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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT 9 HON. REVA GOETZ, COMMISSIONER
IN RE THE CONSERVATORSHIP)
BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS) NO. BP108870

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 14, 2008

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1 CASE NUMBER: BP108770 AND BP109096
2 CASE NAME: B. SPEARS CONSERVATORSHIP
3 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA FEBRUARY 14, 2008
4 DEPARTMENT 9 REVA GOETZ, COMMISSIONER
5 APPEARANCES: (AS HERETOFORE NOTED.)
6 REPORTER: TAMARA M. VOGL, CSR NO. 10186
7 TIME: P.M. SESSION

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10 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT:)

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13 THE COURT: GOOD AFTERNOON. ALL RIGHT. THIS IS
14 CASE NUMBER BP108870, IN RE THE CONSERVATORSHIP OF
15 BRITNEY SPEARS. LET ME GET EVERYONE'S APPEARANCES FOR
16 THE RECORD.

17 MS. WYLE: GERALDINE WYLE, W-Y-L-E; JERYLL COHEN,
18 C-O-H-E-N, FOR PETITIONER JAMES SPEARS WHO IS ALSO
19 PRESENT WITH US IN THE COURTROOM.

20 MR. WALLET: ANDREW WALLET OF HINOJOSA & WALLET ON
21 BEHALF OF MYSELF.

22 MR. INGHAM: SAMUEL INGHAM, I-N-G-H-A-M, COURT
23 APPOINTED COUNSEL FOR BRITNEY SPEARS.

24 MR. GASWIRTH: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
25 MITCHELL M. GASWIRTH, G-A-S-W-I-R-T-H, FOR PETITIONER
26 IVAN TABACK, T-A-B-A-C-K.

27 MR. BYAM: CLARK BYAM, B-Y-A-M, OF HAHN & HAHN.
28 I'M ON BEHALF OF BRIAN SPEARS ACTUALLY ON THIS CASE

1 NUMBER -- IT'S A NEW CASE -- BP109096.

2 THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ALL
3 RIGHT. WE'RE HERE I THINK FOR A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT
4 REASONS. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE ORDERED A 730 EVALUATION
5 AND I DID RECEIVE MR. INGHAM'S REPORT AND IT'S MY
6 UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT HAS NOT YET OCCURRED.

7 IS THAT CORRECT?

8 MR. INGHAM: THAT IS CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.

9 THE COURT: OKAY. DID YOU WANT TO BE HEARD WITH
10 REGARD TO THAT OR --

11 MR. INGHAM: BEYOND REQUESTING REASONABLE
12 ADDITIONAL TIME, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO ADD.

13 THE COURT: AND FEES?

14 MR. INGHAM: AND FEES FOR THE 730 EXPERT, YES.

15 THE COURT: ANY OBJECTION?

16 MS. COHEN: NO. ACTUALLY, WE REQUESTED AUTHORITY
17 TO PAY THOSE FEES.

18 THE COURT: WHAT I'M GOING TO DO WITH REGARD TO
19 THAT IS, IN TERMS OF THE TEMPORARY ORDERS CURRENTLY IN
20 EFFECT, IT WOULD BE MY POSITION THAT THE TEMPORARY ORDER
21 SHOULD BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 10TH WHICH I BELIEVE IS THE
22 DATE SET FOR THE HEARING ON THE PERMANENT PETITIONS AND
23 ALL CURRENT ORDERS ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND
24 EFFECT. I WOULD EXTEND THE DUE DATE FOR THE 730
25 EVALUATION THAT WAS ORDERED PREVIOUSLY FOR TODAY'S DATE
26 TO BE SET FOR THE MARCH 10TH DATE, AND I WOULD ORDER
27 THAT THE RETAINER REQUESTED BY THE EXPERT BE ADVANCED TO
28 HIM.

