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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.

**REDACTED VERSION**

) Case No. 1133603

) ORDER RE COMPUTER HARD DRIVES

) ~~UNDER SEAL~~

) Honorable Rodney S. Melville  
27 Dept: SM-2

**FILED**  
SUPERIOR COURT of CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY of SANTA BARBARA

NOV 29 2024

GARY M. BLAIR, Executive Officer  
By *Carrie L. Wagner*  
CARRIE L. WAGNER, Deputy Clerk

1 The matter having come on for hearing and good cause appearing therefor,

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the computer hard drive En-Case copies (hereinafter,  
3 "hard drives"), presently in the possession of the Court, for the computers seized in the search of  
4 the offices of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the above related matters be delivered by the  
5 Clerk to [REDACTED] for confidential evaluation and report to the Court's Special master in this  
6 case;

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that [REDACTED]:

8 1. Conduct the entire examination of said hard drives personally and in an absolutely  
9 confidential fashion;

10 2. Not consult with or disclose any information whatsoever about the hard drives, their  
11 contents or anything else relating to this assignment to anyone other than to the Court and to the  
12 Court's Special Master in this case;

13 3. Keep the fact that he has received this assignment or that he is in anyway involved in  
14 this case absolutely confidential from everyone, including without limitation, news or  
15 entertainment media, other lawyers, investigators or law enforcement with the exception that he  
16 may report to [REDACTED] only the fact that he is working on a matter for the Santa Barbara  
17 Superior Court and the number of hours he is spending, but nothing else;

18 4. Safeguard the disks and any information derived therefrom from disclosure to anyone  
19 other than the Court or Special Master in this case.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the District Attorney of the County of Santa Barbara submit  
21 any keywords or tech strings to the Court and defendant's counsel along with any proposed  
22 instructions of which he desires [REDACTED] to be aware. The Court, if there is no objection by

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1 the defendant's counsel or after ruling thereon, will forward any such appropriate information  
2 directly to [REDACTED]

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4 Dated: NOV 29 2004

Rodney S. Melville  
The Honorable Rodney S. Melville  
Judge of the Superior Court

7 Approved:

Thomas Sneddon  
By Thomas Sneddon  
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For the People of the State of California

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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 233 East Carrillo Street, Suite C, Santa Barbara, California, 93101.

On November 30, 2004, I served the foregoing documents on the interested parties in this action by depositing a true copy thereof as follows:

**EXPARTE APPLICATION TO SEAL ORDER RE COMPUTER HARD DRIVES  
REDACTED ORDER RE COMPUTER HARD DRIVES**

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

  **X**   **STATE** - I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed November 30, 2004, at Santa Barbara, California.

  
Bobette J. Tryon