrant will be provided to JACKSON, or his legal representatives. If neither is available, a copy of the warrant will be provided to NVR staff.
 - c. The movement of JACKSON, his family, associates and NVR staff will not be restricted, unless their actions directly impede with our ability to carry out the search/ examination process.
3. 1800 hours – All SBSO, DA and civilian expert personnel taking part in this search/ examination process will leave the NVR property. If for unforeseen reasons, it is necessary to continue the search and examination process beyond 1800 hours, SBSO investigators will seek judicial approval to do so.

Warrant Mechanics:

Your Affiant commenced the actual physical mechanics of preparing this affidavit and attached search warrant at 10:30 A.M. on November 10, 2004; and your affiant affixed his signature under oath to this affidavit before the undersigned magistrate at the time and date attested by said magistrate; the elapsed time reflected herein has been diligently utilized by your affiant in the mechanics of physically preparing these documents, located and consulted with Deputy District Attorney Gerald Franklin of the County of Santa Barbara, in reference to the aforementioned preparation; locating the appropriate magistrate; and transporting these documents to the magistrate for his official action in connection therewith. Deputy District Attorney Gerald Franklin personally reviewed and approved this warrant.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE SANTA BARBARA JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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INVENTORY RETURN
OF SEARCH WARRANT

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA }

The following items were obtained via S/W #5192:


Refer to the attached SBSO property form.

by virtue of a search warrant dated November 30, 2004, and executed by Judge Melville
of the above, entitled court. Search Warrant No. 5192.

I, Craig Bonner, by whom this warrant was executed do swear, under penalty of perjury,
that the above inventory contains a true and detailed account of all records/documentation
taken by me under the warrant.

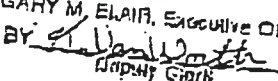
All of the records taken by virtue of said warrant will be retained in my custody subject to
the order of this court or of any other court in which the offense in respect to which the
records are triable.

Executed this 6th day of December, 2004.


Craig Bonner, Detective
Criminal Investigations Division
Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department

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GARY M. ELAIR, Executive Officer
BY 
Deputy Clerk

1. OFFENSE/CLASSIFICATION Servico of SW #5192 5225 Figueron Mtn. Rd Los Olivos, Ca.		SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PROPERTY FORM		2. CASE NUMBER 03-5670	2a. attach to report No
4. VICTIM/COMPLAINANT CONFIDENTIAL		5. REPORTING OFFICER & BODY # Det. C. Bonner 2474	6. DATE/TIME OF REPORT 12-03-04 @ 0858	PAGE #Prop-1 OF Prop-1	
7. CONT. TO TYPE OF RPT FORM Offense/Arrest		8. PROPERTY CODES: ARE COPIED & STORED IN FOR ALL INVESTIGATIVE USES (IN OBSERVATION)			
9. ITEM #	10. SERIAL NUMBER	11. BRAND/TYPE	12. DESCRIBE PROPERTY	13. PROPERTY TYPE CODE	14. EVIDENCE TAG/ID.
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EXEMPTED FROM DISPOSITION IS AUTHORIZED

BY:

BY: [REDACTED] DATE: 12/13/04

SW No. 5196STATE OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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SEARCH WARRANT AND AFFIDAVIT
(AFFIDAVIT)

I, Detective Craig Bonner, swear under oath that the facts expressed by me in the attached and incorporated statement of probable cause are true and that based thereon I have probable cause to believe and do believe that the property described below is lawfully seizable pursuant to Penal Code Section 1524, as indicated below, and is now located at the location set forth below. Wherefore, affiant requests that this Search Warrant be issued.

/s/ Craig Bonner

(Signature of Affiant)

NIGHT SEARCH REQUESTED: YES () NO (X)

(SEARCH WARRANT)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ANY SHERIFF, POLICEMAN OR PEACE OFFICER IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA: proof by affidavit having been made before me by Detective Craig Bonner, that there is probable cause to believe that the property described herein may be found at the locations set forth herein and that it is lawfully seizable pursuant to Penal Code Section 1524, in that it tends to show that a felony has been committed or that a particular person has committed a felony,

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO SEARCH:

AND TO keep the [REDACTED] until further order of court. This Search Warrant and incorporated Affidavit was sworn to as true and subscribed before me this 30th day of November, 2004, at 8:25 A.M./P.M. Wherefore, I find probable cause for the issuance of this Search Warrant and do issue it.

/s/ Rodney S. Melville

(Signature of Magistrate)

NIGHT SEARCH APPROVED: YES () NO (X)

Judge of the Santa Barbara Superior Court, Santa Maria Division

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**Identification and Expertise of Affiant:**

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Your Affiant is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, as a detective, and have acted and received the information set forth in this declaration in that capacity.

