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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT**

In re the Conservatorship of the Person and
Estate of

BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS,

Conservatee.

Case No. BP108870

**JAMES P. SPEARS' PETITION FOR
TERMINATION OF CONSERVATORSHIP
OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF
BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS**

[Prob. Code, §§ 1861, 1863]

Date:
Time:
Dept.: 4
Judge: Hon. Brenda J. Penny

James P. Spears ("Mr. Spears"), as Conservator of the Estate of Britney Jean Spears,
respectfully presents his Petition for Termination of Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of
Britney Jean Spears (the "Petition"), and alleges as follows:

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 1. For thirteen years, Britney Jean Spears (“Ms. Spears”) has been under a
3 conservatorship of both the person and the estate. Ms. Spears entered into the conservatorship
4 voluntarily in 2008. To this day, her attorneys have never filed a petition to terminate the
5 conservatorship. The conservatorship has helped Ms. Spears get through a major life crisis,
6 rehabilitate and advance her career, and put her finances and her affairs in order. But recently,
7 things have changed. Ms. Spears is now outspoken in her frustration with the level of control
8 imposed by a conservatorship, and has pleaded with this Court to “let her have her life back.” In
9 recent months, she has attended two Court proceedings, has certainly made her wishes known about
10 the conservatorship, and has asked this Court directly to end the conservatorship.

11 2. Ms. Spears has told this Court that she wants control of her life back without the
12 safety rails of a conservatorship. She wants to be able to make decisions regarding her own medical
13 care, deciding when, where and how often to get therapy. She wants to control the money she has
14 made from her career and spend it without supervision or oversight. She wants to be able to get
15 married and have a baby, if she so chooses. In short, she wants to live her life as she chooses
16 without the constraints of a conservator or court proceeding.

17 3. As Mr. Spears has said again and again, all he wants is what is best for his daughter.
18 If Ms. Spears wants to terminate the conservatorship and believes that she can handle her own life,
19 Mr. Spears believes that she should get that chance. Ms. Spears recently testified that she did not
20 know, at least in the past, that she could petition to end the conservatorship without submitting to a
21 full psychological evaluation. Given Ms. Spears’ testimony, Mr. Spears does not know why a
22 petition to terminate the conservatorship has not yet been filed. Mr. Spears, however, has heard his
23 daughter, and she now is pleading for the Court to end the conservatorship. Mr. Spears believes
24 that Ms. Spears is entitled to have this Court now seriously consider whether this conservatorship is
25 no longer required.

1 **II. MS. SPEARS HAS PLEADED WITH THIS COURT TO END HER**
2 **CONSERVATORSHIP**

3 4. On June 23, 2021, Ms. Spears made an impassioned plea to this Court to end her
4 conservatorship.¹ She explained that she had been told that she could not end her conservatorship
5 without going through another psychological evaluation, something she simply could not face, and
6 that she did not know that she could file a petition to end it. (Exh. A, 6/23/21 Tr., at p. 16.) She
7 then told the Court:

8 I just want my life back. And it's been 13 years and it's enough. It's
9 been a long time since I've owned my money. And it's my wish and
 my dream for all of this to end without being tested.

10 (*Id.*, at pp. 16-17.) “The main reason why I’m here is because I want to end the conservatorship
11 without having to be evaluated.” (*Id.*, at pp. 18-19.) She said it over and over. (*Id.*, at p. 22 (“The
12 conservatorship should end.”); *id.* (“I want to end the conservatorship without being evaluated.”).

13 My requests are just to end the conservatorship without being
14 evaluated. I want to petition basically to end the conservatorship.

15 (*Id.*, at p. 23.)

16 5. Ms. Spears told the Court that she wanted to live a normal life:

17 I’d like for my boyfriend to be able to drive me in his car. And I want
18 to meet with the therapist once a week, not twice a week. And I want
19 him to come to my home because I actually know I do need a little
20 therapy.... And I would like to progressively move forward, and I
21 want to have the real deal. I want to be able to get married and have a
 baby. I was told right now in the conservatorship I’m not able to get
 married or have a baby.... So basically this conservatorship is doing
 me way more harm than good. I deserve to have a life.... I deserve to
 have the same rights as anybody does by having a child, a family, any
 of those things, and more so.

22 (Exh. A, 6/23/21 Tr., at pp. 24-25.)

23 6. On July 14, 2021, Ms. Spears again addressed this Court, and again made a plea to
24 end her conservatorship.² “I also, again, want to petition the court to end the conservatorship, but
25 only if I don’t have to be evaluated.” (Exh. B, 7/14/21 Tr., at p. 23.)

27 ¹ A true and correct copy of the Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings for June 23, 2021 (“6/23/21
28 Tr.”) is attached hereto as Exhibit A for the convenience of the Court.

28 ² A true and correct copy of the Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings for July 14, 2021 (“7/14/21
Tr.”) is attached hereto as Exhibit B for the convenience of the Court.

1 **III. THIS COURT HAS AUTHORITY TO END THIS CONSERVATORSHIP**
2 **WITHOUT ORDERING A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION**

3 7. Probate Code section 1861 provides that a petition for termination of a
4 conservatorship may be filed by the conservator, among others.

5 8. Probate Code section 1863, subdivision (b), provides, “If the court determines that
6 the conservatorship is no longer required or that grounds for establishment of a conservatorship of
7 the person or estate, or both, no longer exist, the court shall make this finding and shall enter
8 judgment terminating the conservatorship accordingly.”

9 9. The Probate Code does not require that any mental or psychological evaluation of
10 the conservatee be performed before a conservatorship is terminated. Accordingly, this Court has
11 adequate authority under the Probate Code to terminate this conservatorship if it finds that this
12 conservatorship is no longer required or that the grounds for establishment of this conservatorship
13 of the person and the estate no longer exist.

14 **IV. THE COURT SHOULD EVALUATE WHETHER THIS CONSERVATORSHIP IS**
15 **STILL REQUIRED GIVEN RECENT EVENTS AND CHANGED**
16 **CIRCUMSTANCES**

17 10. Recent events related to this conservatorship have called into question whether
18 circumstances have changed to such an extent that grounds for establishment of a conservatorship
19 may no longer exist or that this conservatorship may no longer be required.

20 11. First, as noted above, Ms. Spears has made it very clear to this Court that she wants
21 the conservatorship to be terminated. Ms. Spears has also made it clear that she does not want to
22 have to go through another psychological evaluation, but as discussed above, the Probate Code does
23 not require a psychological evaluation as a precondition to termination.

24 12. Second, after listening to Ms. Spears’ recent testimony, the Court authorized Ms.
25 Spears to select and retain counsel of her choosing, rather than appointing counsel for her. (Exh. B,
26 7/14/21 Tr., at pp. 6-8.) In doing so, this Court has recognized that Ms. Spears has both the
27 capacity and capability to identify, engage, and instruct counsel of her own choice, on her own,
28 without the assistance of the Conservator or the Court. If Ms. Spears has the capacity and

1 capability to engage counsel on her own, she presumably has capacity and capability to handle
2 other contractual and business matters. In addition to being able to choose and instruct her own
3 attorney, Ms. Spears should be given the opportunity to hire her own business manager, financial
4 advisor, and security to protect both her estate and her person.

5 13. Third, Ms. Spears has recently demonstrated a level of independence that calls into
6 question whether a conservator of the person is required. It appears from public media reports that
7 Ms. Spears has been driving in the community on her own. Accordingly, either the current
8 temporary conservator of the person Jodi Montgomery has given Ms. Spears permission to drive on
9 her own, or Ms. Spears has taken that right on her own. It was also made clear in her statements to
10 the Court on June 23, 2021, that Ms. Spears wants to control how frequently she obtains therapy
11 and where that therapy is given. (Exh. A, 6/23/21 Tr., at pp. 22 & 24.) Accordingly, Ms. Spears
12 should be given the opportunity to hire her own doctors and manage her medical care, including her
13 therapy.

14 14. Given Ms. Spears' impassioned pleas to this Court and the clearly changed
15 circumstances referred to above, it is in Ms. Spears' best interest that the Court consider whether
16 this conservatorship is still required or whether the grounds for establishment of this
17 conservatorship of the person and estate no longer exist.

18 **V. NOTICE**

19 15. The names and addresses of the persons entitled to notice of this Petition are:

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Jamie Lynn Spears [contact information withheld for privacy]	Sister of Conservatee
Sean Preston Federline [contact information withheld for privacy]	Minor Son of Conservatee
Jayden James Federline [contact information withheld for privacy]	Minor Son of Conservatee
Bond Services of California, LLC Attention: Will Mingram 523 W. 6th Street, Suite 242 Los Angeles, CA 90014 Tel: (213) 628-2970 E-Mail: wmingram@bondservices.com	Bond Company

1 **WHEREFORE**, Mr. Spears requests an Order of the Court as follows:

2 1. Finding that all notices required by law have been properly given;

3 2. Determining that the Conservatorship of the Person of Britney Jean Spears is no
4 longer required or that grounds for establishment of a conservatorship of the person no longer exist;

5 3. Terminating the Conservatorship of the Person of Britney Jean Spears;

6 4. Discharging Jodi Montgomery as Temporary Conservator of the Person upon
7 settlement and approval of a final report/account by the Court;

8 5. Determining that the Conservatorship of the Estate of Britney Jean Spears is no
9 longer required or that grounds for establishment of a conservatorship of the estate no longer exist;

10 6. Terminating the Conservatorship of the Estate of Britney Jean Spears;

11 7. Discharging James P. Spears as Conservator of the Estate upon settlement and
12 approval of a final report/account by the Court;

13 8. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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15 Dated: September 7, 2021

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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17 By: 

18 Vivian L. Thoreen,
19 Attorneys for James P. Spears,
20 Conservator of the Estate
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VERIFICATION

I, James P. Spears, as Conservator of the Estate of Britney Jean Spears, have read the foregoing **JAMES P. SPEARS' PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS** and know its contents. The facts set forth therein are true of my knowledge except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 9/7/2021 | 11:32:59 AM PDT day of September 2021 at Lafayette, Louisiana.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT 4

HON. BRENDA J. PENNY, JUDGE

IN RE THE CONSERVATORSHIP OF:

BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS,

CONSERVATEE.

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NO. BP108870

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021

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6 DEPARTMENT 4 HON. BRENDA J. PENNY, JUDGE
7 REPORTER: LISA D. LUNA, CSR #10229
8 TIME: 1:41 A.M.

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10 APPEARANCES:

11 AS INDICATED HEREIN
12 VIA L.A. COURT CONNECT.

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14 THE CLERK: IF I CAN HAVE ALL PARTIES ON COURT CONNECT
15 PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN.

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17 ALL PARTIES,
18 CALLED AS WITNESSES BY THE COURT, WERE DULY SWORN AND
19 TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

20 THE CLERK: YOU DO SOLEMNLY STATE THAT THE TESTIMONY
21 YOU ARE ABOUT TO GIVE IN THE MATTER IS THE TRUTH, THE
22 WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?

23 ALL PARTIES: I DO.

24 THE CLERK: THANK YOU. REMAIN ON THE LINE FOR THE
25 JUDGE TO TAKE THE BENCH.

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27 (PROCEEDINGS DELAYED DUE TO
28 TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH RAAP.)

1 THE COURT: OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I WANT
2 TO THANK THE PARTIES FOR THEIR PATIENCE WHILE WE WORKED
3 THROUGH SOME TECHNICAL ISSUES. AND WE'VE GOTTEN THEM
4 RESOLVED. AND BEFORE I GET THE APPEARANCES OF THE COUNSEL
5 AND THEN THE PARTIES, I HAVE SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT I
6 NEED TO MAKE.

7 SO FOR THE PARTIES IN DEPARTMENT 4, AS WELL AS
8 THE OVERFLOW COURTROOM IN DEPARTMENT 1, THERE ARE TO BE NO
9 PHOTOS, NO LAPTOPS, NO PHONES OF ANY NATURE, ONLY PEN AND
10 PAPER AND PENCIL, IF YOU HAVE THAT, THAT CAN BE USED FOR
11 NOTE TAKING.

12 AND RECORDINGS -- AND I'M ANNOUNCING THIS FOR THE
13 BENEFIT OF THE PARTIES IN BOTH THE COURTROOMS AS WELL AS
14 THOSE APPEARING ON RAAP WHICH IS THE REMOTE AUDIO
15 ATTENDANCE PROGRAM -- RECORDINGS ARE PROHIBITED, OF ANY
16 KIND, ARE PROHIBITED EITHER IN THE COURTROOM HERE IN
17 DEPARTMENT 4, DEPARTMENT 1, OR THE PARTIES APPEARING ON
18 RAAP. THERE IS NO BE NO LIVE TWEETING, NO ELECTRONICS,
19 AND AGAIN, NO RECORDING OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS PERMITTED.

20 SO NEXT I'M GOING TO GET THE APPEARANCE OF THE
21 ATTORNEYS AND THE PARTIES. AND THEN I WANT TO HEAR FROM
22 MS. SPEARS, AND MR. INGHAM, AND THEN THE OTHER PARTIES,
23 AND THEN WE'LL DISCUSS SOME HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS ONCE
24 WE'RE DONE WITH THAT. AND THEN THERE IS AN ISSUE THAT I
25 WANT TO DISCUSS WITH THE PARTIES BEFORE WE CONCLUDE.

26 SO I'M GOING TO GET THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL
27 FIRST, AND THEN I'M GOING TO GET THE APPEARANCE OF THE
28 PARTIES. SO I'M GOING TO START FIRST WITH -- AND I'M

1 DOING -- JUST DOING IT IN ORDER WHICH I HAVE EVERYBODY
2 HERE, SO IT'S NO PARTICULAR ORDER OTHER THAN THE ORDER
3 THAT'S LISTED ON THE SHEET THAT I HAVE.

