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

22 **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF**
23 **CALIFORNIA,**

24 Plaintiffs,

25 vs.

26 **MICHAEL JOSEPH JACKSON,**

27 Defendant.

) Case No. 1133603

) EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR AN
) ORDER THAT REPLY TO THE DISTRICT
) ATTORNEY'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION
) FOR RECUSAL BE FILED UNDER SEAL

) Honorable Rodney S. Melville

) Date: TBA
) Time: 9:30 a.m.
) Dept: SM 8

28 **TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE ENTITLED COURT:**

29 Defendant requests that the Court issue an order that the pleading entitled **REPLY TO THE**
30 **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR RECUSAL** and accompanying

31 **EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER THAT REPLY TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OPPOSITION**
32 **TO MOTION FOR RECUSAL BE FILED UNDER SEAL**

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COUNTY of SANTA BARBARA

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documents be filed under seal and for such other such further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. This request is based on the overriding interests of Mr. Jackson's rights to due process and a fair trial under the Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Article I, Sections 1, 7, and 15 of the California Constitution.

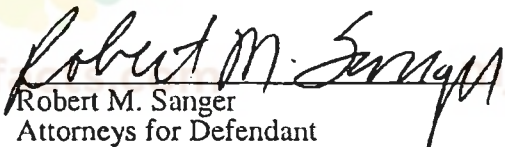
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Respectfully submitted,

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1 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

2 **I.**

3 **THE COURT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ORDER THAT**
4 **A RECORD BE FILED UNDER SEAL**

5 Pursuant to California Rule of Court 243.1(d), the Court has the authority to order a
6 record be filed under seal if it expressly finds that:

- 7 1. There exists an overriding interest that overcomes the right of public access to the
8 record;
- 9 2. The overriding interest supports sealing the record;
- 10 3. A substantial probability exists that the overriding interest will be prejudiced if the
11 record is not sealed;
- 12 4. The proposed sealing is narrowly tailored; and
- 13 5. No less restrictive means exist to achieve the overriding interest.

14 (California Rule of Court 243.1(d).)

15 **II.**

16 **OVERRIDING INTERESTS EXIST THAT MEETS THE ABOVE CRITERIA FOR**
17 **SEALING A RECORD**

18 It is necessary to seal the record pursuant to California Rule of Court 243.1(d) based on
19 the overriding interests of Mr. Jackson's rights to due process and a fair trial under the Fifth,
20 Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Article I, Sections 1, 7,
21 and 15 of the California Constitution.

22 An inspection of the exhibits will reveal that they disclose the testimony of witnesses or
23 potential witnesses and disclose possible evidence, the admissibility of which, is yet to be
24 determined.

25 The overriding interests of Mr. Jackson's rights to a fair trial and due process would be
26 compromised if the exhibits are not filed under seal. A person accused of a crime is entitled to
27 due process and a fair trial under the Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United

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1 States Constitution and Article I, Sections 1, 7, and 15 of the California Constitution. Material
2 contained the exhibits pertains to evidence and the testimony of witnesses that, if made public,
3 would compromise Mr. Jackson's these rights and would result in prejudice to Mr. Jackson. In
4 order to protect these overriding interests, it is necessary that the exhibits be filed under seal.

5 CONCLUSION

6 For the reasons stated above, Mr. Jackson requests that the Court issue an order that
7 REPLY TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR RECUSAL and
8 accompanying documents be filed under seal.


9 Dated: February 17, 2005

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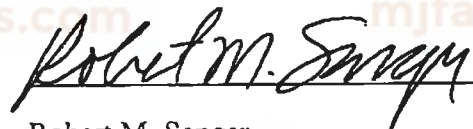
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1 DECLARATION OF ROBERT M. SANGER

2 I, Robert Sanger, declare:

- 3 1. I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice law in the courts of the State of
4 California, a partner in the law firm of Sanger & Swysen, and co-counsel for Michael
5 Jackson.
- 6 2. It is necessary that Mr. Jackson's pleading entitled REPLY TO THE DISTRICT
7 ATTORNEY'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR RECUSAL and accompanying
8 documents, be filed under seal in order to protect the overriding interests of Mr. Jackson's
9 rights to due process and a fair trial, as well as to prevent the disclosure of witnesses,
10 potential witnesses and potential evidence.

11 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this
12 declaration was executed this 17th day of February, 2005 at Santa Maria, California.

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14 Robert M. Sanger
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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 301 East Cook Street, Suite A, Santa Maria, California 93454.

On February 17, 2005, I served the foregoing document EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER THAT REPLY TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OPPOSITION TO RECUSAL BE FILED UNDER SEAL on the interested parties in this action by depositing a true copy thereof as follows:

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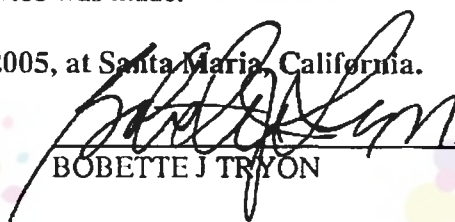
 X **BY FACSIMILE** - I caused the above-referenced document(s) to be transmitted via facsimile to the interested parties at the above-referenced numbers.

 BY HAND - I caused the document to be hand delivered to the interested parties at the address above.

 X **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 February 17, 2005, at Santa Maria, California.



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