Statement of Probable Cause:**Synopsis:**

Your Affiant and Sheriff's Department investigators wish to search [REDACTED]

Background:

Your affiant has read the search warrant and affidavit executed on November 18, 2003, in support of a search warrant (No. SW8844686) for Neverland Valley Ranch (NVR), the residence of [REDACTED] (Los Angeles County) and the office of Bradley Miller, a private investigator in Beverly Hills, California and is incorporating this information within this statement of probable cause by this reference. These warrants stemmed from an investigation into allegations [REDACTED]

SBSO investigators authored a number of search warrants subsequent to the above mentioned warrants. Your affiant personally authored, assisted in the authoring of, or read each of the statements of probable cause for the subsequent warrants. Your affiant wishes to incorporate the information contained within the probable cause statements for these earlier warrants into this current statement of probable cause by this reference.

New information:

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Warrant Mechanics:

Your Affiant commenced the actual physical mechanics of preparing this affidavit and attached search warrant at 10:30 A.M. on November 10, 2004; and your affiant affixed his signature under oath to this affidavit before the undersigned magistrate at the time and date attested by said magistrate; the elapsed time reflected herein has been diligently utilized by your affiant in the mechanics of physically preparing these documents, located and consulted with District Attorney Tom Sneddon and Deputy District Attorney Gerald Franklin of the County of Santa Barbara, in reference to the aforementioned preparation; locating the appropriate magistrate; and transporting these documents to the magistrate for his official action in connection therewith. This warrant was personally reviewed and approved by District Attorney Tom Sneddon and Deputy District Attorney Gerald Franklin.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE SANTA BARBARA JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA }

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ss.

INVENTORY RETURN
OF SEARCH WARRANT

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA }

The following items were obtained via S/W #5196:

[REDACTED]

by virtue of a search warrant dated November 30, 2004, and executed by Judge Melville
of the above entitled court. Search Warrant No. 5196.

I, Craig Bonner, by whom this warrant was executed do swear, under penalty of perjury,
that the above inventory contains a true and detailed account of all records/documentation
taken by me under the warrant.

All of the records taken by virtue of said warrant will be retained in my custody subject to
the order of this court or of any other court in which the offense in respect to which the
records, are triable.

Executed this 6th day of December, 2004.

[Signature]

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Craig Bonner, Detective
Criminal Investigations Division
Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department

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GARY M. BLAIR, Executive Officer
BY *[Signature]*
Deputy Clerk

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA } SS

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years and I am not a party to the within-entitled action. My business address is: District Attorney's Office; Courthouse; 1112 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101.

On December 13, 2004, I served the within REDACTED VERSION OF SEARCH WARRANT NO. SW 5192, THE SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT, AND THE RETURN on Defendant, by THOMAS A. MESEREAU, JR. and ROBERT SANGER, by transmitting a true copy by fax to each and then by causing to be mailed a true copy to each counsel at the address shown on the attached Service List.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Santa Barbara, California on this 13th day of December, 2004.


Gerald McC. Franklin

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA } SS

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years and I am not a party to the within-entitled action. My business address is: District Attorney's Office; Courthouse; 1112 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101.

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Gerald McC. Franklin

PROOF OF SERVICE
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:

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 DECEMBER 16, 20 04, I served a copy of the attached ORDER FOR RELEASE OF REDACTED DOCUMENTS (SEARCH WARRANT 5192 AND 5196, AFFIDAVITS AND RETURNS) 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

☒ FAX

By faxing true copies thereof to the receiving fax numbers of: (310) 861-1007 (Thomas Mesereau, Jr.); (805) 568-2398 (Thomas Sneddon). Said transmission was reported complete and without error. Pursuant to California Rules of Court 2005(l), a transmission report was properly issued by the transmitting facsimile machine and is attached hereto.

☐ MAIL

By placing true copies thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid, in the United States Postal Service mail box in the City of Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara, addressed as above. That there is delivery service by the United States Postal Service at the place so addressed or that there is a regular communication by mail between the place of mailing and the place so addressed.

☐ PERSONAL SERVICE

By leaving a true copy thereof at their office with the person having charge thereof or by hand delivery to the above mentioned parties.

☐ EXPRESS MAIL

By depositing such envelope in a post office, mailbox, sub-post office, substation, mail chute, or other like facility regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service for receipt of Express Mail, in a sealed envelope, with express mail postage paid.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 16TH day of DECEMBER, 20 04, at Santa Maria, California.



CARRIE L. WAGNER