1 MS. COHEN: YOUR HONOR, WE WOULD REQUEST TWO
2 ADDITIONAL POWERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSERVATOR OF
3 THE ESTATE, AND THE FIRST ONE IS WITH RESPECT TO TAX
4 MATTERS; THAT THE CONSERVATORS WILL HAVE ALL POWERS THAT
5 THE CONSERVATEE WOULD HAVE WITH RESPECT TO HER INCOME
6 TAXES: ALL STATE AND FEDERAL INCOME TAX, INCLUDING
7 POWERS WITH RESPECT TO ENTITIES OVER WHICH SHE IS A
8 REPRESENTATIVE OR OWNER. IT'S A LENGTHY DETAILED POWER
9 INCLUDING THE POWER TO SIGN A FORM 2848, SIGN TAX
10 RETURNS, REPRESENT THE CONSERVATEE'S INTERESTS WITH
11 RESPECT TO ANY TAXING AUTHORITIES, ET CETERA, AND ONE
12 OTHER ADDITIONAL POWER, YOUR HONOR, THE POWER TO ASSERT
13 THE CONSERVATEE'S RIGHTS IN ANY TRUST ESTABLISHED FOR
14 HER BENEFIT, INCLUDING ALL REVOCABLE INTER VIVOS TRUSTS
15 BUT NOT INCLUDING THE POWER TO MODIFY, AMEND, OR REVOKE.

16 THE COURT: NOT THE POWER TO MODIFY, AMEND, OR
17 REVOKE. OKAY.

18 MS. COHEN: WELL, WITHOUT COURT ORDER.

19 MS. WYLE: WE DO HAVE ONE REQUEST REGARDING THE
20 730 EVALUATION THAT, AS WAS ORDERED THE LAST TIME FOR
21 TODAY, THAT THE REPORT BE FAXED TO COUNSEL THE DAY
22 BEFORE, SOMETIME MAYBE BY NOON OR 1:00 P.M. THE DAY
23 BEFORE. WE'D REQUEST THAT AGAIN.

24 THE COURT: OKAY.

25 MS. WYLE: AND THAT WILL BE SEALED.

26 THE COURT: OH, YEAH, DEFINITELY. OKAY.

27 MR. WALLET, ANYTHING?

28 MR. WALLET: NO, YOUR HONOR.

1 THE COURT: OKAY. MR. INGHAM, WITH REGARD TO THE
2 REQUESTED ADDITIONAL POWERS?

3 MR. INGHAM: YOUR HONOR, I'VE REVIEWED BOTH OF THE
4 PROPOSED POWERS, AND I BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE COMPLETELY
5 APPROPRIATE TO BE EXERCISED BY THE TEMPORARY
6 CONSERVATORS. THE TRUST POWERS WOULD NOT INCLUDE ANY
7 ACT THAT WOULD REQUIRE A SUBSTITUTED JUDGMENT PETITION,
8 AND I'M SATISFIED THAT THEY'RE LIMITED IN SCOPE AND
9 APPROPRIATE.

10 THE COURT: OKAY. LET ME DEAL WITH THE EX PARTE
11 THAT'S BEEN BROUGHT BY MR. GASWIRTH FIRST.

12 MS. WYLE: WE HAVE ISSUES REGARDING THE T.R.O.
13 SERVICE THAT WE'D LIKE TO BRING UP WITH YOUR HONOR.

14 THE COURT: LET ME FINISH WITH THE
15 CONSERVATORSHIP. THEN WE'LL GET TO THE T.R.O.'S.

16 OKAY. I AM IN RECEIPT OF THE EX PARTE
17 PETITION. I WOULD BE INCLINED TO APPROVE IT, BUT I WANT
18 TO GIVE COUNSEL, IF THEY WISH, AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE
19 HEARD.

20 MR. INGHAM.

21 MR. INGHAM: ONCE AGAIN, YOUR HONOR, I'VE REVIEWED
22 THE PROPOSED PETITION. CERTAINLY WHAT IS GOING ON IS
23 THE COURT WOULD BE APPOINTING THE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES
24 NAMED IN THE INSTRUMENT AS TEMPORARY TRUSTEES
25 CO-EXTENSIVE WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TEMPORARY
26 CONSERVATORS. I BELIEVE THAT'S APPROPRIATE.

