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Jim Anderson, Sheriff
Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department
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RE: Michael Jackson Allegations

Dear Sheriff Anderson:

On January 8, 2004, you requested the California Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to conduct an investigation into allegations made against officers of your department by entertainer Michael Jackson. Specifically, Mr. Jackson alleged that during his arrest and booking process in Santa Barbara County on November 20, 2003, he was "mishandled" by sheriff's personnel which resulted in his shoulder being "dislocated." He also stated he was handcuffed by officers in such a way, "knowing that it's going to hurt." Mr. Jackson made these allegations during a television interview on the CBS television show "60 Minutes" which aired on December 25, 2003.

In response to your request I assigned CBI Special Agent resources from the Sacramento, Riverside, and Los Angeles Offices to conduct this investigation. A total of 10 Special Agents and two Special Agent Supervisors were assigned, with investigation oversight provided by the Special Agent in Charge of CBI's Los Angeles Regional Office. Together, the CBI investigative team interviewed 163 witnesses, both within and outside California. The size and scope of this investigation required in excess of 2,500 hours of investigation. Those interviewed consisted of members of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, inmates present at the Santa Barbara County Jail on November 20, 2003, Santa Barbara Airport Police, Santa Barbara Police, civilian Santa Barbara airport employees, Mr. Jackson's charter plane personnel, his security personnel, hotel personnel, his chiropractor, and others. Despite several attempts to obtain a statement from Mr. Jackson and/or names of potential witnesses through Mr. Jackson's attorneys, these efforts were not successful.

Statements from the officers transporting Mr. Jackson from the airport to the jail, and a review of audio recordings made in the transportation vehicle, show that Mr. Jackson initially complained of discomfort from his handcuffs after he was seated in the vehicle. In response, transporting officers had Mr. Jackson adjust his seating position which relieved his discomfort. During the transportation to the jail, Mr. Jackson was frequently asked about his comfort and he expressed no additional complaints. Driving time from the airport to the jail is approximately 10 minutes.

Members of Mr. Jackson's security staff who were present when he was handcuffed by Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department staff upon his surrender and arrest on November 20, did not observe any abuse or mistreatment by sheriff's personnel. In fact, they stated the process was handled professionally.

Upon arrival at the Santa Barbara County Jail, Mr. Jackson entered the receiving area where his handcuffs were removed. It was estimated by the transporting officers that Mr. Jackson's handcuffs were removed within minutes of his entering the jail.

Out of the 163 witnesses interviewed, 71 were inmates housed in the Santa Barbara County Jail at the time of Mr. Jackson's booking. Many of these inmates were no longer in custody and required extensive efforts to locate them for interview. Four inmates stated they observed physical contact take place between Mr. Jackson and jail staff. None of these inmates stated the contact was enough to cause injury nor did Mr. Jackson exhibit signs of injury after the observed contact. The majority of inmates interviewed saw no physical contact between Mr. Jackson and jail staff, and stated Mr. Jackson was in good spirits during the process, waved to them and gave them the peace sign. Other inmates commented that Mr. Jackson appeared to receive preferential treatment, due to the speed in which he was processed through booking.

The three Santa Barbara County correctional officers that had direct contact with Mr. Jackson during the booking process, stated to their knowledge, no one touched, grabbed, or pushed him during his time in the jail.

All witnesses who observed Mr. Jackson immediately after booking, during his return flight to the Las Vegas area, and at his Las Vegas hotel, did not report any complaints of pain or mistreatment from Mr. Jackson, nor did they note any outward displays of discomfort during their observations of him. There is no record of medical assistance being summoned to treat Mr. Jackson after his return to Las Vegas, following the booking process in Santa Barbara.

Mr. Jackson's first complaint of pain was reported to his personal makeup and hair stylist on December 7, 2003. He explained that the pain was a result of the handcuffing in Santa Barbara.

Mr. Jackson sought medical treatment on December 27, 2003. The attending chiropractor stated Mr. Jackson came to his office for evaluation and treatment of severe shoulder, chest, neck, and upper back pain that he alleged occurred after he was handcuffed by police when they lifted his arms up behind his back. The chiropractor stated that Mr. Jackson's injuries were consistent with the reported cause. He further commented that due to Mr. Jackson's frailness, the application of intermediate force could have caused the injuries he observed. Mr. Jackson was advised his shoulders were not dislocated as he thought, and after physical therapy and treatment

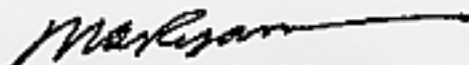
his condition improved. Mr. Jackson's allegations made to his chiropractor as to the cause of his injuries are not supported by evidence received from eye witness observations, and audio/video recordings of the event. Witnesses reported that Mr. Jackson had normal use of his arms immediately after booking, as demonstrated by waving, and later in the day by lifting his children and shaking hands through his vehicle window with numerous fans in Las Vegas.

You had also requested a legal opinion from the Attorney General's Office concerning whether or not Mr. Jackson's allegations aired during his "60 Minutes" interview, constituted the filing of a false police report if they were determined to be unfounded. A Senior Assistant Attorney General from the Criminal Law Division has reviewed this investigation and met with the lead investigator. The opinion you requested will be forwarded to you from our legal division. The CBI will retain custody of our investigative reports in this matter, however, you or your designated representative will have the opportunity to review the reports at your convenience.

In summary, this investigation did not uncover verifiable information that Mr. Jackson was injured at the hands of Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department personnel and no criminal misconduct on the part of Sheriff's personnel was identified. Should additional witnesses or viable information come forward in the future concerning these allegations, CBI will respond.

Please contact Special Agent in Charge Steve Utter of my Los Angeles Regional Office at (323) 869-3405, or me, at (916) 227-4045 if you have questions or to make a request to review the investigative file.

Sincerely,



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For BILL LOCKYER
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