4 MR. NELSON, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO.

5 MR. NELSON: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. DAVID
6 NELSON OF LOEB AND LOEB, APPEARING AS COURT-APPOINTED
7 CO-COUNSEL FOR MS. BRITNEY SPEARS.

8 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

9 AND MS. WYLE, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO, I BELIEVE.

10 MS. WYLE: YOU DO, YOUR HONOR. GOOD AFTERNOON.

11 THE COURT: YES.

12 AND MR. PEARSON, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO, I BELIEVE
13 AS WELL.

14 MR. PEARSON: YES, YOUR HONOR. GOOD AFTERNOON. RON
15 PEARSON OF LOEB AND LOEB, COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL FOR
16 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS.

17 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

18 AND MR. INGHAM, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO THIS
19 AFTERNOON.

20 MR. INGHAM: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. SAMUEL
21 INGHAM, COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL FOR BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS.

22 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

23 AND MS. WRIGHT, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO.

24 MS. WRIGHT: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. LAURIANN WRIGHT;
25 WRIGHT, KIM, DOUGLAS. I'M THE ATTORNEY FOR JODI
26 MONTGOMERY, WHO SERVES AS THE TEMPORARY CONSERVATOR OF THE
27 PERSON.

28 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

1 AND MR. BRONSHTEYN, I'VE GOT YOU ON THE PHONE, I
2 BELIEVE.

3 MR. BRONSHTEYN: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
4 I'M PRESENT.

5 THE COURT: YES.

6 AND MR. PARK, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO, I BELIEVE.

7 MR. PARK: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. JONATHAN
8 PARK OF HOLLAND AND KNIGHT FOR CONSERVATOR JAMES P.
9 SPEARS.

10 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

11 AND MS. COHEN, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO AS WELL.

12 MS. COHEN: YES, YOUR HONOR. JERYLL COHEN OF FREEMAN,
13 FREEMAN, AND SMILEY, APPEARING FOR CONSERVATOR JAMES P.
14 SPEARS.

15 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

16 AND MS. THOREEN, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO AS WELL.

17 MS. THOREEN: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
18 VIVIAN THOREEN OF HOLLAND AND KNIGHT, APPEARING ON BEHALF
19 OF JAMES P. SPEARS, CONSERVATOR OF THE ESTATE.

20 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

21 AND MR. JONES, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO THIS
22 AFTERNOON.

23 MR. JONES: YES, YOUR HONOR. GOOD AFTERNOON.
24 GLADSTONE JONES FROM JONES SWANSON, ON BEHALF OF LYNNE
25 SPEARS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.

26 THE COURT: THANK YOU. YES, OF COURSE.

27 AND THEN I WANT TO GET THE APPEARANCES OF THE
28 PARTIES. I'M GOING TO START WITH BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS.

1 GOOD AFTERNOON, MS. SPEARS. I BELIEVE YOU'RE ON
2 THE TELEPHONE.

3 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON.

4 THE COURT: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR COMING IN
5 TODAY.

6 AND MS. MONTGOMERY, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO.

7 MS. MONTGOMERY: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. JODI PACE
8 MONTGOMERY, TEMPORARY CONSERVATOR FOR BRITNEY SPEARS.

9 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

10 AND MS. LYNNE SPEARS, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO, I
11 BELIEVE.

12 MS. LYNNE SPEARS: NO, I'M ON TELEPHONE, YOUR HONOR.

13 THE COURT: OH, OKAY. NOT A PROBLEM. GOOD AFTERNOON,
14 MS. SPEARS.

15 AND MR. SPEARS, I'M SHOWING YOU ON VIDEO, BUT YOU
16 MIGHT BE ON THE PHONE.

17 MR. JAMIE SPEARS: YES, YOUR HONOR, I'M ON THE PHONE.
18 JAMES P. SPEARS, CO-CONSERVATOR OF THE ESTATE OF BRITNEY
19 JEAN SPEARS.

20 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

21 AND ALSO, I BELIEVE MS. LYNN SWANSON, YOU ARE ON
22 THE PHONE; IS THAT CORRECT?

23 MS. SWANSON: YES, YOUR HONOR. GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS
24 IS LYNN SWANSON FROM JONES SWANSON. I AM HERE ON BEHALF
25 OF LYNNE SPEARS.

26 THE COURT: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU AS WELL.

27 AND SO, MR. INGHAM, YOU KNOW, THE STATUS HEARING
28 WAS SET AT YOUR REQUEST BECAUSE MS. SPEARS DID WANT TO

1 ADDRESS THE COURT THIS AFTERNOON. BUT I -- BEFORE I GET
2 TO HER, I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU FIRST TO SEE IF YOU HAD
3 ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO SAY BEFORE I GO TO HER.

4 MR. INGHAM: YES. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. I GREATLY
5 APPRECIATE THAT. THIS INDEED IS A SPECIAL STATUS HEARING
6 THAT WAS SET AT THE REQUEST OF MY CLIENT. AS I UNDERSTAND
7 IT, THE ONLY ITEM ON THE AGENDA, APART FROM WHATEVER
8 QUESTIONS THE COURT WOULD LIKE TO ASK, IS THE OPPORTUNITY
9 FOR MY CLIENT TO ADDRESS THE COURT.

10 WE HAVE EMPLOYED THIS PROCEDURE SEVERAL TIMES IN
11 THE PAST BOTH IN THIS DEPARTMENT AND IN THE PREVIOUS
12 DEPARTMENT THAT HANDLED THIS CASE, AND ESSENTIALLY, MY
13 CLIENT, AT ANY TIME THAT SHE WANTS TO ADDRESS THE COURT,
14 THE COURT WILL MAKE ITSELF AVAILABLE AND SET A STATUS
15 HEARING SUCH AS THIS ONE.

16 THIS IS -- THE GROUND RULES HERE, I BELIEVE, ARE
17 VERY SIMPLE. IT'S AN OPEN-ENDED HEARING. MY CLIENT IS
18 FREE TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF THE CONSERVATORSHIP THAT SHE
19 WISHES, AND IS WELCOME TO SAY WHATEVER SHE LIKES. FOR THE
20 RECORD, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT I HAVE NOT IN ANY WAY
21 ATTEMPTED TO CONTROL OR FILTER OR EDIT ANYTHING THAT SHE
22 HAS TO SAY TODAY. THESE ARE ENTIRELY HER WORDS. AND
23 SHE'S ON HER OWN INDEPENDENT PHONE CONNECTION. I WILL NOT
24 INTERRUPT HER AT ANY POINT, THAT ONCE SHE STARTS SPEAKING,
25 IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT SHE SAYS, I WILL NOT IN ANY WAY
26 ATTEMPT TO STOP HER FROM SPEAKING OR TEXT HER OR ANYTHING
27 ELSE. AND I WOULD ASK THE SAME COURTESY OF ALL COUNSEL,
28 THAT ONCE SHE STARTS, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF SHE WOULD

1 BE ALLOWED TO FINISH IN HER OWN DUE COURSE. AND THAT'S
2 REALLY ALL I HAVE TO SAY, YOUR HONOR, AT THIS POINT.

3 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MR. INGHAM. SO I WOULD ALSO
4 ECHO WHAT MR. INGHAM SAID, THAT WHEN MS. SPEARS IS
5 SPEAKING, PLEASE, NOBODY TRY TO REACH OUT TO HER BY -- IN
6 ANY WAY.

7 DID ANY OF THE COUNSEL HAVE ANYTHING THEY WANTED
8 TO SAY BEFORE I GET TO MS. SPEARS?

9 MS. WRIGHT: YOUR HONOR, THIS IS MS. WRIGHT. I DID
10 WANT TO ASK -- WE DON'T KNOW, OBVIOUSLY, WHAT MS. SPEARS
11 IS GOING TO SAY, AND WE'RE HAPPY THAT SHE'S HERE TODAY TO
12 ADDRESS HER CONCERNS WITH THE COURT. BUT IF WHAT SHE'S
13 GOING TO SAY MAY IMPACT HER MEDICAL PRIVACY, MY CLIENT
14 DOES HOLD THOSE MEDICAL PRIVACY RIGHTS, AND I WOULD ASK
15 THAT WE PLEASE SEAL THE TRANSCRIPT AND CLEAR THE COURTROOM
16 SO THAT WE CAN PRESERVE THOSE MEDICAL RIGHTS. I THINK
17 IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. AND IT COULD BE THAT SHE BRINGS UP
18 ISSUES RELATED TO HER FAMILY AND HER MINOR CHILDREN, AND
19 THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PRIVACY RIGHTS, AND I THINK ANYTHING
20 SAID ABOUT THEM --

21 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: I THINK THEY'VE DONE A GOOD JOB
22 AT -- AT EXPLOITING MY LIFE IN THE WAY THAT THEY'VE DONE,
23 UM, MY LIFE, AND I FEEL LIKE IT SHOULD BE AN OPEN COURT
24 HEARING, AND THEY SHOULD LISTEN AND, UM, HEAR WHAT I HAVE
25 TO SAY.

26 THE COURT: OH, OKAY. THAT WAS MS. SPEARS SPEAKING.
27 OKAY.

28 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: THAT WAS ME, YES.

1 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MS. SPEARS. ALL RIGHT. SO
2 WITH THAT SAID, MR. INGHAM, DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU
3 WANTED TO SAY BEFORE I HAVE MS. SPEARS SPEAK TO THE COURT?

4 MR. INGHAM: YOUR HONOR, ALL I WAS GOING TO SAY IS
5 THAT MY CLIENT HAS INDICATED TO ME THAT SHE WANTS THE
6 HEARING TO BE OPEN.

7 THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

8 SO MS. SPEARS -- AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST
9 IN APPEARING AT THE COURT TODAY. AND I DO RECALL THE LAST
10 TIME THAT I HAD A CHANCE TO MEET YOU, SO I'M GLAD THAT
11 YOU'RE BACK HERE TODAY --

12 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: UH-HUH.

13 THE COURT: -- AS WELL. YOU WERE HERE, I BELIEVE IN
14 2019, I BELIEVE YOU WERE IN THE COURTROOM.

15 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: UH-HUH.

16 THE COURT: SO I'M HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU, MS. SPEARS.
17 SO YOU MAY FEEL FREE TO ADDRESS ME AT THIS POINT.

18 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: OKAY. WELL, UM, I JUST GOT A NEW
19 PHONE SO, UM, BEAR WITH ME. UM. OKAY. SO I HAVE THIS
20 WRITTEN. I HAVE A LOT TO SAY, SO BEAR WITH ME.
21 BASICALLY, A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE TWO YEARS AGO, THE
22 LAST TIME -- I WROTE ALL THIS DOWN -- THE LAST TIME I WAS
23 IN COURT. I WILL BE HONEST WITH YOU. I HAVEN'T BEEN BACK
24 TO COURT IN A LONG TIME BECAUSE I DON'T THINK I WAS HEARD
25 ON ANY LEVEL WHEN I CAME TO COURT THE LAST TIME. I
26 BROUGHT FOUR SHEETS OF PAPER IN MY HANDS AND WROTE IN
27 LENGTH WHAT I HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE LAST FOUR MONTHS
28 BEFORE I CAME THERE. THE PEOPLE WHO DID THAT TO ME SHOULD

1 NOT BE ABLE TO WALK AWAY SO EASILY. I'LL RECAP: I WAS ON
2 TOUR IN 2018 I WAS FORCED TO DO.

3 THE REPORTER: YOUR HONOR --

4 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: -- MY MANAGEMENT SAID IF I DON'T
5 DO THIS TOUR, I WILL HAVE TO --

6 THE COURT REPORTER: -- YOUR HONOR, COULD WE HAVE HER
7 SLOW DOWN.

8 THE COURT: MS. SPEARS. MS. SPEARS. I JUST -- I HATE
9 TO INTERRUPT YOU, BUT MY COURT REPORTER IS TAKING DOWN
10 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING --

11 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: OKAY.

12 THE COURT: -- AND SO YOU HAVE TO SPEAK A LITTLE MORE
13 SLOWLY SO SHE'S ABLE TO HEAR YOU --

14 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: OKAY.

15 THE COURT: -- AND THEN.

16 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: ABSOLUTELY. GREAT.

17 THE COURT: SURE.

18 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: OKAY.

19 THE COURT: NOT A PROBLEM.

20 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: THE PEOPLE WHO DID THIS TO ME
21 SHOULD NOT GET AWAY AND TO BE ABLE TO WALK AWAY SO EASILY.
22 TO RECAP: I WAS ON TOUR IN 2018. I WAS FORCED TO DO.

23 MY MANAGEMENT SAID IF I DON'T DO THIS TOUR, I
24 WILL HAVE TO FIND AN ATTORNEY, AND BY CONTRACT, MY OWN
25 MANAGEMENT COULD SUE ME IF I DIDN'T FOLLOW THROUGH WITH
26 THE TOUR. HE HANDED ME A SHEET OF PAPER AS I GOT OFF THE
27 STAGE IN VEGAS AND SAID I HAD TO SIGN IT. IT WAS VERY
28 THREATENING AND SCARY. AND WITH THE CONSERVATORSHIP, I

1 COULDN'T EVEN GET MY OWN ATTORNEY. SO OUT OF FEAR, I WENT
2 AHEAD AND I DID THE TOUR.

3 WHEN I CAME OFF THAT TOUR, A NEW SHOW IN LAS
4 VEGAS WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE. I STARTED REHEARSING
5 EARLY, BUT IT WAS HARD BECAUSE I'D BEEN DOING VEGAS FOR
6 FOUR YEARS, AND I NEEDED A BREAK IN BETWEEN. BUT, NO, I
7 WAS TOLD THIS IS THE TIMELINE AND THIS IS HOW IT'S GONNA
8 GO. I REHEARSED FOUR TO FOUR (SIC) DAYS A WEEK, HALF OF
9 THE TIME IN THE STUDIO AND HALF OF THE OTHER TIME IN A
10 WESTLAKE STUDIO. I WAS BASICALLY DIRECTING MOST OF THE
11 SHOW WITH MY WHEREABOUTS (SIC) WHERE I PREFER TO REHEARSE
12 AND ACTUALLY DID MOST OF THE CHOREOGRAPHY, MEANING I
13 TAUGHT MY DANCERS MY NEW CHOREOGRAPHY MYSELF. I TAKE
14 EVERYTHING I DO VERY SERIOUSLY. THERE ARE TONS OF VIDEOS
15 WITH ME AT THE REHEARSALS. I WASN'T GOOD; I WAS GREAT.

