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

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

23 Plaintiffs,

24 vs.

25 **MICHAEL JOSEPH JACKSON,**

26 Defendant.

) Case No: 1133603

) SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF
) OPPOSITION TO DISTRICT
) ATTORNEY'S MOTION FOR ADMISSION
) OF ALLEGED PRIOR OFFENSES (Evid.
) Code Sections 1108, 1101(b))

) ~~UNDER SEAT~~

) Honorable Rodney S. Melville
) Date: March 28, 2005
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I.

**THE PROSECUTION HAS FAILED TO CARRY THE BURDEN OF ESTABLISHING
A PRIMA FACIE CASE OF LEWD CONDUCT IN THE PRESENT CASE**

The prosecution is attempting to shore up the testimony of weak witnesses with everything but actual, credible evidence of the charged crimes. To date, the prosecution has presented a large amount of indirect evidence in an attempt to make up for the fact that the only direct evidence, the testimony of the Arvizo children, has proven to be contradictory and improbable.

II.

**THE PROSECUTION CANNOT PROVE THE CHARGES AGAINST MR. JACKSON
BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT AND IT WOULD VIOLATE HIS STATE AND
FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO A FAIR TRIAL AND DUE PROCESS TO
ALLOW THE PROSECUTION TO INTRODUCE
THE PROFFERED PRIOR OFFENSE EVIDENCE**

Since the standard of proof for such evidence is lower than beyond a reasonable doubt, if it were to be the main or even a significant factor in conviction, it would violate the defendant's right to proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

The prosecution has presented a CSAAS expert who failed to bolster the testimony of the complaining witness. Dr. Anthony Urquiza, the government's CSAAS expert, did not address the contradictions in the testimony of the Arvizo children. Dr. Urquiza did not explain how a 15 year old complaining witness could attribute a statement, that if men do not masturbate they will rape women, to Mr. Jackson, after repeatedly attributing the same statement to his grandmother. In any other case, the prosecution would realize that the complaining witnesses are lying.

Dr. Urquiza did not explain why the Arvizo family told the police that almost everything they said in the "rebuttal" video was scripted by Dieter Wiesner, including referring to Mr. Jackson as a father figure, when it has been demonstrated that they sent cards and notes to Mr. Jackson that referred to him as a father figure, months, if not years, before the "rebuttal" was taped.

1 These are not the inconsistent statements of shy children, embarrassed to discuss an
2 uncomfortable topic in a courtroom. The testimony thus far demonstrates that the witnesses have
3 made willfully false statements that are not subject to a CSAAS explanation. These are the blatant
4 bald-faced lies of people who think they can get away with making false allegations, based on the
5 fact that they have successfully perpetrated similar frauds in the past. The prosecution has spent
6 days introducing entirely legal heterosexual adult magazines. This has done little to support the
7 improbable claims of Gavin, Star and Davellin Arvizo. It in fact is directly contradictory to the
8 contention that Mr. Jackson is molesting young boys.

9 The prosecution has failed to put on a prima facie case that would warrant the inclusion of
10 the proffered Section 1108 evidence.

11 **III.**

12 **DEFENSE COUNSEL IS NOT ONLY ENTITLED, BUT OBLIGATED, TO PRESENT A**
13 **FULL DEFENSE TO THE ALLEGED PRIOR OFFENSE EVIDENCE**

14 The defense is obligated to treat each prior offense allegation as a separate criminal case.
15 This is likely to take months.

16 **A. Blanca Francia**

17 Blanca Francia, Mr. Jackson's former maid, is the linchpin to the prosecution's supposed
18 evidence of five of the seven alleged prior sexual offenses. The discovery turned over by the
19 prosecution indicates that she is the common denominator that allegedly links Mr. Jackson to the
20 prior alleged victims.

21 The prosecution offered Blanca Francia as a witness to the alleged molestations of Jason
22 Francia, Jonathan Spence, Wade Robson, Macaulay Culkin and Jimmy Safechuck. (1108 Motion,
23 page 2.)

24 Ms. Francia admitted during her deposition testimony taken on January 11, 1994, that she
25 received \$20,000 from Diane Dimond and Hard Copy.

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1 B. Jason Francia

2 The prosecution claims that Jason Francia will testify that he was molested when he was as
3 young as 6 years old. However, the transcripts of his interviews with police reveal that he does not
4 remember these events and was only able to describe these alleged incidents after being coached by
5 the detectives who interviewed him. Furthermore, it is apparent from the interviews that his mother
6 made him aware of these alleged incidents.

