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10 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
11 COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
12 SANTA MARIA DIVISION
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14 **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA,**

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16 Plaintiff,

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18 v.

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21 **MICHAEL JOE JACKSON,**

22 Defendant.
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Case No. 1133603

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S NOTICE OF
MOTION AND MOTION FOR ORDER
DIRECTING THAT ATTORNEY
GENERAL'S OPPOSITION TO
DEFENDANT MICHAEL JOE
JACKSON'S SECOND MOTION TO
RECUSE THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE BE MAINTAINED UNDER
SEAL UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF
COURT; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS
AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION
OF STEVEN D. MATTHEWS IN
SUPPORT OF SEALING

~~FILED UNDER SEAL~~

Date: February 28, 2005
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept: 8
Judge: Hon. Rodney S. Melville

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THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BE MAINTAINED UNDER SEAL UNTIL
FURTHER ORDER OF COURT; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF
STEVEN D. MATTHEWS IN SUPPORT OF SEALING

1 TO MICHAEL JOE JACKSON, AND TO THOMAS A. MESEREAU, JR., ROBERT
2 SANGER AND BRIAN OXMAN, HIS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD, AND TO THEODORE J.
3 BOUTROUS, JR., ESQ., GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER, LLP:

4 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 28, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. or as soon as thereafter
5 as the matter may be heard, in Department 8, the Attorney General will, and hereby does, move for
6 an order directing that the Attorney General's Opposition to Defendant Michael Joe Jackson's
7 Second Motion to Recuse the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, filed under seal and
8 contemporaneously with this Request for Conditional Sealing, be maintained under conditional seal
9 until further order of court, pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 243.1 et seq.

10 The motion will be made on the ground that the facts, as established by the accompanying
11 declaration of Steven D. Matthews, are sufficient to justify sealing the specified motion pursuant to
12 California Rules of Court, rule 243.1 et seq.

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1 The motion will be based on this notice of motion and motion, the attached memorandum
2 of points and authorities, Declaration of Steven D. Matthews, the concurrently filed [Proposed]
3 Order Granting the Attorney General's Motion, the records and the files herein, and on such evidence
4 and argument as may be presented at the hearing of the motion.

5 Dated: February 23, 2005

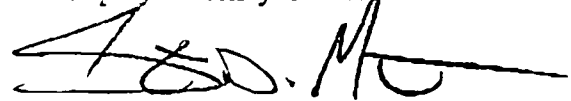
6 Respectfully submitted,

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1 MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

2 The Court has entered a protective order in this matter concerning the filing and
3 maintaining of filed documents under seal.

4 The procedure for sealing records under California Rules of Court, rule 243.1 et seq.
5 applies only to records that are deemed public. (*Id.*, rule 243.1(a)(2).) Motions and responsive
6 pleadings in criminal cases are, ordinarily, "public" records of the court.

7 Rule 243.1(d) provides that

8 The court may order that a record be filed under seal only if it expressly finds facts
9 that establish:

10 (1) There exists an overriding interest that overcomes the right of public access to
11 the record;

12 (2) The overriding interest supports sealing the record;

13 (3) A substantial probability exists that the overriding interest will be prejudiced if
14 the record is not sealed;

15 (4) The proposed sealing is narrowly tailored; and

16 (5) No less restrictive means exist to achieve the overriding interest.

17 Rule 243.1(e) provides, in pertinent part:

18 (1) An order sealing the record must (i) specifically set forth the facts that support
19 the findings and (ii) direct the sealing of only those documents and pages, or, if reasonably
20 practicable, portions of those documents and pages, that contain the material that needs
21 to be placed under seal. All other portions of each documents or page must be included
22 in the public file.

23 Rule 243.2(b)(4) provides, in pertinent part, that "Pending the determination of the motion
24 [of a party to file a record under seal], or application, the lodged record will be conditionally under
25 seal."

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CONCLUSION

To comply with the Court's protective order and procedures to maintain the sealed nature of filed pleadings and in accordance with rule 234.2 of the California Rules of Court, the Attorney General has concurrently filed under seal the Attorney General's Opposition to Defendant Michael Joe Jackson's Second Motion to Recuse the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office. Pursuant to the Court's protective order and procedures, the Attorney General respectfully requests that the Court enter an order directing that the Attorney General's Opposition be maintained under seal until further order of the Court.

Dated: February 23, 2005

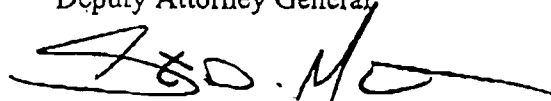
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DECLARATION OF STEVEN D. MATTHEWS

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2 1. I am a lawyer admitted to practice in the State of California and a Supervising Deputy
3 Attorney General assigned the responsibility of representing the Attorney General's Office in
4 responding to the defendant's motion to recuse the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office.

5 2. I believe that the interest of each party in a fair trial overrides the public's prompt
6 access to the Attorney General's Opposition to Defendant's Second Motion to Recuse until the
7 appropriateness of the release of a redacted version of the Opposition is determined by the Court.

8 3. I believe an order maintaining this Opposition under seal in the interim would avert
9 the probability of prejudice, and that no more narrowly tailored order with respect to that pleading
10 could be drafted to achieve the overriding interest in a fair trial.

11 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that the foregoing is true
12 and correct, except as to matters stated upon my information and belief, and as to such matters I
13 believe it to be true. I execute this declaration at Los Angeles, California on February 23, 2005.

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16 STEVEN D. MATTHEWS
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

Case Name: *People v. Michael Joe Jackson*

Case No.: 1133603

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the Bar of this Court at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to the within entitled cause; I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On February 23, 2005, I placed the attached

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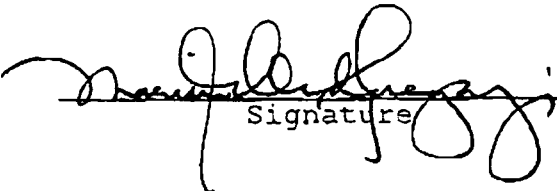
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I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on February 23, 2005, at Los Angeles, California.

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