16 I LED A ROOM OF 16 NEW DANCERS IN REHEARSALS.
17 IT'S FUNNY TO HEAR MY MANAGERS' SIDE OF THE STORY. THEY
18 ALL SAID I WASN'T PARTICIPATING IN REHEARSALS, AND I NEVER
19 AGREED TO TAKE MY MEDICATION, WHICH MY MEDICATION IS ONLY
20 TAKEN IN THE MORNINGS, NEVER AT REHEARSAL. THEY DON'T
21 EVEN SEE ME, SO WHY ARE THEY EVEN CLAIMING THAT? WHEN I
22 SAID NO TO ONE DANCE MOVE INTO REHEARSALS, UM, IT WAS AS
23 IF I PLANTED A HUGE BOMB, UM, SOMEWHERE, AND I SAID, "NO.
24 I DON'T WANT TO DO IT THIS WAY."

25 AFTER THAT, MY MANAGEMENT, AND MY DANCERS, AND MY
26 ASSISTANT OF THE NEW PEOPLE THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO DO THE
27 NEW SHOW ALL WENT INTO A ROOM, SHUT THE DOOR, AND DIDN'T
28 COME OUT FOR AT LEAST 45 MINUTES.

1 MA'AM, I'M NOT HERE TO BE ANYONE'S SLAVE. I CAN
2 SAY NO TO A DANCE MOVE. I WAS TOLD BY MY, AT THE TIME
3 THERAPIST, DR. BENSON, WHO DIED, THAT MY MANAGER CALLED AT
4 THAT MOMENT AND TOLD HIM I WASN'T COOPERATING OR FOLLOWING
5 THE GUIDELINES IN REHEARSALS, AND HE ALSO SAID I WASN'T
6 TAKING MY MEDICATION, WHICH IS SO DUMB BECAUSE I'VE HAD
7 THE SAME LADY EVERY MORNING FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS
8 GIVING ME MY SAME MEDICATION, AND I'M NOWHERE NEAR THESE
9 STUPID PEOPLE. IT MADE NO SENSE AT ALL.

10 THERE WAS A WEEK PERIOD WHERE THEY WERE NICE TO
11 ME, AND I SAID, "I DON'T WANNA DO" -- AND I TOLD THEM, "I
12 DON'T WANNA DO THE," UM -- THEY -- WAIT. NO. THEY WERE
13 NICE TO ME. THEY SAID IF I DON'T WANNA DO THE NEW VEGAS
14 SHOW, I DON'T HAVE TO, BECAUSE I WAS GETTING REALLY
15 NERVOUS. I SAID, "I CAN WAIT." IT WAS LIKE -- THEY TOLD
16 ME I COULD WAIT. IT WAS LIKE LIFTING LITERALLY 200 POUNDS
17 OFF OF ME WHEN SHE SAID I DON'T HAVE TO DO THE SHOW
18 ANYMORE BECAUSE IT WAS REALLY, REALLY HARD ON MYSELF AND
19 IT WAS TOO MUCH. I COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.

20 SO I REMEMBER TELLING MY ASSISTANT THAT, BUT YOU
21 KNOW WHAT? I FEEL WEIRD IF I SAY "NO." I FEEL LIKE
22 THEY'RE GONNA COME BACK AND BE MEAN TO ME OR PUNISH ME OR
23 SOMETHING.

24 THREE DAYS LATER AFTER I SAID NO TO VEGAS, MY
25 THERAPIST SAT ME DOWN IN A ROOM AND SAID HE HAD A MILLION
26 PHONE CALLS ABOUT HOW I WAS NOT COOPERATING IN REHEARSALS,
27 AND I HAVEN'T BEEN TAKING MY MEDICATION. ALL OF THIS WAS
28 FALSE.

1 HE IMMEDIATELY, THE NEXT DAY, PUT ME ON LITHIUM
2 OUT OF NOWHERE. HE TOOK ME OFF MY NORMAL MEDS I'VE BEEN
3 ON FIVE YEARS. AND LITHIUM IS A VERY, VERY STRONG AND
4 COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MEDICATION COMPARED TO WHAT I WAS
5 USED TO. YOU CAN GO MENTALLY IMPAIRED IF YOU TAKE TOO
6 MUCH, IF YOU STAY ON IT LONGER THAN FIVE MONTHS, BUT HE
7 PUT ME ON THAT AND I FELT DRUNK. I REALLY COULDN'T EVEN
8 TAKE UP FOR MYSELF. I COULDN'T EVEN HAVE A CONVERSATION
9 WITH MY MOM OR DAD, REALLY, ABOUT ANYTHING. I TOLD HIM I
10 WAS SCARED AND MY DOCTOR HAD ME ON -- SIX DIFFERENT NURSES
11 WITH THIS NEW MEDICATION, COME TO MY HOME, STAY WITH ME TO
12 MONITOR ME ON THIS NEW MEDICATION WHICH I NEVER WANTED TO
13 BE ON TO BEGIN WITH. THERE WERE SIX DIFFERENT NURSES IN
14 MY HOME AND THEY WOULDN'T LET ME GET IN MY CAR TO GO
15 ANYWHERE FOR A MONTH.

16 NOT ONLY DID MY FAMILY NOT DO A GODDAMN THING, MY
17 DAD WAS ALL FOR IT. ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED TO ME HAD TO
18 BE APPROVED BY MY DAD, AND MY DAD ONLY -- HE ACTED LIKE HE
19 DIDN'T KNOW THAT I WAS TOLD I HAD TO BE TESTED OVER THE
20 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, BEFORE THEY SENT ME AWAY, WHEN MY KIDS
21 WENT HOME TO LOUISIANA. HE WAS THE ONE WHO APPROVED ALL
22 OF IT. MY WHOLE FAMILY DID NOTHING.

23 OVER THE TWO-WEEK HOLIDAY, A LADY CAME INTO MY
24 HOME FOR FOUR HOURS A DAY, SAT ME DOWN, AND DID A PSYCH
25 TEST ON ME. IT TOOK FOREVER. BUT I WAS -- I WAS TOLD I
26 HAD TO. THEN AFTER THAT, I GOT OFF OF -- OH, UM, WAIT. I
27 WAS TOLD I HAD TO. THEN AFTER, I GOT A PHONE CALL FROM MY
28 DAD SAYING, AFTER I DID THIS PSYCH TEST WITH THIS LADY,

1 BASICALLY SAYING I HAD FAILED THE TEST OR WHATEVER -- OR
2 WHATEVER. "I'M SORRY, BRITNEY. YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO
3 YOUR DOCTORS. THEY ARE PLANNING TO SEND YOU TO A SMALL
4 HOME IN BEVERLY HILLS TO DO A SMALL REHAB PROGRAM THAT
5 WE'RE GOING TO MAKE UP FOR YOU. YOU'RE GOING TO PAY
6 \$60,000.00 A MONTH FOR THIS."

7 I CRIED ON THE PHONE FOR AN HOUR, AND HE LOVED
8 EVERY MINUTE OF IT. THE CONTROL HE HAD OVER SOMEONE AS
9 POWERFUL AS ME. AS HE LOVED THE CONTROL TO HURT HIS OWN
10 DAUGHTER 100,000 PERCENT. HE LOVED IT.

11 I PACKED MY BAGS AND WENT TO THAT PLACE. I
12 WORKED SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, NO DAYS OFF, WHICH IN CALIFORNIA
13 THE ONLY SIMILAR THING TO THIS IS CALLED SEX TRAFFICKING,
14 MAKING ANYONE WORK, WORK AGAINST THEIR WILL, TAKING ALL
15 THEIR POSSESSIONS AWAY; CREDIT CARDS, CASH, PHONE,
16 PASSPORT, CAR, AND PLACING THEM IN THE HOME WHERE THEY
17 WORK WITH THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH THEM. THEY OFFERED --
18 THEY ALL LIVED IN THE HOUSE WITH ME, THE NURSES, THE 24/7
19 SECURITY. SOME DAYS THERE WAS ONE CHEF THAT CAME IN THERE
20 AND COOKED FOR ME, UM, DAILY ONLY DURING THE WEEKDAYS.
21 THEY WATCHED ME CHANGE EVERY DAY, NAKED, MORNING, NOON,
22 AND NIGHT.

23 MY BODY -- I HAD NO PRIVACY DOOR FOR MY ROOM. I
24 GAVE EIGHT GALLONS OF BLOOD A WEEK. I DIDN'T DO ANY OF MY
25 MEETINGS AND WORKED FROM 8:00 TO 6:00 AT NIGHT, WHICH IS
26 10 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, NO DAYS OFF. I WOULDN'T BE
27 ABLE TO SEE MY KIDS OR MY BOYFRIEND. I NEVER HAD A SAY IN
28 MY SCHEDULE. THEY ALWAYS TOLD ME I HAD TO DO THIS. AND,

1 MA'AM, I WILL TELL YOU, SITTING IN A CHAIR 10 HOURS A DAY,
2 7 DAYS A WEEK, IT AIN'T FUN. AND ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU
3 CAN'T WALK OUT THE FRONT DOOR.

4 AND THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING YOU THIS AGAIN
5 TWO YEARS LATER, AFTER I'VE LIED AND TOLD THE WHOLE WORLD
6 I'M OKAY AND I'M HAPPY. IT'S A LIE. I THOUGHT I -- JUST
7 MAYBE IF I SAID THAT ENOUGH MAYBE I MIGHT BECOME HAPPY,
8 BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN DENIAL. I'VE BEEN IN SHOCK. I AM
9 TRAUMATIZED. YOU KNOW, FAKE IT TILL YOU MAKE IT. BUT NOW
10 I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH, OKAY? I'M NOT HAPPY. I CAN'T
11 SLEEP. I'M SO ANGRY IT'S INSANE. AND I'M DEPRESSED. I
12 CRY EVERY DAY. AND THE REASON I'M TELLING YOU THIS IS
13 BECAUSE I DON'T THINK HOW THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CAN HAVE
14 ALL THIS WRITTEN IN THE COURT DOCUMENTS FROM THE TIME I
15 SHOWED UP, AND DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. JUST HIRE, WITH MY
16 MONEY, ANOTHER PERSON TO KEEP MY DAD ON-BOARD.

17 MA'AM, MY DAD AND ANYONE INVOLVED IN THIS
18 CONSERVATORSHIP, AND MY MANAGEMENT WHO PLAYED A HUGE ROLE
19 IN PUNISHING ME WHEN I SAID NO, MA'AM, THEY SHOULD BE IN
20 JAIL. THEIR CRUEL TACTICS WORKING FOR MILEY CYRUS AS SHE
21 SMOKES ON JOINTS ONSTAGE AT THE VMAS, NOTHING IS EVER DONE
22 TO THIS GENERATION FOR DOING WRONG THINGS. BUT MY
23 PRECIOUS BODY, WHO HAS WORKED FOR MY DAD FOR THE PAST
24 FUCKING 13 YEARS, TRYING TO BE SO GOOD AND PRETTY, SO
25 PERFECT WHEN HE WORKS ME SO HARD. WHEN I'D DO EVERYTHING
26 I'M TOLD, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ALLOWED MY FATHER --
27 IGNORANT FATHER TO TAKE HIS OWN DAUGHTER, WHO ONLY HAS A
28 ROLE WITH ME IF I WORK WITH HIM, THEY SET BACK THE WHOLE

1 COURSE AND ALLOWED HIM TO DO THAT TO ME? THAT'S GIVEN
2 THESE PEOPLE I WORKED FOR WAY TOO MUCH CONTROL.

3 THEY ALSO THREATENED ME AND SAID IF I DON'T GO,
4 THEN I HAVE TO GO TO COURT. AND IT WILL BE MORE
5 EMBARRASSING ME IF THE JUDGE PUBLICLY MAKES JOKES OF ALL
6 THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE. YOU HAVE TO GO. I WAS ADVISED FOR
7 MY IMAGE I NEED TO GO AHEAD AND JUST GO AND GET IT OVER
8 WITH. THEY SAID THAT TO ME. I DON'T EVEN DRINK ALCOHOL.
9 I -- I SHOULD DRINK ALCOHOL CONSIDERING WHAT THEY PUT MY
10 HEART THROUGH.

11 ALSO, THE BRIDGES FACILITY THEY SENT ME TO, NONE
12 OF THE KIDS -- I WAS DOING THIS PROGRAM FOR FOUR MONTHS --
13 SO THE LAST TWO MONTHS I WENT TO A BRIDGES FACILITY. NONE
14 OF THE KIDS THERE DID THE PROGRAM. THEY NEVER SHOWED UP
15 FOR ANY OF THEM. YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING IF YOU
16 DIDN'T WANT TO. HOW COME THEY ALWAYS MADE ME GO? HOW
17 COME I WAS ALWAYS THREATENED BY MY DAD AND ANYBODY THAT
18 PARTICIPATED IN THIS CONSERVATORSHIP, IF I DON'T DO THIS,
19 WHAT THEY TELL ME AND ENSLAVE ME TO DO, THEY'RE GOING TO
20 PUNISH ME?