7 The transcripts of the November 4, 1993, and March 24, 1994, interviews by law
8 enforcement and prosecutors are textbook examples of improperly suggestive interrogations.

9 For instance, in the November 4, 1993, interview, Jason Francia tells the detectives that he
10 does not remember Mr. Jackson putting his hands anywhere that made him feel uncomfortable. Det.
11 Neglia, one of the interviewers, responds by stating:

12 Okay, but what I am getting at is that maybe I am not being obvious enough. What
13 I am saying is maybe he put his hands someplace on you where he shouldn't have.
14 Maybe he put his hands on you someplace that made you feel uncomfortable. And
15 that's why you are not remembering. It's like there is a little bit of "Oh, I can't
16 remember that guy's name and I don't remember his last name, and I just don't
17 remember that. No I don't want to remember that, no I can't remember." It's a little
18 of bit of a different kind of not remembering, one is because you are choosing not to,
19 and one is that you just can't call back the uh, the event. And I think of what you
20 doing is tickling and all this stuff, is trying forcing yourself not to remember. And
21 you also kind of got to the one where you're saying that fourth time at the party you
22 said something like, "That was the time." What time was it Jason: What was the
23 time?

24 Later in the interview, the detectives tell Jason Francia that Mr. Jackson is currently
25 molesting Macaulay Culkin:

26 Det. Neglia: I realize how hard this is. I realize how painful it is to think of these
27 things you tried so hard not to think about but you are doing fine.
28 And you are also helping the kid that he is bothering now.

29 Jason Francia: What do you mean he's bothering?

30 Det. Birchim: He's doing the same thing.

31 Jason Francia: Macaulay Culkin.

32 Det. Neglia: Only he's getting a lot more into it. Like your mother pulled you out
33 of there. Macaulay's mother is not going to pull him out of there.
34 They are feeding him.

35 Det. Birchim: He's doing worse stuff.

36 Det. Neglia: It's much worse with him.

37 The detectives then tell him that another child actor is a drug addict based on his alleged

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1 molestation by Mr. Jackson:

2 Det. Neglia: He's a junkie now, he gets arrested, he doesn't act or anything, he
3 gets high. He packs his nose with cocaine and he's going to die by
4 the time he is 22 years old.

5 Jason Francia: How old is he?

6 Det. Neglia: About 21. But that's the kind of life he is living, and it's got to do with being
7 exposed to people like this, and having nobody to protect them and to take
8 them out.

9 Det. Birchim: Like you had your mom.

10 Det. Neglia: Like your mom pulled you out, and you're, you're candid, and you're honesty
11 with us is going to help us. To pull the next kid out, it might even be too late
12 for Macauly already. But these kids that he's traveling with are on tour right
13 now. Maybe we can pull them out of it . . .

14 In order to defend against the false allegations of Jason Francia, it will be necessary to
15 present expert testimony regarding child interview techniques.

16 C. The Quindoys

17 The Quindoys have no credibility. They sold successive stories to magazines. The
18 Quindoys reserved their interviews for the media. When Santa Barbara law enforcement went to the
19 Philippines to talk to the Quindoy, they were not able to get an interview.

20 D. Other alleged victims.

21 The defense will seek to bring each one of the other alleged "victims" to testify as, based on
22 the information developed at this point, none of them would testify they were molested by Mr.
23 Jackson.

24 E. The Abdool Plaintiffs

25 The defense requests that the Court take judicial notice of the file in *Abdool v. Jackson*,
26 Santa Maria Superior Court, Case No. SM 89344. The plaintiffs in that case, including Adrian
27 McManus and Ralph Chacon, who are listed as witnesses in the prosecution's motion, and their
28 lawyer, Michael Ring, were sanctioned jointly on numerous occasions for lying in their depositions
and to the court.

The total sanctions were approximately \$66,000. The sanctions were imposed for discovery
violations and for forcing the defendants to prove, in open court, that the plaintiffs were lying. The
sanctions were imposed because the plaintiffs had lied in their depositions and, in some instances,
actually lied on the stand in open court. For instance, on one occasion, one of the plaintiffs, while
on the stand, blatantly contradicted her own testimony, given earlier in the day. The judge left the

1 bench saying he was disgusted.

2 fact The jury in the *Abdool* case found against the plaintiffs on all of their allegations. The jury
3 also found in favor of the defendant, Michael Jackson, and against Adrian McManus and Ralph
4 Chacon, for stealing from Mr. Jackson. The court imposed attorneys fees and costs of \$1.4 million
5 against the plaintiffs. The trial of these plaintiffs lasted 6 months and 1 day before The Honorable
6 Judge Canter. Were these plaintiffs to be called in this case, one would assume, based on the sixth
7 month duration of the *Abdool* trial, that the plaintiff's testimony and the defense would take at least
8 a month in and of itself.

