

1 CHAMBERS OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE
2 LOS ANGELES JUVENILE COURT
3 Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court
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5 Monterey Park, CA 91754-2158
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7 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
8 JUVENILE COURT
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10 On behalf of:)

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12 Find the Children and)
13 Los Angeles County Department)
14 of Children and Family Services,)

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Petitioners

SPECIAL BLANKET ORDER RE:
RELEASE OF ABDUCTED
CHILDREN'S NAMES AND
PHOTOGRAPHS TO FIND THE
CHILDREN, MEDIA AND/OR
ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

16 In order to facilitate obtaining information which is likely to lead to the return of children who have
17 been abducted while under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court or while receiving services through
18 the Department of Children and Family Services ("DCFS"), DCFS requested that it be allowed to
19 release abducted children's names and photographs to Find the Children ("FTC"), any law
20 enforcement agency and/or appropriate news media. On March 20, 2000, the Juvenile Court granted
21 a blanket order for such release of abducted children's names and photographs. The order expired
22 on January 1, 2002.


24 Upon consideration of FTC's March 11, 2002 request for renewal of the expired blanket order, and
25 upon review of the March 28, 2002 response from Kenneth P. Sherman of the Law Offices of
26 Kenneth P. Sherman, the April 4, 2002 response from Judith H. Bayer of County Counsel, and the
27 April 4, 2002 reply from Karen Strickland of FTC, the Juvenile Court hereby finds good cause to
28 renew the blanket order for release of abducted children's names and photographs to FTC, any law

1 enforcement agency and/or appropriate news media, subject to the following conditions:

- 2 1. DCFS personnel is authorized to release the abducted children's names and photographs to
3 Find the Children, any law enforcement agency and/or appropriate news media for the sole
4 purpose of obtaining information that may lead to the return of the children. This
5 information shall not be used for any other purpose.
- 6 2. No other information regarding the abducted child's dependency case may be publicly
7 released for any other purpose without further order of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile
8 Court.
- 9 3. At least two court days prior to the release of an abducted child's name and photograph,
10 DCFS shall notify the appropriate child's counsel by facsimile and the non-abducting parent
11 (at last known address) of its intention to release this information.
- 12 4. If DCFS demonstrates to the Court and contemporaneously notices the appropriate child's
13 counsel that exigent circumstances exist, the two-day notice shall not be required.

14 This order shall remain in effect unless it is revoked or otherwise amended on the motion of the
15 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court or at the request of any interested parties.

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17 DATED: 4/15/02

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19 Michael Nash
20 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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