21 THE LAST TIME I SPOKE TO YOU BY JUST KEEPING THE
22 CONSERVATORSHIP GOING AND ALSO KEEPING MY DAD IN THE LOOP
23 MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS DEAD, LIKE I DIDN'T MATTER, LIKE
24 NOTHING HAD BEEN DONE TO ME, LIKE YOU THOUGHT I WAS LYING
25 OR SOMETHING. I'M TELLING YOU AGAIN, I'M NOT LYING. I
26 WANT TO FEEL HEARD. AND I'M TELLING YOU THIS AGAIN SO
27 MAYBE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE DEPTH AND THE DEGREE AND THE
28 DAMAGE THAT THEY DID TO ME BACK THEN.

1 I WANT CHANGES, AND I WANT CHANGES GOING FORWARD.
2 I DESERVE CHANGES. I WAS TOLD I'D HAVE TO SIT DOWN AND BE
3 EVALUATED AGAIN IF I WANT TO END CONSERVATORSHIP. MA'AM,
4 I DIDN'T KNOW THAT I COULD PETITION THE CONSERVATORSHIP TO
5 END IT. I'M SORRY FOR MY IGNORANCE, BUT I HONESTLY DIDN'T
6 KNOW THAT. BUT HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK I OWE ANYONE TO BE
7 EVALUATED. I'VE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH. I DON'T FEEL LIKE
8 I SHOULD EVEN BE IN A ROOM WITH ANYONE TO OFFEND ME BY
9 TRYING TO QUESTION MY CAPACITY OF INTELLIGENCE WHETHER I
10 NEED TO BE IN THIS STUPID CONSERVATORSHIP OR NOT.

11 I'VE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH. I DON'T OWE THESE
12 PEOPLE ANYTHING, ESPECIALLY ME, THE ONE THAT HAS ROOFED
13 AND FED TONS OF PEOPLE ON THE TOUR ON THE ROAD. IT'S
14 EMBARRASSING AND DEMORALIZING WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH. AND
15 THAT'S THE MAIN REASON I'VE NEVER SAID IT OPENLY. AND
16 MAINLY, I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY IT OPENLY BECAUSE I HONESTLY
17 DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD BELIEVE ME.

18 TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, THE PARIS HILTON STORY ON
19 WHAT THEY DID TO HER AT THAT -- THAT SCHOOL, I DIDN'T
20 BELIEVE ANY OF IT -- OF IT. I'M SORRY. AND I'M AN
21 OUTSIDER AND I'LL JUST BE HONEST. I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT.
22 AND MAYBE I'M WRONG, AND THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY
23 ANY OF THIS TO ANYBODY, TO THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE PEOPLE
24 WOULD MAKE FUN OF ME OR LAUGH AT ME AND SAY, "SHE'S LYING.
25 SHE'S GOT EVERYTHING. SHE'S BRITNEY SPEARS."

26 I'M NOT LYING. I JUST WANT MY LIFE BACK. AND
27 IT'S BEEN 13 YEARS AND IT'S ENOUGH. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME
28 SINCE I'VE OWNED MY MONEY. AND IT'S MY WISH AND MY DREAM

1 FOR ALL OF THIS TO END WITHOUT BEING TESTED. AGAIN, IT
2 MAKES NO SENSE WHATSOEVER FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO
3 SIT BACK AND LITERALLY WATCH ME WITH THEIR OWN TWO EYES,
4 MAKE A LIVING FOR SO MANY PEOPLE AND PAY SO MANY PEOPLE
5 TRUCKS AND BUSES ON TOUR, ON THE ROAD WITH ME, AND BE TOLD
6 I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH. BUT I'M GREAT AT WHAT I DO. AND I
7 ALLOW THESE PEOPLE TO CONTROL WHAT I DO, MA'AM, AND IT'S
8 ENOUGH. IT MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL.

9 NOW, GOING FORWARD, I'M NOT WILLING TO MEET OR
10 SEE ANYONE. I'VE MET WITH ENOUGH PEOPLE AGAINST MY WILL.
11 I'M DONE. ALL I WANT IS TO OWN MY MONEY, FOR THIS TO END,
12 AND MY BOYFRIEND, UM, TO DRIVE ME IN HIS FUCKING CAR. AND
13 I WOULD HONESTLY LIKE TO SUE MY FAMILY, TO BE TOTALLY
14 HONEST WITH YOU.

15 I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SHARE MY STORY
16 WITH THE WORLD AND, UM, WHAT THEY DID TO ME INSTEAD OF IT
17 BEING A HUSH-HUSH SECRET TO BENEFIT ALL OF THEM. I WANT
18 TO BE ABLE TO BE HEARD ON WHAT THEY DID TO ME BY MAKING ME
19 KEEP THIS IN FOR SO LONG. IT'S NOT GOOD FOR MY HEART.
20 I'VE BEEN SO ANGRY, AND I CRY EVERY DAY. IT CONCERNS ME
21 I'M TOLD I'M NOT ALLOWED TO EXPOSE THE PEOPLE WHO DID THIS
22 TO ME. FOR MY SANITY, I NEED YOU TO -- THE JUDGE, TO
23 APPROVE ME TO DO AN INTERVIEW WHERE I CAN BE HEARD ON WHAT
24 THEY DID TO ME. AND ACTUALLY, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE MY
25 VOICE AND TAKE UP FOR MYSELF. MY ATTORNEY SAYS I CAN'T,
26 IT'S NOT GOOD. I CAN'T LET THE PUBLIC KNOW ANYTHING THEY
27 DID TO ME. AND BY NOT SAYING ANYTHING IS SAYING IT'S
28 OKAY.

1 I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SAID HERE. IT'S NOT OKAY. I
2 WOULD MUCH -- ACTUALLY, I DON'T WANT AN INTERVIEW, I'D
3 MUCH RATHER JUST HAVE AN OPEN CALL TO YOU FOR THE PRESS TO
4 HEAR, WHICH I DIDN'T KNOW TODAY WE'RE DOING, SO THANK YOU.

5 INSTEAD OF HAVING AN INTERVIEW, HONESTLY, I NEED
6 THAT TO GET IT OFF MY HEART, THE ANGER AND ALL OF IT, THAT
7 -- THAT -- IT'S NOT FAIR THEY'RE TELLING ME LIES ABOUT ME
8 OPENLY. EVEN MY FAMILY. THEY DO INTERVIEWS TO ANYONE
9 THEY WANT ON NEWS STATIONS. MY OWN FAMILY DOING
10 INTERVIEWS AND TALKING ABOUT THE SITUATION AND MAKING ME
11 FEEL SO STUPID, AND I CAN'T SAY ONE THING. AND MY OWN
12 PEOPLE SAY I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING.

13 IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS. I WANT A RECORDED CALL TO
14 YOU -- ACTUALLY WE'RE DOING THIS NOW WHICH I DIDN'T KNOW
15 THAT WE WERE DOING THIS -- AND TO THE PUBLIC TO SAY --
16 KNOW WHAT THEY DID TO ME. I KNOW MY -- I KNOW MY LAWYER,
17 SAM, HAS BEEN VERY SCARED FOR ME TO GO FORWARD BECAUSE
18 HE'S SAYING IF I SPEAK UP I'M BEING OVERWORKED IN THAT
19 FACILITY, THAT REHAB PLACE, THE REHAB PLACE WILL SUE ME.
20 HE TOLD ME I SHOULD KEEP IT TO MYSELF, REALLY. I WOULD
21 PERSONALLY LIKE TO -- ACTUALLY, I KNOW -- I HAVE GROWN
22 WITH A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SAM, MY LAWYER. I'VE
23 BEEN TALKING TO HIM, LIKE, THREE TIMES A WEEK NOW. WE'VE
24 KIND OF BUILT A RELATIONSHIP, BUT I HAVEN'T REALLY HAD THE
25 OPPORTUNITY BY MY OWN SELF TO ACTUALLY HANDPICK MY OWN
26 LAWYER BY MYSELF, AND I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

27 I WOULD LIKE TO, UM, ALSO -- UM -- THE MAIN
28 REASON WHY I'M HERE IS BECAUSE I WANT TO END THE

1 CONSERVATORSHIP WITHOUT HAVING TO BE EVALUATED. I'VE DONE
2 A LOT OF RESEARCH, MA'AM, AND THERE'S A LOT OF JUDGES WHO
3 DO END CONSERVATORSHIPS FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT THEM HAVING TO
4 BE EVALUATED ALL THE TIME. THE ONLY TIMES THEY DON'T IS
5 IF A CONCERNED FAMILY MEMBER SAYS SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH
6 THIS PERSON, AND CONSIDER IT OTHER -- OTHERWISE AND
7 CONSIDERING MY FAMILY HAS LIVED OFF MY CONSERVATORSHIP FOR
8 13 YEARS, I WON'T BE SURPRISED IF ONE OF THEM HAS
9 SOMETHING TO SAY AND GO FORWARD AND SAY, "WE DON'T THINK
10 THIS SHOULD END. WE HAVE TO HELP HER." ESPECIALLY IF I
11 GET MY FAIR TURN IN EXPOSING WHAT THEY DID TO ME.

12 I ALSO WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT, AT THE MOMENT,
13 MY OBLIGATIONS WHICH I PERSONALLY DON'T THINK AT THE VERY
14 MOMENT I OWE ANYBODY ANYTHING. I HAVE THREE MEETINGS A
15 WEEK I HAVE TO ATTEND NO MATTER WHAT. I JUST DON'T LIKE
16 FEELING LIKE I WORK FOR THE PEOPLE WHOM I PAY. I DON'T
17 LIKE BEING TOLD I HAVE TO, NO MATTER WHAT, EVEN IF I'M
18 SICK. JODI, THE CONSERVATOR, SAYS I HAVE TO SEE MY COACH,
19 KEN, EVEN WHEN I'M SICK. I WOULD LIKE TO DO ONE MEETING A
20 WEEK WITH A THERAPIST. I'VE NEVER BEFORE -- EVEN BEFORE
21 THAT PLACE, HAD TWO THERAPY SESSIONS. A THERAPY ONCE -- A
22 THERAPY SESSION -- ONE THERAPY SESSION WITH, UM, MY -- I
23 HAVE A DOCTOR AND THEN A THERAPY PERSON. WHAT I'VE BEEN
24 FORCED TO DO IS ILLEGAL IN MY LIFE. I SHOULDN'T BE TOLD I
25 HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE THREE TIMES A WEEK TO THESE PEOPLE I
26 DON'T KNOW.

27 I'M TALKING TO YOU TODAY BECAUSE I FEEL AGAIN,
28 YES, EVEN JODI IS STARTING TO KINDA TAKE IT TOO FAR WITH

1 ME. THEY HAVE ME GOING TO THERAPY TWICE A WEEK AND A
2 PSYCHIATRIST. I'VE NEVER, IN THE PAST, HAD -- WAIT. THEY
3 HAD ME GOING -- YEAH, TWICE A WEEK AND DR. GOLD, SO THAT'S
4 THREE TIMES A WEEK. I'VE NEVER IN THE PAST HAD TO SEE A
5 THERAPIST MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK. IT TAKES TOO MUCH OUT OF
6 ME GOING TO THIS MAN I DON'T KNOW. NUMBER ONE, I'M SCARED
7 OF PEOPLE. I DON'T TRUST PEOPLE WITH WHAT I'VE BEEN
8 THROUGH.

9 AND THE CLEVER SETUP OF BEING IN WESTLAKE, ONE OF
10 THE MOST EXPOSED PLACES IN WESTLAKE WHICH TODAY --
11 YESTERDAY PAPARAZZI SHOWED ME COMING OUT OF THE PLACE
12 LITERALLY CRYING, IN THERAPY. IT'S EMBARRASSING AND IT'S
13 DEMORALIZING. I DESERVE PRIVACY WHEN I GO. I DESERVE
14 PRIVACY WHEN I GO AND HAVE THERAPY EITHER AT MY HOME, LIKE
15 I'VE DONE FOR EIGHT YEARS, THEY'VE ALWAYS COME TO MY HOME
16 OR THE -- DR. BENSON, THAT'S THE MAN THAT DIED, I WENT TO
17 A PLACE SIMILAR TO WHAT I WENT TO IN WESTLAKE, WHICH WAS
18 VERY EXPOSED AND REALLY BAD.

19 OKAY. SO WHERE WAS I? IN WESTLAKE. IT'S -- IT
20 WAS IDENTICAL TO DR. BENSON WHO DIED, THE ONE WHO
21 ILLEGALLY, YES 100 --

22 THE COURT REPORTER: YOUR HONOR, CAN WE HAVE HER SLOW
23 DOWN.

24 THE COURT: MS. SPEARS. MS. SPEARS. EXCUSE ME FOR
25 INTERRUPTING YOU, BUT MY REPORTER SAYS IF YOU COULD JUST
26 SLOW DOWN A LITTLE BIT, BECAUSE SHE'S TRYING TO MAKE SURE
27 SHE GETS EVERYTHING THAT YOU'RE SAYING. AND SO --

28 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: OKAY, COOL.

1 THE COURT: -- SO THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

2 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: OKAY. IT WAS IDENTICAL TO
3 DR. BENSON, WHO DIED, THE ONE WHO ILLEGALLY, YES
4 100 PERCENT ABUSED ME BY THE TREATMENT HE GAVE ME. AND TO
5 BE TOTALLY HONEST WITH YOU, WHEN HE PASSED AWAY, I GOT ON
6 MY KNEES AND THANKED GOD. IN OTHER WORDS, MY TEAM IS
7 PUSHING IT -- PUSHING IT WITH ME AGAIN. I HAVE TRAPPED
8 PHOBIAS BEING IN SMALL ROOMS BECAUSE THE TRAMA LOCKING ME
9 UP FOR FOUR MONTHS IN THAT PLACE. IT'S NOT OKAY FOR THEM
10 TO SEND ME -- SORRY, I'M GOING FAST -- TO THAT SMALL ROOM
11 LIKE THAT TWICE A WEEK WITH ANOTHER NEW THERAPIST I PAID
12 THAT I NEVER EVEN APPROVED. I DON'T LIKE IT. I DON'T
13 WANT TO DO THAT. AND I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG TO
14 DESERVE THIS TREATMENT. IT'S NOT OKAY TO FORCE ME TO DO
15 ANYTHING I DON'T WANNA DO.