9 Furthermore, these witnesses are not claiming to be percipient witnesses to actual sexual
10 offenses, with the exception of Ralph Chacon.

11 Ralph Chacon is a liar. He lied about being given a weapons permit based on his role as a
12 witness. He lied in deposition. He lied to reporters and he lied on the stand.

13 Adrian McManus had stolen from her own family members. She was sued for stealing her
14 niece and nephew's inheritance. She made all sorts of false and contradictory claims.

15 The plaintiffs were allowed to talk about the allegations in pretrial discovery, and did so. The
16 only person having anything salacious to say was Ralph Chacon. When the case came to trial, the
17 trial court disallowed evidence of the salacious allegations because they had nothing to do with the
18 causes of action in the litigation. Nevertheless, these plaintiffs were thoroughly discredited, not only
19 as to the allegations they made in court, but as to what Mr. Chacon had to say.

20 With regard to all of the *Abdool* plaintiffs, they lied about going to the media and selling to
21 their stories, when in fact, they had an agent and had gone to the media to sell their stories. It turned
22 out they were a bit too late to take advantage of the opportunities that Blanca Francia and the
23 *Quindoys* were able to cash in on. These people tried to hawk their false stories and were
24 unsuccessful, so they filed their meritless lawsuit. They lied about meeting with the media. As if
25 this were not enough, the stories that they told and personally edited were so fantastic and salacious,
26 that they had denied ever saying such things, when they believed that Mr. Jackson's counsel did not
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1 know about it. Even after the stories appeared, they denied that they had talked with the journalists,
2 because they denied that the events in the stories occurred. In one instance, it was demonstrated that
3 their handwritten notes were on drafts of the stories. Once again, it will be necessary to relitigate
4 all of this.

5 **IV.**

6 **THE COMPLAINING WITNESSES WERE AWARE OF THE 1993 ALLEGATIONS**
7 **WHEN THEY FABRICATED THEIR STORY**

8 Gavin Arvizo made a reference to the alleged victim in the 1993 allegation in the Rebuttal
9 Tape. Gavin discussed the alleged victim in his meetings with Stan Katz. It is probable that the
10 1993 allegations were discussed with Larry Feldman, given that he was the lawyer in that case. Any
11 probative value is negated by the fact that Mr. Feldman possessed all the details of the 1993
12 allegations.

13 The probative value of the prior offense evidence is severely undermined by the fact that
14 Gavin, Star, Davellin and their mother, had access to Larry Feldman, who knows all the details of
15 the previous allegations. It is also severely undermined by the fact that It was not until after they
16 met with Mr. Feldman, on several occasions if his grand jury testimony is to be believed, that any
17 member of the Arvizo family made sexual abuse allegations against Mr. Jackson. Dr. Urquiza could
18 not explain this away with his testimony.

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V.

CONCLUSION

For the above stated reason, and the reasons stated in the opposition to the prosecution's motion, Mr. Jackson objects to the introduction of the prosecution's proposed Section 1108 and 1101(b) testimony.

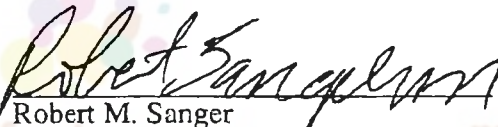
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On March 25, 2005, I served the foregoing document SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S MOTION FOR ADMISSION OF ALLEGED PRIOR OFFENSES (Evid. Code Sections 1108, 1101(b)); EXPARTE APPLICATION TO SEAL SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S MOTION FOR ADMISSION OF ALLEGED PRIOR OFFENSES (Evid. Code Sections 1108, 1101(b)) on the interested parties in this action by depositing a true copy thereof as follows:

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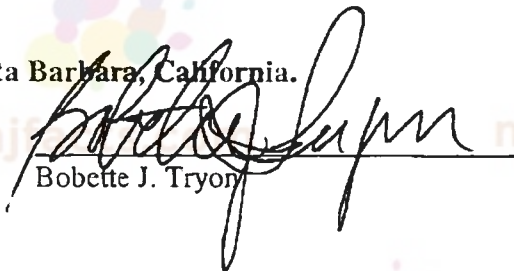
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Executed March 25, 2005 at Santa Barbara, California.


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