27 THE COURT: MR. WALLET?

28 MR. WALLET: AGREED.

1 MS. WYLE: AGREED.

2 THE COURT: THEN I'M GOING TO APPROVE THE EX PARTE
3 PETITION AND I DON'T THINK I HAVE A PROPOSED ORDER BUT
4 I'M ASSUMING YOU BROUGHT ONE WITH YOU.

5 MR. GASWIRTH: WE DID, YOUR HONOR.

6 MR. BYAM: WE HAVE THE CONTENTS FOR BOTH THE
7 CO-TRUSTEES TO ACT.

8 THE COURT: THANK YOU. I'M SORRY. MR. BYAM, DID
9 YOU WISH TO BE HEARD AT ALL?

10 MR. BYAM: ONLY IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS.

11 THE COURT: OKAY.

12 MR. GASWIRTH: WE'LL GIVE THE PROPOSED ORDER --

13 THE COURT: THERE'S ORIGINALS AND COPIES TO
14 CONFORM. I THINK THAT TAKES CARE OF EVERYTHING RELATED
15 TO THE CONSERVATORSHIP AND THE EX PARTE WITH REGARD TO
16 THE TRUST.

17 SO YOU SAID YOU HAD AN ISSUE WITH REGARD TO
18 THE T.R.O.'S.

19 MS. WYLE: YES, YOUR HONOR. WE HAVE -- SINCE THE
20 ORDERS WERE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 1ST, WE HAVE BEEN USING
21 GREAT EFFORT TO GET MR. LUTFI SERVED. WE HAVE SPENT --
22 OUR INVESTIGATORS HAVE SPENT ALMOST 200 HOURS DOING SO.
23 WE BELIEVE -- WE'VE BEEN TO THE HOSPITAL, STAKED OUT HIS
24 RESIDENCE, DONE MANY THINGS THAT WE PREFER NOT TO MAKE A
25 MATTER OF RECORD ON SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO THEM. WE
26 BELIEVE THAT -- IN FACT, WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT HE IS
27 IN FACT INTENTIONALLY AVOIDING SERVICE AT LEAST.

28 WE REQUEST THAT THE TIME PERIOD WITHIN

1 WHICH WE MUST SERVE HIM BE EXTENDED TO 48 HOURS BEFORE.

2 THE COURT: REDUCED FROM THE 5 DAYS TO --

3 MS. WYLE: RIGHT.

4 THE COURT: THAT'S FINE. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM
5 MAKING THAT ORDER. I KNOW THAT THE ORDERS AS THEY
6 CURRENTLY READ I THINK PROVIDE FOR 5 DAYS SERVICE, AND
7 IN THE EVENT THAT YOU'RE UNABLE TO HAVE HIM SERVED PRIOR
8 TO THE FEBRUARY 22ND DATE OR IN TIME FOR THE HEARING ON
9 THE FEBRUARY 22ND DATE, I WOULD BE INCLINED TO REISSUE
10 THOSE ORDERS AND WE CAN SET IT FOR A FUTURE DATE. SO I
11 WOULD NEED SOME INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THE FACT THAT
12 YOU'VE MADE THE EFFORTS AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SERVE
13 BUT THAT'S NOT UNUSUAL IN ANY CASE --

14 MS. WYLE: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

15 THE COURT: -- MUCH LESS THIS ONE.

16 MS. WYLE: IF IN FACT WE ARE ABLE TO SERVE HIM AND
17 WE ARE ABLE TO BE HERE ON THE 22ND, WE'D APPRECIATE A
18 LITTLE BIT OF GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER YOU WANT LIVE
19 TESTIMONY, WHETHER THERE WILL BE CROSS-EXAMINATION OF
20 WITNESSES, WHETHER ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS WOULD BE
21 APPROPRIATE, AND WHETHER THERE'S A TIME WITHIN WHICH
22 YOU'D LIKE TO ALLOT THE ENTIRE HEARING ON THE T.R.O.