16 BY LAW -- BY LAW, JODI AND THIS SO-CALLED TEAM
17 SHOULD HONESTLY -- I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUE THEM FOR
18 THREATENING ME AND SAYING, "IF I DON'T GO AND DO THESE
19 MEETINGS TWICE A WEEK, WE CAN'T LET YOU HAVE YOUR MONEY
20 AND GO TO MAUI ON YOUR VACATIONS. YOU HAVE TO DO WHAT
21 YOU'RE TOLD THROUGH THIS PROGRAM AND THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE
22 TO GO." BUT IT WAS A VERY CLEVER THING; ONE OF THE MOST
23 EXPOSED PLACES IN WESTLAKE, KNOWING I HAVE THE HOT TOPIC
24 OF THE CONSERVATORSHIP, THAT OVER FIVE PAPARAZZI ARE GOING
25 TO SHOW UP AND GET ME CRYING, COMING OUT OF THAT PLACE. I
26 BEGGED THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DID THIS AT MY HOME SO
27 I WOULD HAVE PRIVACY. I DESERVE PRIVACY.

28 THE WHOLE CONSERVATORSHIP FROM THE BEGINNING ONCE

1 -- THE CONSERVATORSHIP -- OH -- THE CONSERVATORSHIP FROM
2 THE BEGINNING, ONCE YOU SEE SOMEONE, WHOEVER IT IS IN THE
3 CONSERVATORSHIP MAKING MONEY, MAKING THEIR MONEY AND
4 MYSELF MONEY AND WORKING, THAT WHOLE -- THAT WHOLE
5 STATEMENT RIGHT THERE, THE CONSERVATORSHIP SHOULD END.
6 THERE SHOULD BE NO -- I SHOULDN'T BE IN A CONSERVATORSHIP
7 IF I CAN WORK AND PROVIDE MONEY AND WORK FOR MYSELF AND
8 PAY OTHER PEOPLE. IT MAKES NO SENSE. THE LAWS NEED TO
9 CHANGE. WHAT STATE ALLOWS PEOPLE TO OWN ANOTHER PERSON'S
10 MONEY AND ACCOUNT AND THREATEN THEM IN SAYING, "YOU CAN'T
11 SPEND YOUR MONEY UNLESS YOU DO WHAT WE WANT YOU TO DO,"
12 AND I'M PAYING THEM.

13 MA'AM, I'VE WORKED SINCE I WAS 17 YEARS OLD. YOU
14 HAVE TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIN THAT IS FOR ME EVERY MORNING
15 I GET UP TO KNOW I CAN'T GO SOMEWHERE UNLESS I MEET PEOPLE
16 I DON'T KNOW EVERY WEEK IN AN OFFICE IDENTICAL TO THE ONE
17 WHERE THE THERAPIST WAS VERY ABUSIVE TO ME. I TRULY
18 BELIEVE THIS CONSERVATORSHIP IS ABUSIVE, AND THAT WE CAN
19 SIT HERE ALL DAY AND SAY, "OH, CONSERVATORSHIPS ARE HERE
20 TO HELP PEOPLE." BUT, MA'AM, THERE'S A THOUSAND
21 CONSERVATORSHIPS THAT ARE ABUSIVE AS WELL.

22 I DON'T FEEL LIKE I CAN LIVE A FULL LIFE. I
23 DON'T OWE -- I DON'T OWE THEM TO GO SEE A MAN I DON'T KNOW
24 AND SHARING MY PROBLEMS. I DON'T EVEN BELIEVE IN THERAPY.
25 I ALWAYS THINK YOU TAKE IT TO GOD. I WANT TO END THE
26 CONSERVATORSHIP WITHOUT BEING EVALUATED. IN THE MEANTIME,
27 I WANT THIS THERAPIST ONCE A WEEK. HE CAN EITHER COME TO
28 MY HOME -- UM, NO, I JUST WANT HIM TO COME TO MY HOME.

1 I'M NOT WILLING TO GO TO WESTLAKE AND BE EMBARRASSED BY
2 ALL THESE PAPARAZZI, THESE SCUMMY PAPARAZZI LAUGHING AT MY
3 FACES WHILE I'M CRYING, COMING OUT, AND TAKING MY
4 PICTURES. AS ALL OF THESE, UM, WHITE, NICE DINNERS, WHERE
5 PEOPLE, DRINKING WINE AT RESTAURANTS, WATCHING THESE
6 PLACES. THEY SET ME UP BY SENDING ME TO THE MOST EXPOSED
7 PLACES -- PLACES. AND I TOLD THEM I DIDN'T WANT TO GO
8 THERE BECAUSE I KNEW PAPARAZZI WOULD SHOW UP THERE.

9 THEY ONLY GAVE ME TWO OPTIONS FOR THERAPISTS, AND
10 I'M NOT SURE HOW YOU MAKE YOUR DECISIONS, MA'AM, BUT THIS
11 IS THE ONLY CHANCE FOR ME TO TALK TO YOU FOR A WHILE. I
12 NEED YOUR -- YOUR HELP. SO IF YOU CAN JUST KINDA LET ME
13 KNOW WHERE YOUR HEAD IS. I DON'T REALLY HONESTLY KNOW
14 WHAT TO SAY, BUT MY REQUESTS ARE JUST TO END THE
15 CONSERVATORSHIP WITHOUT BEING EVALUATED. I WANT TO
16 PETITION BASICALLY TO END THE CONSERVATORSHIP, BUT I WANNA
17 -- I WANT IT TO BE -- PETITION TO END IT, BUT I DON'T WANT
18 TO BE EVALUATED, TO BE SAT DOWN IN A ROOM WITH PEOPLE
19 FOUR HOURS A DAY LIKE THEY DID ME BEFORE, AND THEY MADE IT
20 EVEN WORSE FOR ME AFTER THAT HAPPENED.

21 SO I JUST -- I'M HONESTLY NEW WITH THIS, AND I'M
22 DOING RESEARCH ON ALL OF THESE THINGS. I DO KNOW COMMON
23 SENSE AND THE METHOD THAT THINGS CAN END. FOR PEOPLE IT
24 HAS ENDED WITHOUT THEM BEING EVALUATED. SO I JUST WANT
25 YOU TO TAKE THAT IN CONSIDER -- CONSIDERATION.

26 I'VE ALSO DONE RESEARCH, AND -- WAIT -- ALSO, IT
27 TOOK A YEAR DURING COVID TO GET ME ANY SELF-CARE METHODS,
28 YEAR IN COVID. SHE SAID THERE WERE NO SERVICES AVAILABLE.

1 SHE'S LYING, MA'AM. MY MOM WENT TO THE SPA TWICE IN
2 LOUISIANA DURING COVID. FOR A YEAR, I DIDN'T HAVE MY
3 NAILS DONE, NO HAIRSTYLING, AND NO MASSAGES, NO
4 ACUPUNCTURE, NOTHING FOR A YEAR. I SAW THE MAIDS IN MY
5 HOME EACH WEEK WITH THEIR NAILS DONE DIFFERENT EACH TIME.
6 SHE MADE ME FEEL LIKE MY DAD DOES, VERY SIMILAR, HER
7 BEHAVIOR, AND MY DAD, BUT JUST A DIFFERENT DYNAMIC.

8 TEAM WANTS ME TO WORK AND STAY HOME INSTEAD OF
9 HAVING LONGER VACATIONS. THEY'RE -- THEY ARE USED TO ME
10 SORT OF DOING A WEEKLY ROUTINE FOR THEM, AND I'M OVER IT.
11 I DON'T FEEL LIKE I OWE THEM ANYTHING AT THIS POINT. THEY
12 NEED TO BE REMINDED THEY ACTUALLY WORK FOR ME. THEY
13 TRICKED ME BY SENDING ME TO THE -- OKAY. I REPEATED
14 MYSELF THERE.

15 OKAY. UM, ALSO, I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO --
16 I HAVE A FRIEND THAT I USED TO DO AA MEETINGS WITH. I DID
17 AA FOR TWO YEARS. I DID LIKE -- I HAD THREE MEETINGS A
18 WEEK, YOU KNOW, I'VE MET A BUNCH OF WOMEN THERE, AND I'M
19 NOT ABLE TO SEE MY FRIENDS THAT LIVE EIGHT MINUTES AWAY
20 FROM ME WHICH I FIND EXTREMELY STRANGE. I FEEL LIKE
21 THEY'RE MAKING ME FEEL LIKE I LIVE IN A REHAB PROGRAM.
22 THIS IS MY HOME.

23 I'D LIKE FOR MY BOYFRIEND TO BE ABLE TO DRIVE ME
24 IN HIS CAR. AND I WANT TO MEET WITH THE THERAPIST ONCE A
25 WEEK, NOT TWICE A WEEK. AND I WANT HIM TO COME TO MY HOME
26 BECAUSE I ACTUALLY KNOW I DO NEED A LITTLE THERAPY.

27 UM, I WAS TOLD, UM -- HOLD ON. I THINK THAT --
28 OH, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PROGRESSIVELY MOVE FORWARD, AND I

1 WANT TO HAVE THE REAL DEAL. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO GET
2 MARRIED AND HAVE A BABY. I WAS TOLD RIGHT NOW IN THE
3 CONSERVATORSHIP I'M NOT ABLE TO GET MARRIED OR HAVE A
4 BABY. I HAVE AN ID(SIC) INSIDE OF MYSELF RIGHT NOW SO I
5 DON'T GET PREGNANT. I WANTED TO TAKE THE ID(SIC) OUT SO I
6 COULD START TRYING TO HAVE ANOTHER BABY, BUT THIS
7 SO-CALLED TEAM WON'T LET ME GO TO THE DOCTOR TO TAKE IT
8 OUT BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT ME TO HAVE CHILDREN, ANY MORE
9 CHILDREN. SO BASICALLY THIS CONSERVATORSHIP IS DOING ME
10 WAY MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

11 I DESERVE TO HAVE A LIFE. I'VE WORKED MY WHOLE
12 LIFE. I DESERVE TO HAVE A TWO- TO THREE-YEAR BREAK AND
13 JUST, YOU KNOW, DO WHAT I WANT TO DO. BUT I DO FEEL LIKE
14 THERE IS A CRUTCH HERE, AND I FEEL LIKE -- I FEEL OPEN AND
15 I'M OKAY TO TALK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT IT, BUT I WISH I COULD
16 STAY WITH YOU ON THE PHONE FOREVER BECAUSE WHEN I GET OFF
17 THE PHONE WITH YOU, ALL OF A SUDDEN, ALL OF I HEAR -- ALL
18 OF THESE NO'S. NO. NO. NO. AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, I
19 GET -- I FEEL GANGED UP ON, AND I FEEL BULLIED, AND I FEEL
20 LEFT OUT AND ALONE. AND I'M TIRED OF FEELING ALONE. I
21 DESERVE TO HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AS ANYBODY DOES BY HAVING
22 A CHILD, A FAMILY, ANY OF THOSE THINGS, AND MORE SO. AND
23 THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY TO YOU, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH
24 FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TO YOU TODAY.

25 THE COURT: OH, MS. SPEARS, YOU'RE QUITE WELCOME. AND
26 ALSO, I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I CERTAINLY AM
27 SENSITIVE TO EVERYTHING THAT YOU SAID AND HOW YOU'RE
28 FEELING. AND I KNOW THAT IT TOOK A LOT OF COURAGE FOR YOU

1 TO SAY EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAD TO SAY TODAY, AND I WANT TO
2 LET YOU TO KNOW THAT THE COURT DOES APPRECIATE YOUR COMING
3 ON THE LINE AND SHARING HOW YOU'RE FEELING.

4 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR, YOU KNOW,
5 GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU.

6 THE COURT: YOU'RE CERTAINLY WELCOME.

7 SO, YOU KNOW, MR. INGHAM, YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE
8 METHODS TO GET CONSERVATORSHIPS TERMINATED, AND IF THAT'S
9 SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT DOING, YOU KNOW YOU CAN
10 CERTAINLY FILE A PETITION FOR THE COURT TO CONSIDER THAT.

11 MR. INGHAM: YOUR HONOR, IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO
12 RESPOND TO THAT ISSUE WITHOUT BREACHING ATTORNEY/CLIENT
13 PRIVILEGE, AND SO THEREFORE I WON'T EVEN TRY TO TOUCH ON
14 THAT ISSUE.

15 THE COURT: I KNOW.

16 MR. INGHAM: I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SEVERAL OF THE
17 ISSUES THAT MY CLIENT HAS RAISED HERE. I THINK THAT THE
18 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND FIDUCIARIES HERE WILL DOUBTLESS
19 WANT TO WEIGH IN IN SOME FASHION. IF MY CLIENT DIRECTS ME
20 TO FILE A PETITION TO TERMINATE, I'M HAPPY TO DO THAT. SO
21 FAR SHE HAS NOT DONE THAT. THAT'S THE MOST THAT I WILL
22 SAY ABOUT THAT ISSUE.

23 THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND.

24 MR. INGHAM: WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF PRIVATE
25 COUNSEL REPLACING ME AS HER COUNSEL, I AM HAPPY TO TAKE
26 GUIDANCE FROM THE COURT AS TO HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO SET
27 THAT ISSUE UP AND HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO DEAL WITH IT. SO
28 I WILL NOT MAKE ANY COMMENT, OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT I

1 SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COURT, AND IF THE COURT
2 DECIDES THAT I SHOULD BE REPLACED BY SOMEONE ELSE, THEN
3 THAT'S FINE WITH ME. HOWEVER THE COURT WANTS TO HANDLE
4 THAT.

