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15 FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
16 SANTA MARIA DIVISION

17 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
18 CALIFORNIA,  
19 Plaintiff,  
20 vs.  
21 MICHAEL J. JACKSON  
22 Defendant.  
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CASE NO. 1133603

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF  
STATEMENT FOLLOWING  
ARRAIGNMENT

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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1 Michael J. Jackson, through his counsel, hereby requests approval of the  
2 attached statement to be given on April 30, 2004 after arraignment on the indictment.  
3 April 29, 2004

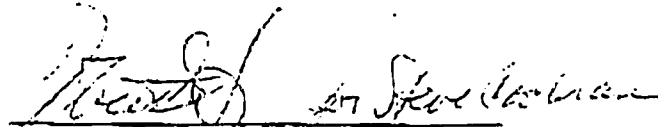
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**STATEMENT OF MR. MICHAEL JACKSON—FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2004**

**The following is a statement by Mr. Michael Jackson being issued at his Arraignment on Friday, April 30, 2004:**

**"I wish to thank my family, my friends and my fans, who continue to support me during this difficult time. Thank you so much for your calls, your letters and your prayers. I have the best fans in the world, and I cannot express how much your support means to me. Thank you all for your love, faith and confidence.**

**"I want to thank the community of Santa Maria for your kindness and support. This community means a lot to me. It is the place of my home. My children were born here and many of my employees were born and raised here, and continue to live here.**

**"As I have repeatedly said, I am completely innocent of these false charges, and I am ready to fight for my innocence. I have complete confidence in my defense team, and believe that at the end of these legal proceedings, I will be fully exonerated by a jury of my peers.**

**"I plan on spending the rest of the day here with my family, and ask that you respect our privacy."**

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned declare:

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. I am employed in the County of Santa Barbara. My business address is 233 East Carrillo Street, Suite C, Santa Barbara, California, 93101.

On April 29, 2004, I served the foregoing document REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STATEMENT FOLLOWING ARRAIGNMENT on the interested parties in this action by depositing a true copy thereof as follows:

Tom Sneddon  
District Attorney  
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- BY FACSIMILE** - I caused the above-referenced document(s) to be transmitted via facsimile to the interested parties at
- BY HAND** - I caused the document to be hand delivered to the interested parties in open court.
- STATE** - I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.
- FEDERAL** - I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the Bar of this Court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed April 29, 2004, at Santa Barbara, California.

  
Robert J. Tryon

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RE: People v. Jackson

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Please see attached.

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April 29, 2004

Honorable Judge Rodney McIlville  
Santa Maria Superior Court  
312 East Cook Street  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Re: *People v. Michael Jackson*  
Santa Barbara Superior Court - Cook Division  
Case No. 1133603

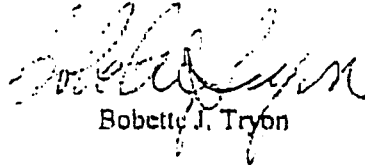
Dear Judge McIlville:

Enclosed please find a Request for Approval of Statement Following Arraignment. A copy of the Request has also been served upon Mr. Sneddon.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

SANGER & SWYSEN



Bobette J. Tryon

cc: Tom Sneddon