23 THE COURT: OKAY. IS BRIAN HERE?

24 MR. BYAM: HE'S SIGNED A CONSENT TO ACT.

25 THE COURT: MR. INGHAM IS HERE. MR. WALLET IS
26 HERE. MR. SPEARS IS HERE. YOU'RE ALL HERE. OKAY.

27 OKAY. TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, IT DEPENDS,
28 AND I DON'T MEAN THAT IN A FLIPPANT WAY. ASSUMING THAT

1 HE'S SERVED AND HE'S PRESENT, HE WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO
2 RETAIN COUNSEL OR NOT. THAT'S UP TO HIM. IF HE WANTS
3 TO HAVE A HEARING ON THAT DATE, I THINK I WOULD SET IT
4 FOR 1:30 IN THE AFTERNOON ON THE 22ND, AND HE WOULD BE
5 ABLE TO HAVE A HEARING ON THAT DATE. OFTENTIMES WHAT
6 HAPPENS IS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS THE RESTRAINED PERSON
7 WISHES SOME ADDITIONAL TIME TO PREPARE, IN WHICH CASE
8 WHAT I NORMALLY WOULD DO IS CONTINUE THE ORDERS IN FULL
9 FORCE AND EFFECT AND THEN CONTINUE IT TO A FUTURE DATE
10 TO GIVE THAT INDIVIDUAL THE TIME TO SEEK COUNSEL, RETAIN
11 COUNSEL, OR TO PREPARE FOR THE HEARING, ESPECIALLY IN
12 LIGHT OF WHAT I NOW KNOW IS THAT HE WOULD HAVE A VERY
13 SHORT PERIOD OF NOTICE.

14 RELATIVE TO THE HEARING, WHAT I WOULD --
15 IT'S AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING, AND SO I WOULD BE TAKING
16 LIVE TESTIMONY. I REALLY CAN'T GO BY DECLARATION. SO I
17 THINK THAT'S THE SHORT ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION.

18 MS. WYLE: OKAY. SO IF WE'RE UNABLE TO SERVE HIM,
19 WE'LL BE HERE ON THE 22ND. THEN JUST TO FOLLOW UP --

20 THE COURT: TO REQUEST A NOTICE OF REISSUANCE AND
21 TO HAVE A FUTURE DATE SET.

22 MS. WYLE: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

23 THE COURT: OKAY. SO WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS MODIFY
24 THE EXISTING ORDERS TO REFLECT A SHORTER TIME PERIOD AND
25 I WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM REDUCING THE 5 DAYS ADVANCE
26 SERVICE TO 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE AND THEN
27 WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS ON THE 22ND.

28 MS. WYLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

1 THE COURT: ANYTHING ELSE? NO? ALL RIGHT. I
2 WILL SEE YOU ON THE 22ND BUT PROBABLY NOT ALL OF YOU AND
3 THE REST, EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE SET ON MARCH 10TH AS
4 PREVIOUSLY SET. NORMALLY -- DID WE SET IT AT 1:30 OR
5 10:30? I DON'T REMEMBER.

6 MS. WYLE: IT IS SET AT 10:30.

7 THE CLERK: ONE MORE THING. ON THIS ORDER YOU
8 MADE REFERENCE TO A BRIAN SPEARS. THIS DOCUMENT SAYS
9 JAMES.

10 THE COURT: THE SIGNATURE LINE.

11 MR. GASWIRTH: JAMES IS THE CO-CONSERVATOR.

12 THE COURT: OKAY.

13 THE CLERK: MY PROBLEM IS THERE'S NO SIGNATURES ON
14 THERE. THEY WANT THIS DOCUMENT FILED.

15 THE COURT: MR. SPEARS IS HERE. HE CAN --
16 MR. WALLET IS HERE. MR. INGHAM IS HERE. THEY CAN ALL
17 SIGN.

18 MR. INGHAM, I DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU IN A
19 BAD POSITION, BUT I NEED TO INQUIRE IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA
20 OF HOW MUCH TIME WE MIGHT NEED ON MARCH 10TH.