5 AND I SUSPECT THAT MS. MONTGOMERY OR HER COUNSEL
6 WILL WANT TO RESPOND ON THE MEDICAL SIDE, BUT FROM MY
7 POINT OF VIEW IN A PROCEDURAL SENSE, I THINK IT'S OBVIOUS
8 TO ME THAT WE HAVE A DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN MY CLIENT AND
9 THE CONSERVATOR OF HER PERSON, TEMPORARY CONSERVATOR OF
10 HER PERSON, AS TO HER CURRENT CARE PLAN. AND SO IT SEEMS
11 TO ME THAT THE SIMPLE WAY TO RESOLVE THAT ISSUE IS TO HAVE
12 THE CONSERVATOR OF THE PERSON FILE A PROPOSED CARE PLAN,
13 SET IT FOR HEARING, AND HAVE MY CLIENT HAVE A CHANCE TO
14 ADDRESS IT AND DEAL WITH IT. IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE PAST THE
15 POINT THAT IT CAN BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM.
16 SO I BELIEVE THAT THAT'S ABOUT ALL I WOULD WANT TO SAY AT
17 THIS POINT, AND WOULD DEFER TO OTHER COUNSEL TO RESPOND
18 THEIR PERSPECTIVE.

19 THE COURT: MR. INGHAM, THANK YOU. AND I CERTAINLY
20 DON'T WANT YOU TO GET INTO THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT
21 DISCUSSIONS, OBVIOUSLY, BETWEEN YOU AND MS. SPEARS. YOU
22 ACTUALLY FORESHADOWED SOMETHING THAT I MADE A NOTE TO
23 MYSELF ABOUT, ABOUT THE ISSUE ABOUT -- THAT MS. SPEARS
24 RAISED ABOUT THE, YOU KNOW, THE TREATMENT. AND I WAS
25 GOING TO ASK MS. WRIGHT AND MS. MONTGOMERY, AND I THINK
26 CERTAINLY FILING THAT CARE PLAN AND HAVING IT SET FOR
27 HEARING IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. BUT I WAS
28 ACTUALLY GOING TO TELL THEM TO LOOK INTO THAT BECAUSE

1 OBVIOUSLY, IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S CAUSING A CONCERN. WE
2 DON'T WANT IT TO BE ANYTHING THAT'S GOING TO BE THE
3 REVERSE OF WHAT'S TRYING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

4 BUT MS. WRIGHT, I'M HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU AT
5 THIS POINT.

6 I THINK YOU'RE MUTED, MS. WRIGHT. YOU'RE MUTED.

7 MS. WRIGHT: THERE WE GO. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
8 THIS IS MS. WRIGHT.

9 WE CERTAINLY DO HAVE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON
10 MANY OF THE ISSUES AND FACTS THAT WERE RAISED BY
11 MS. SPEARS, BUT I DON'T THINK TODAY IS THE APPROPRIATE
12 FORUM TO AIR THOSE OUT. I DO LOVE THIS IDEA OF A CARE
13 PLAN. WE ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO PUT ONE TOGETHER. MY
14 CLIENT WORKS WITH A MEDICAL TEAM, A VERY HIGHLY QUALIFIED
15 AND VETTED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. ANY DECISIONS SHE MAKES
16 IS WITH THEIR INPUT AND THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SO WE
17 CERTAINLY HAVE THOSE READY. WE CAN PUT THEM INTO A CARE
18 PLAN. MY ONLY CONCERN IS, AS WE GO INTO THESE IN MORE
19 DETAIL.

20 I AM VERY CONCERNED WITH MS. SPEARS' MEDICAL
21 PRIVACY, AND I DON'T THINK THE DETAILS OF HER CARE PLAN
22 AND THE PROGRESS SHE'S BEEN MAKING AND HER CONDITIONS
23 SHOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC FORUM. SO I WOULD JUST ASK THAT
24 WHEN WE FILE THE CARE PLAN, WE OBVIOUSLY WILL PROVIDE IT
25 TO EVERYONE WHO IS A PARTY ON THIS CASE, BUT I THINK IT
26 SHOULD BE SEALED FROM THE PUBLIC. I DON'T THINK THIS IS
27 THE BEST WAY TO VET OUT A CONSERVATEE'S MENTAL-HEALTH
28 ISSUES AND HER CARE PLAN. IT'S JUST NOT THE WAY TO DO IT.

1 I THINK WE SHOULD DO IT UNDER SEAL, AND THAT WOULD BE MY
2 REQUEST FOR THAT CARE PLAN. HAPPY TO FILE IT AND HAPPY TO
3 HAVE A HEARING ON IT.

4 THE COURT: WELL, IF YOU WANT TO FILE A MOTION PRIOR
5 TO THE HEARING ON THAT, THAT CERTAINLY IS YOUR RIGHT TO DO
6 THAT.

7 MS. WRIGHT: SURE. WE'LL HAVE TO TALK ABOUT TIMING TO
8 ACCOMMODATE THAT MOTION AND THEN THE FILING OF THE CARE
9 PLAN.

10 THE COURT: SURE. BUT I JUST APPRECIATE, MS. SPEARS,
11 YOU KNOW, IT TAKES A LOT OF COURAGE TO COME --

12 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: BUT I HAVE TO BE IN AGREEMENT TO
13 THIS CARE PLAN. I CAN'T BE FORCED TO DO WHAT I DON'T WANT
14 TO DO.

15 THE COURT: OKAY. AND I THINK THAT THERE IS A WAY TO
16 TRY TO, YOU KNOW, BE --

17 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: AND, MA'AM -- AND HONESTLY
18 BETWEEN YOU AND ME, THERE'S NOTHING -- I DON'T MIND DOING
19 THERAPY TWICE A WEEK. IT'S THE WAY THAT THEY EXPOSED ME
20 IN THAT PLACE, AND ONE WHERE PAPARAZZI ARE LOADED THERE.
21 AND I NEVER -- I DRIVE A LOT, BUT I NEVER GET OUT OF MY
22 CAR. AND SO ALL I WANT -- IT'S VERY SIMPLE -- I WOULD
23 JUST LIKE SOMEONE, THIS MAN, TO COME TO MY HOUSE TWICE A
24 WEEK, AND THAT'S IT. THAT'S IT. I'M NOT ASKING FOR, YOU
25 KNOW, THE GUY CICERO (PHONETIC) FROM ITALY TO COME AND
26 VISIT ME FOR THERAPY. I JUST WANT A MAN TO COME HERE
27 TWICE A WEEK AND DO THE THERAPY THING BECAUSE THAT'S --
28 THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO DO, SO. THAT'S MY -- I JUST WANT

1 YOU TO KNOW MY REQUEST.

2 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU, MS. SPEARS, I APPRECIATE
3 THAT. AND I BELIEVE BOTH MS. WRIGHT AND MS. MONTGOMERY
4 ARE NODDING THEIR HEADS, SO THEY'RE HEARING WHAT YOU'RE
5 SAYING. OKAY.

6 DO ANY OF THE OTHER COUNSEL HAVE ANYTHING THAT
7 THEY WANT TO ADD THIS AFTERNOON?

8 MR. JONES: YOUR HONOR, I DO. IT'S GLAD JONES ON
9 BEHALF OF MS. LYNNE SPEARS.

10 THE COURT: GO AHEAD, PLEASE, SIR.

11 MR. JONES: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU FOR
12 HAVING US. YOUR HONOR, I FIRST WANT TO SAY THAT OBVIOUSLY
13 THAT WAS VERY COURAGEOUS OF THE CONSERVATEE, MS. SPEARS.
14 AND HER MOTHER HAS GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THIS. BUT ONE
15 THING I WANT TO RAISE WITH THE COURT THAT I WANT TO MAKE
16 SURE THAT WE DON'T LEAVE THIS HEARING TODAY AND FORGET
17 ABOUT WHAT MS. SPEARS SAID. SHE SAID WHEN SHE WAS THERE
18 IN MAY OF 2019, SHE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE SHE WAS HEARD. AND
19 IT FEELS INCUMBENT UPON ME TO ASK THE COURT THAT WE MAKE
20 SURE THAT TODAY MS. SPEARS IS HEARD. AND TO THAT END, ONE
21 OF THE THINGS THAT SHE SAID THAT IS GOING TO VERY MUCH
22 DICTATE WHAT HAPPENS HERE -- AND THIS IS NO SLIGHT AGAINST
23 ANY COUNSEL IN THIS CASE -- BUT THE REQUEST FOR HER TO
24 HAVE HER OWN COUNSEL, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST, YOUR
25 HONOR, GIVEN SINCE SHE ARTICULATED THE REASONS WHY SHE
26 WANTS THAT, THAT I BELIEVE THAT THE COURT MUST TAKE THAT
27 UP AT ITS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, BECAUSE THAT ISSUE MAY
28 VERY WELL DICTATE WHAT HAPPENS IN TERMS OF STEP 2, 3, AND

1 4.

2 SIMILARLY, SIMILARLY, THIS HEALTHCARE PLAN. I
3 ALSO ASK THE COURT TO TAKE THAT UP IMMEDIATELY. THESE ARE
4 COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS THAT WE DID HEAR ABOUT IN MAY OF
5 2019. TODAY IS THE DAY, WHILE THE WORLD WATCHES AND
6 LISTENS TO MS. SPEARS, IS THE DAY THAT WE RESPECTFULLY
7 REQUEST THAT THIS COURT PUT AN ACTION PLAN AT THE LOS
8 ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT IN PLACE TO PROVIDE THE RELIEF THAT
9 MS. SPEARS IS STILL ASKING FOR IN THIS HEARING. THAT IS
10 CRITICAL. THAT IS HER MOTHER'S REQUEST. THAT IS WHAT WE
11 RESPECTFULLY ASK THE COURT, THAT WE NOT LEAVE THIS
12 PROCEEDING WITHOUT HAVING DATES TO MOVE FORWARD ON THESE
13 BASIC REQUESTS THAT MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THIS
14 CONSERVATORSHIP.

15 THE COURT: OKAY.

16 MR. JONES: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

17 THE COURT: THANK YOU, SIR.

18 ANY OTHER COUNSEL HAVE ANYTHING THEY WANT TO SAY?

19 MS. THOREEN: YOUR HONOR, VIVIAN THOREEN.

20 THE COURT: YES. GO AHEAD, MS. THOREEN.

21 MS. THOREEN: YOUR HONOR -- THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. I
22 APPRECIATE MS. SPEARS' COMMENTS AND THE COURAGE IT TOOK
23 HER TO MAKE THE REMARKS TO THE COURT. I WOULD LIKE TO
24 REQUEST A BRIEF RECESS SO THAT I MAY CONSULT WITH MY
25 CLIENT. THERE MAY BE ISSUES THAT I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND
26 TO. BUT GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF TESTIMONY PROVIDED, I WOULD
27 LIKE TO REQUEST A RECESS SO THAT I CAN CONSULT WITH MY
28 CLIENT.

1 THE COURT: OKAY. I THINK THAT THAT'S REASONABLE. SO
2 WE CAN TAKE A RECESS -- WE CAN TAKE A RECESS UNTIL 5 AFTER
3 3:00. THAT WILL GIVE ABOUT 20 MINUTES, AND THAT WILL GIVE
4 THE STAFF A CHANCE, ALSO TO HAVE A BRIEF BREAK, AND THEN
5 WE CAN RECONVENE.

6 MR. JONES: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

7 MS. THOREEN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

8 MS. WRIGHT: THANK YOU.

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10 (RECESS TAKEN.)

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12 (ATTORNEY YASHA BRONSHTEYN NOT PRESENT.)

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14 THE COURT: OKAY. SO WE'RE BACK FROM OUR RECESS. AND
15 MR. THOREEN, DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO SAY THIS
16 AFTERNOON?

17 MS. THOREEN: YES, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU. I'D LIKE
18 TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT ON MR. SPEARS' BEHALF.

19 HE IS SORRY TO SEE HIS DAUGHTER SUFFERING AND IN
20 SO MUCH PAIN. MR. SPEARS LOVES HIS DAUGHTER AND MISSES
21 HER VERY MUCH.

22 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

23 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24 OKAY. SO LET ME ASK MS. WYLE OR MS. COHEN, DID
25 YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WANTED TO ADD THIS AFTERNOON?

26 MS. COHEN: THIS IS MS. COHEN. NO, YOUR HONOR. THANK
27 YOU.

28 MS. WYLE: THIS IS MS. WYLE. NO, YOUR HONOR. THANK

1 YOU.

2 THE COURT: OKAY.

3 AND MR. NELSON, WHAT ABOUT YOU?

4 MR. NELSON: NO, YOUR HONOR, I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD.
5 THANK YOU.

6 THE COURT: GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7 ALL RIGHT.

8 MR. INGHAM: YOUR HONOR, PARDON ME. I HAVE AN
9 ADDITIONAL COMMENT THAT MY CLIENT HAS REQUESTED ME TO MAKE
10 TO THE COURT, IF I MAY?

11 THE COURT: CERTAINLY, MR. INGHAM.

12 MR. INGHAM: SHE JUST COMMUNICATED WITH ME, AND HER
13 STATEMENT TO ME WAS THAT SINCE SHE HAS MADE THE REMARKS
14 THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO MAKE ON THE PUBLIC RECORD TODAY, SHE
15 BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE ADVISABLE FOR PROCEEDINGS TO BE
16 SEALED GOING FORWARD.

17 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU.