21 MR. INGHAM: I WOULD DOUBT VERY STRONGLY THAT
22 MARCH 10TH WOULD BE A FULL-BLOWN, CONTESTED HEARING. ON
23 THE OTHER HAND DEPENDING ON THE EXPERT'S REPORT, I THINK
24 IT MAY REQUIRE SOME ADJUSTMENT TO THE EXISTING ORDERS.
25 I WOULD THINK IT COULD BE HANDLED IN LESS THAN TWO
26 HOURS.

27 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THEN LET ME DO THIS: LET
28 ME SET THE HEARING FOR MARCH 10TH AT 10:30. I DO HAVE

1 ANOTHER MATTER SET, BUT I'M GOING TO MOVE THAT AROUND.
2 I THINK THAT WILL BE EASIER THAN TRYING TO MOVE THIS ONE
3 AROUND. WE'LL LEAVE IT AT MARCH 10TH BUT 1:30 INSTEAD
4 OF 10:30.

5 MR. INGHAM: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

6 MS. WYLE: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

7 MR. BYAM: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

8 THE COURT: OKAY.

9 MR. GASWIRTH: THANK YOU.

10 THE COURT: I'M ASSUMING ANY OTHER MATTERS SET IN
11 THE NEW CASE WILL ALSO BE SET IN THIS COURT. ARE THEY
12 GOING TO BE SET FOR THE SAME DATE?

13 MR. GASWIRTH: WE'RE GOING TO TRY, YES.

14 THE COURT: IT'S A MONDAY. THAT WILL BE AT 1:30.

15 MR. BYAM: THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

16 THE COURT: I THINK THAT WILL TAKE CARE OF IT.

17 THE CLERK: ARE WE SETTING IT FOR A FUTURE DATE?

18 THE COURT: WE DON'T NEED TO SET THAT PARTICULAR
19 MATTER -- ACTUALLY, WE PROBABLY DO ON THE TRUST FOR THE
20 EX PARTE. LET'S HAVE IT SET ON MARCH 10TH AT 1:30 AS
21 WELL.

22 MR. GASWIRTH: VERY GOOD.

23 THE COURT: THEN IF THERE'S ANY CHANGE IN DATE,
24 JUST NOTIFY THE PROBATE ATTORNEY. THEY'LL JOIN IT UP
25 WITH THIS ONE.

26 MS. WYLE: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

27 THE COURT: YOU KNOW, ONE OTHER ORDER ON THE
28 REPORT BY THE 730 EXPERT TO BE FILED BY NOON THE PRIOR

1 DAY, AND IT IS TO BE SEALED.

2 MS. COHEN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

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4 (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 2:04 P.M.)

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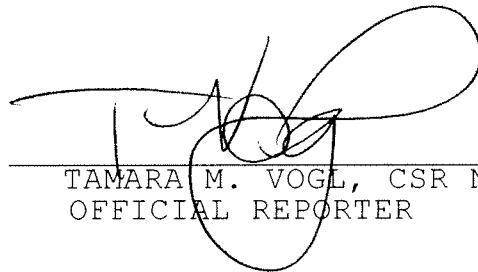
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I, TAMARA M. VOGL, OFFICIAL REPORTER OF THE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I DID
CORRECTLY REPORT THE PROCEEDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN AND
THAT THE FOREGOING PAGES 1 THROUGH 9, INCLUSIVE,
COMPRISE A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF THE
PROCEEDINGS AND TESTIMONY TAKEN IN THE MATTER OF THE
ABOVE-ENTITLED CAUSE ON FEBRUARY 14, 2008.

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.



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