18 MR. INGHAM: AND ANOTHER QUICK COMMENT I'LL MAKE
19 BEFORE THE COURT ADDRESSES WHAT MY CLIENT HAS SAID -- AND
20 I WOULD CORROBORATE THE COMMENT OF COUNSEL -- THAT IT
21 OBVIOUSLY TOOK A GREAT DEAL OF COURAGE TO PRESENT THE
22 COMMENTS THAT MY CLIENT DID ON THE RECORD. AND REGARDLESS
23 OF WHERE THE CHIPS MAY FALL FROM THEM, I APPLAUD HER FOR
24 DOING SO. I JUST HAVE A SUGGESTION. I'D LIKE TO AMPLIFY
25 MY EARLIER SUGGESTION WITH REGARD TO GOING FORWARD, AND
26 THEN OBVIOUSLY, THE COURT WILL DECIDE WHAT TO DO.

27 GIVEN THE POSITIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP THAT I'VE
28 HAD WITH MS. SPEARS OVER THE YEARS, AND GIVEN THE

1 IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE OF COUNSEL FOR HER, ONE WAY TO
2 APPROACH THIS WOULD BE FOR ME TO DISCUSS WITH HER, OUT OF
3 THE GLARE OF THE COURTROOM, TWO IMPORTANT ISSUES. ONE IS
4 WHETHER SHE WANTS TO HAVE A PETITION TO TERMINATE FILED.
5 AND THE OTHER IS WHETHER SHE WANTS TO HAVE PRIVATE
6 COUNSEL, OTHER COUNSEL BROUGHT IN TO REPRESENT HER.
7 OBVIOUSLY, I WILL ABIDE BY WHATEVER DECISION SHE MAKES IN
8 THAT REGARD AND WILL FILE WHATEVER SHE DIRECTS ME TO MAKE.

9 AND I MIGHT SUGGEST IN THAT REGARD, IF SHE'S
10 INTERESTED IN DOING SO, THAT IN MOST OF THOSE CONTEXTS, IT
11 MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR HER TO CHAT WITH MY ASSOCIATED
12 CO-COUNSEL, WITH LOEB AND LOEB, BECAUSE THEY ARE A FULLY
13 INDEPENDENT LAW FIRM. AND I DON'T DISCERN WHETHER SHE
14 TALKS TO THEM WITH ME OR WITHOUT ME PRESENT, BUT THEY
15 MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE HER SOME INSIGHT INTO THESE ISSUES
16 GOING FORWARD.

17 AND AGAIN, ALL OF US -- AND I WON'T SPEAK FOR
18 THEM -- ALL OF US WILL HAPPILY ABIDE BY WHATEVER MY CLIENT
19 DECIDES TO DO WITH REGARD TO BOTH OF THOSE ISSUES.

20 THE COURT: OKAY. AND THANK YOU, MR. INGHAM, FOR
21 THAT. AND I JUST ALSO WANTED TO -- WELL, YOU'VE SUBMITTED
22 THAT TO SOME DEGREE, IS THAT, YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE ISSUES
23 THAT MS. SPEARS RAISED THIS AFTERNOON DO REQUIRE A PROPER
24 PETITION TO BE BEFORE ME FOR ME TO CONSIDER, WHETHER IT BE
25 COUNSEL OR TERMINATION OR THE -- I THINK THE ISSUE ABOUT
26 THE CARE PLAN, I THINK, IS SOMETHING THAT I DID HEAR, YOU
27 KNOW, CONCERNS ABOUT MS. SPEARS BEING IN A SITUATION WHERE
28 SHE'S GETTING SOME ASSISTANCE, AND IT'S IN MORE OF A

1 PUBLIC SPHERE. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE AND URGE
2 MS. MONTGOMERY AND HER COUNSEL, ALONG WITH THE OTHER
3 PROFESSIONALS TO REALLY HEAR WHAT MS. SPEARS IS SAYING,
4 BECAUSE THE GOAL IS -- PART OF THE GOAL OF THE THERAPY IS
5 TO HELP, AND IF THE WAY IT'S BEING PRESENTED IS NOT
6 FOSTERING THAT IN THE BEST WAY THAT IT COULD BE FOSTERED,
7 THEN WE MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT OTHER WAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT
8 IS ACCOMPLISHED.

9 SO I THINK THAT, MS. SPEARS, I JUST WANT TO
10 COMMEND YOU AGAIN FOR REALLY STEPPING FORWARD AND STEPPING
11 OUT TO HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS HEARD BY NOT ONLY MYSELF BUT
12 EVERYBODY WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. AND I JUST
13 WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I DO APPRECIATE THAT.

14 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: THANK YOU.

15 THE COURT: YES. I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT.

16 SO GOING FORWARD, I AM HAPPY TO PLACE MATTERS ON
17 MY CALENDAR AND GIVE OKAYS-TO-SET MOTIONS OR PETITIONS.
18 IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE THERE NEEDS -- PROBABLY THE PARTIES
19 ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT HOW THEY WANT TO PROCEED,
20 AND CERTAINLY YOU CAN CALL THE COURTROOM AND WE CAN SET
21 UPDATES, RATHER THAN, MAYBE, TRY TO FIGURE OUT A DATE ON
22 THE RECORD HERE WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STEPS WOULD BE
23 TO THE POINT WHERE A MATTER WOULD ACTUALLY BE ON THE
24 COURT'S CALENDAR. BUT I'M HAPPY TO ENTERTAIN THOSE
25 REQUESTS THROUGH MY CLERK AND GET MATTERS PUT ON THE
26 CALENDAR FOR DATES AND TIMES THAT ARE CONVENIENT FOR ALL
27 COUNSEL.

28 HOW DOES THAT SOUND TO EVERYBODY?

1 EVERYBODY IS NODDING.

2 MS. WRIGHT: THIS IS MS. WRIGHT. THAT'S ACCEPTABLE TO
3 US. WE CAN CERTAINLY EMAIL EACH OTHER AND PICK SOME DATES
4 THAT WOULD WORK.

5 THE COURT: OKAY. AND JUST TO REMIND EVERYBODY, OF
6 COURSE, TODAY WAS THE STATUS HEARING THAT THE COURT SET.
7 THERE IS NO PETITION BEFORE THE COURT. SO A NUMBER OF
8 THOSE ITEMS DO REQUIRE -- THAT WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING
9 TODAY, BASED ON WHAT MS. SPEARS HAS BROUGHT TO THE COURT
10 IN TERMS OF HER CONCERNS, THEY DO REQUIRE PETITIONS. AND
11 SO THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT IT. CONTACT MY CLERK,
12 WORK OUT SOME DATES, AND WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO MAKE SURE
13 THAT THEY CAN BE SLOTTED AT A TIME THAT'S GOING TO WORK
14 FOR EVERYBODY.

15 THE FINAL THING I WANTED TO BRING TO -- I DON'T
16 KNOW WHETHER THE PARTIES ARE AWARE OF THIS OR NOT, BUT IT
17 WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION BY COURT ADMINISTRATION THAT A
18 CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT -- AND IT MAY HAVE BEEN A COURT
19 INVESTIGATOR REPORT THAT IS DEEMED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL
20 PURSUANT TO PROBATE CODE SECTION 1826 AND 1851 -- WAS
21 PROVIDED TO THE MEDIA. I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT HAPPENED,
22 BUT WE'VE BEEN -- I WAS ADVISED BY ADMINISTRATION THAT IT
23 DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE COME FROM THE COURT, TO SOMEBODY
24 IN THE MEDIA. BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT IT
25 WAS PUT OUT THERE IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE, THINGS THAT ARE
26 CONFIDENTIAL TO MS. SPEARS AND HER CASE.

27 SO I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY HAS ANY INFORMATION
28 ABOUT THAT OR IF ANYBODY WAS AWARE OF IT. BUT I WAS VERY

1 CONCERNED WHEN I HEARD ABOUT IT. SO YOU MAY WANT TO JUST,
2 MAYBE, LOOK A LITTLE MORE INTO THAT. BUT IT WAS VERY
3 CONCERNING. OKAY.

4 I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN ISSUE WITH
5 RAAP, THAT APPARENTLY SOMEBODY WAS RECORDING THE
6 PROCEEDINGS IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDER THAT I MADE THIS
7 MORNING, SO WE'RE GOING TO SHUT RAAP DOWN RIGHT NOW.

8 SO PLEASE DISABLE THE RAAP IMMEDIATELY.

9 THAT'S ALSO VERY CONCERNING, BECAUSE I
10 SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT THERE WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ANY
11 RECORDINGS, AND THAT HAPPENED NONETHELESS. SO I WANT
12 COUNSEL AND MS. SPEARS TO BE AWARE OF THAT, SO I MADE AN
13 ORDER THIS MORNING THAT THERE IS NOT TO BE ANY RECORDING,
14 AND SOMEBODY -- AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S ONE PERSON
15 OR MORE THAN ONE PERSON -- VIOLATED THAT ORDER.

16 ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE WE CONCLUDE TODAY?

17 ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE WE CONCLUDE
18 TODAY? OKAY.

19 MS. SPEARS, THANK YOU, AGAIN.

20 MR. BRITNEY SPEARS: THANK YOU.

21 THE COURT: OKAY. AND THANK YOU, MR. SPEARS, FOR
22 PARTICIPATING.

23 AND THANK YOU AGAIN, MS. BRITNEY SPEARS, FOR YOUR
24 COMMENTS AND YOUR THOUGHTS THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT THE
25 PROCEEDINGS, AND I DO APPRECIATE IT.

26 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: OKAY. THANK YOU.

27 THE COURT: THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

28 (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 3:23 P.M.)

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3 THE CONSERVATORSHIP OF
4 BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS -
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7 DEPARTMENT ST-4 HON. BRENDA J. PENNY, JUDGE
8 REPORTER: LISA D. LUNA, CSR #10229
9 TIME: 1:52 P.M.

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11 APPEARANCES:

12 AS INDICATED HEREIN
13 VIA L.A. COURT CONNECT,
14 TELEPHONE AND IN-PERSON
15 APPEARANCES.

16
17 THE CLERK: IF I CAN HAVE COUNSEL IN THE COURTROOM
18 PLEASE RISE AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN, AND
19 THOSE ON COURT CONNECT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AS
20 WELL.

21
22 ALL PARTIES,
23 CALLED AS WITNESSES BY THE COURT, WERE DULY SWORN AND
24 TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

25 THE CLERK: YOU DO SOLEMNLY STATE THAT THE TESTIMONY
26 YOU ARE ABOUT TO GIVE IN THE MATTER IS THE TRUTH, THE
27 WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?

28 ALL PARTIES: I DO.

1 THE CLERK: THANK YOU. AS A REMINDER TO OUR PARTIES
2 ON COURT CONNECT, IF YOU CAN PLEASE STATE YOUR APPEARANCE
3 BEFORE SPEAKING SO THAT THE COURT AND THE COURT REPORTER
4 CAN BE AWARE OF WHO IS TALKING. AND PLEASE REMAIN ON THE
5 LINE FOR THE JUDGE TO TAKE THE BENCH.

6
7 (BRIEF PAUSE.)
8

9 THE COURT: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. SO BEFORE I GET
10 THE APPEARANCES OF EVERYBODY, I DO WANT TO MAKE AN
11 ANNOUNCEMENT. JUST AS A REMINDER TO EVERYBODY, THERE ARE
12 TO BE NO PHONES UTILIZED, NO LAPTOPS OR ELECTRONIC
13 DEVICES, NO PICTURES OR RECORDING OF THE PROCEEDING. IF
14 YOU WANT TO TAKE NOTES, PAPER AND PEN ONLY.

15 DO NOT DISRUPT THE HEARING BY GESTURING,
16 LAUGHING, WAIVING ARMS OR HANDS, OR OTHERWISE CREATING A
17 DISTRACTION. THIS ADVERSELY IMPACTS MY COURT REPORTER AND
18 MY CLERK, AND YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PROCEEDING IF
19 YOU ARE DOING THAT. AND PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE
20 COURTROOM STAFF.

21 OKAY. SO EVERYBODY PLEASE KEEP THOSE REMINDERS
22 IN MIND, AND WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO GET THE APPEARANCES
23 OF COUNSEL, AND THEN I'M GOING TO GET THE APPEARANCES OF
24 THE PARTIES, AND THEN WE'LL PROCEED.

25 SO MR. ROSS, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO. GOOD
26 AFTERNOON.

27 MR. ROSS: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

28 THE COURT: AND ALSO, I'VE GOT AMANDA GOAD ON THE

1 TELEPHONE, I BELIEVE.

2 MS. GOAD: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

3 THE COURT: YES.

4 AND MR. NELSON, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO. GOOD
5 AFTERNOON.

6 MR. NELSON: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

7 THE COURT: AND MR. PEARSON, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO, I
8 BELIEVE, AS WELL. GOOD AFTERNOON.

9 MR. PEARSON: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

10 THE COURT: OKAY. AND THEN I'VE GOT MS. BRENNAN-KROHN
11 ON VIDEO.

12 MS. BRENNEN-KROHN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

13 THE COURT: GOOD AFTERNOON.

14 AND MR. JONES, I BELIEVE I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO AS
15 WELL. GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU.

16 MR. JONES: GOOD AFTERNOON, JUDGE PENNY.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

18 AND THEN, MR. INGHAM, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO.
19 GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU.

20 MR. INGHAM: YES. PARDON ME. YES. GOOD AFTERNOON,
21 YOUR HONOR.

22 THE COURT: YES.

23 AND MS. WYLE, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO AS WELL.

24 MS. WYLE: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

25 THE COURT: YES.

26 MS. COHEN, I'VE GOT YOU ON THE LINE AS WELL.
27 GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU.

28 MS. COHEN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

1 THE COURT: YES.

2 AND MR. PARK, GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU.

3 MR. PARK: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

4 THE COURT: YES.

5 AND MS. THOREEN, GOOD AFTERNOON. I SEE YOU ON
6 VIDEO. GOOD AFTERNOON.

7 MS. THOREEN: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

8 THE COURT: OKAY.

9 AND MS. RIVERA, I'VE GOT YOU ON THE LINE.

10 MS. RIVERA: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

11 THE COURT: GOOD AFTERNOON.

12 AND MS. WRIGHT, I'VE GOT YOU ON VIDEO. GOOD
13 AFTERNOON TO YOU.

14 MS. WRIGHT: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

15 THE COURT: OKAY. AND MS. JENNIFER VANE, I'VE GOT YOU
16 ON VIDEO.

17 MS. VANE: YES, YOUR HONOR. GOOD AFTERNOON.

18 THE COURT: OKAY.

19 AND I'M GOING TO ALSO GET THE PARTIES CHECKED IN
20 -- I'VE GOT TWO PEOPLE AT THE COUNSEL TABLE.

21 MR. BRONSHTEYN, LET'S GET YOUR APPEARANCE.

22 MR. BRONSHTEYN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. PRESENT.

23 THE COURT: AND YOU ARE?

24 MS. MONDIA: MARIE MONDIA, ON BEHALF OF JODI
25 MONTGOMERY.

26 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU.

27 ALL RIGHT. AND THEN ON THE PARTIES, I'LL GET THE
28 APPEARANCES OF MS. SWAN.

1 AND SO LET'S GO AHEAD AND START WITH MS. SPEARS,
2 I'VE GOT YOU ON THE PHONE THIS AFTERNOON.

3 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: YES, YOUR HONOR.

4 THE COURT: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US
5 THIS AFTERNOON, MS. SPEARS.

6 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: YOU'RE WELCOME.

7 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

8 AND ALSO I'VE GOT -- LET'S SEE, MS. LYNNE SPEARS,
9 I'VE GOT YOU ON -- I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE ON VIDEO OR THE
10 AUDIO, BUT I'VE GOT YOU ON THE LINE?

11 MS. LYNNE SPEARS: YES, YOUR HONOR. GOOD AFTERNOON.

12 THE COURT: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU.

13 AND ALSO WE HAVE MR. JAMES SPEARS, YOU'RE ON THE
14 LINE AS WELL?

15 MR. SPEARS: YES, MA'AM. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

16 THE COURT: GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU, TOO.

17 AND I BELIEVE THERE'S A MR. KEVIN CAULEY ON THE
18 LINE AS WELL?

19 MR. CAULEY: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

20

21 (DISCUSSION OFF THE RECORD BETWEEN
22 THE COURT AND THE CLERK.)

23

24 THE COURT: OH, MS. MONTGOMERY, I APOLOGIZE.

25 MS. MONTGOMERY, I'VE GOT YOU ON -- I'M NOT SURE IF I'VE
26 GOT YOU ON VIDEO OR AUDIO, BUT GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU.

27 MS. MONTGOMERY: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

28 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU. SO -- AND THEN I DO

1 BELIEVE THERE IS SOMEBODY IN THE -- AND I WANT TO TALK TO
2 MS. SPEARS, MS. BRITNEY SPEARS FIRST.

3 MS. SPEARS, THERE IS SOMEBODY -- MY CLERK ADVISED
4 ME, THAT THERE IS SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO INDICATED
5 THAT THEY MAY BE INTENDING TO REPRESENT YOU, BUT I JUST
6 WANT TO CONFIRM WITH YOU THAT THAT IS THE CASE. IT'S A
7 MATTHEW ROSENGART. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THIS PERSON?

8 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS?

9 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: SORRY, THIS MUTE BUTTON. YES,
10 MA'AM.

11 THE COURT: YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS PERSON?

12 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: YES. I WANT HIM TO REPRESENT ME,
13 YES.

14 THE COURT: SO LET ME GO AHEAD AND CALL HIM UP TO THE
15 COUNSEL TABLE.

16 SIR, MR. ROSENGART, YOU CAN COME ON UP.

17 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: UH-HUH.

18 THE COURT: HE'S IN THE COURTROOM, MS. SPEARS, SO HE'S
19 GOING TO COME ON UP TO THE COUNSEL TABLE.

20 MR. ROSENGART: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: YES. AND YOU WANT TO STATE YOUR
22 APPEARANCE, SIR.

23 MR. ROSENGART: YES, YOUR HONOR. MATHEW ROSENGART OF
24 THE LAW FIRM OF GREENBERG TRAUIG, FOR BRITNEY SPEARS.
25 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

26 THE COURT: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, SIR. SO I WANT TO
27 HANDLE THIS ONE ISSUE FIRST BEFORE WE GET INTO THE OTHER
28 MATTERS THAT ARE ON THE COURT'S CALENDAR. EVERYBODY

1 KNOWS, I BELIEVE, WE HAVE 15 MATTERS ON THE COURT'S
2 CALENDAR THIS AFTERNOON, AND WE'LL GET TO THEM IN JUST A
3 MOMENT.

4 BUT, COUNSEL, MR. ROSENGART, MS. SPEARS SAID THAT
5 SHE'S BEEN IN TALKS WITH YOU, AND SHE'S INTERESTED IN
6 HAVING YOU REPRESENT HER, AND THAT'S, I BELIEVE, WHAT
7 YOU'RE INDICATING TO ME AT THIS TIME?

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

9 THE COURT: OKAY. I WANT TO FIND OUT FROM YOU ABOUT
10 -- IN TERMS OF YOUR FIRM'S TRUST AND ESTATE PRACTICE.
11 DOES YOUR FIRM HAVE THAT CAPABILITY?

12 MR. ROSENGART: WE DO, YOUR HONOR.

13 THE COURT: OKAY. AND IS IT A PRETTY BIG TRUST AND
14 ESTATE SECTION THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR FIRM?

15 MR. ROSENGART: IT IS A VERY SUBSTANTIAL SECTION.
16 IT'S -- I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN SO
17 MUCH MEDIA REPORTING ABOUT IT, BUT IT'S SOMETHING WE CAN
18 SPEAK ABOUT SEPARATELY OR IN OPEN COURT NOW. IT'S QUITE
19 SUBSTANTIAL, IT'S COAST TO COAST. I AM NOT REPRESENTING
20 MS. SPEARS ALONE. AS THE COURT IS PROBABLY AWARE, I'M A
21 LITIGATOR. I'M A TRIAL ATTORNEY. I'M A COMMERCIAL
22 LITIGATOR.

23 I BRING TO THE CASE NOT ONLY MY LAW FIRM, WHICH
24 IS AN AMLAW 100 FIRM, BUT A TEAM OF ATTORNEYS IN REGARD TO
25 THIS PARTICULAR CASE CONSISTING WITH MY COLLEAGUES ERIC
26 ROWEN, R-O-W-E-N, SCOTT BERTZYK, B-E-R-T-Z-Y-K, LISA
27 MC CURDY, M-C-C-U-R-D-Y, ALL OF WHOM HAVE SUBSTANTIAL
28 PROBATE EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING, YOUR HONOR, AS THE COURT

1 MAY BE AWARE, A SIX-MONTH TRIAL BEFORE JUDGE BECKLOFF IN
2 THIS COURTHOUSE IN A LARGE REMOVAL OF TRUSTEES IN
3 CONNECTION WITH THE MARK HUGHES HERBAL LIFE CASE WHICH IS
4 QUITE WELL KNOWN AND QUITE SUCCESSFUL. AND WE'D BE
5 PLEASED TO PROVIDE THE COURT WITH ANY ADDITIONAL
6 INFORMATION IN A COURT FILING OR I CAN CONTINUE NOW.
7 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

8 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THE OTHER THING
9 I JUST WANTED TO CONFIRM, COUNSEL, IS THAT IN TERMS OF
10 YOUR OFFICE, NO ONE ELSE THAT'S CONNECTED WITH THIS CASE,
11 OTHER THAN MS. SPEARS, HAS ENGAGED YOUR SERVICES. I JUST
12 WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NOT A CONFLICT.

13 MR. ROSENGART: THAT IS CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.

14 THE COURT: SO NEITHER MR. SPEARS NOR LYNNE SPEARS OR
15 ANYBODY ELSE HAS ENGAGED YOUR SERVICE OR -- ENGAGED YOUR
16 SERVICES AND HAVE YOUR FIRM --

17 MR. ROSENGART: THAT IS A FAIR, ANTICIPATED, AND
18 EXCELLENT QUESTION, AND THE ANSWER IS NO.

19 THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AND WHAT I
20 WOULD APPRECIATE, COUNSEL, IS IF YOU WOULD PROVIDE THE
21 INFORMATION TO THE COURT ABOUT YOUR FIRM IN THE FORM OF
22 SOME TYPE OF DECLARATION.

23 MR. ROSENGART: I'D BE HAPPY TO. I HAVE A SET OF
24 MATERIAL WITH ME NOW I CAN SUBMIT TO THE COURT AFTER, BUT
25 EITHER WAY, YOUR HONOR, WE CAN SUBMIT IT IN A FILING ALONG
26 WITH A NOTICE OF APPEARANCE.

27 THE COURT: EXCELLENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

28 MR. ROSENGART: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. AND I WANT TO ALSO INDICATE TO
2 THE PARTIES, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE 15 MATTERS THAT ARE
3 BEFORE THE COURT. AND MAYBE SOME OF THIS CAN BE DONE NOW
4 THAT WE HAVE MR. ROSENGART INVOLVED. I KNOW THAT 5012, I
5 BELIEVE THAT WAS YOUR APPLICATION, COUNSEL INGHAM, AS WELL
6 AS LOEB AND LOEB, TO RESIGN AS MS. SPEARS' RETAINED
7 COUNSEL, SO THAT MAY BE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH
8 TODAY, BUT I'M HAPPY TO GET YOUR THOUGHTS BEFORE I MAKE A
9 RULING ABOUT THAT.

10 THE OTHER ISSUE I WANTED TO ADDRESS, BECAUSE I
11 THINK I CAN DISPOSE OF IT QUICKLY. MR. ROSS, I KNOW THAT
12 BESSEMER FILED A PETITION AT 5010, TO RESIGN. AND SO I
13 WANT TO DEAL WITH THAT ONE AS WELL. SO MR. ROSS, I DID --

14 MR. ROSS: OKAY. YOUR HONOR.

15 THE COURT: YES. I DID SEE EVERYTHING, AND I KNOW
16 THAT THERE WAS SOME DELAY IN THE ORDER GETTING TO ME TO
17 SIGN, SO IT WAS SIGNED, YOU KNOW, MONTHS AFTER THE
18 HEARING. THE HEARING WAS IN NOVEMBER, AND THEN THE ORDER
19 DIDN'T GET TO ME UNTIL JUNE. I KNOW THERE WAS SOME MEET
20 AND CONFER, I BELIEVE, GOING ON, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WITH
21 COUNSEL. AND SO ULTIMATELY THE ORDER DID GET TO ME BUT,
22 OF COURSE, NO LETTERS, OBVIOUSLY, HAVE ISSUED IN THIS CASE
23 FOR YOU TO SERVE.

24 AND SO WHAT I'M GOING TO DO TODAY IS, I'M GOING
25 TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BESSEMER, AND IT WILL BE
26 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. I KNOW THAT YOU DID NOT TAKE ANY
27 CONTROL OF ANY ASSETS BECAUSE THE ORDER WAS JUST SIGNED, I
28 BELIEVE, ON JUNE 25TH OR THEREABOUTS. AND YOU HAD NO

1 LETTERS OR AUTHORITY TO ACT BECAUSE THE ORDER HAD NOT COME
2 INTO PLAY. SO I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS A NEED FOR AN
3 ACCOUNTING BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T TAKE CONTROL OF ANY ASSETS.
4 SO I'M GOING TO GRANT YOUR --

5 MR. INGHAM: YOUR HONOR, PARDON ME. PARDON ME FOR
6 INTERRUPTING, YOUR HONOR. THIS IS SAMUEL INGHAM. I JUST
7 RECEIVED A TEXT FROM MS. BRITNEY SPEARS THAT SHE WISHES TO
8 SPEAK, AND IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME WHETHER SHE WISHES TO
9 SPEAK BEFORE YOU RULE ON THE RESIGNATION OF BESSEMER
10 TRUST.

11 THE COURT: OH, OKAY. THAT'S FINE.

12 AND MS. SPEARS --

13 MR. ROSENGART, YOUR CLIENT WANTS TO SAY
14 SOMETHING. YOU'RE INVOLVED NOW, SO IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU?

15 MR. ROSENGART: IT IS, YOUR HONOR.

16 THE COURT: OKAY. SO MS. SPEARS, MS. BRITNEY SPEARS,
17 MR. INGHAM INDICATED THAT HE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM YOU
18 THAT YOU WANTED TO SPEAK. SO BEFORE I MAKE MY RULING, I
19 DON'T KNOW IF THIS PERTAINS TO WHAT I'M DOING NOW, BUT I'M
20 HAPPY TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

21 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: OKAY.

22 HELLO.

23 THE COURT: YES, GO AHEAD.

24 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: I WANT TO SPEAK, BUT I WANT TO
25 CLEAR THE COURTROOM BEFORE I SPEAK.

26 THE COURT: I MISSED WHAT MS. SPEARS SAID.

27 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: I WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR THE
28 COURTROOM BEFORE I SPEAK.

1 THE COURT: YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE COURTROOM --
2 DID SHE SAY CLEARED?

3 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: YES, YOUR HONOR.

4 MR. BRONSHTEYN: THAT'S WHAT I HEARD, YOUR HONOR.

5 THE COURT: OKAY. OKAY. SO DOES THIS INVOLVE --
6 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE CASES THAT ALLOW FOR THE
7 PUBLIC TO BE HERE, SO I NEED TO FIND OUT -- WELL, FIRST OF
8 ALL, LET ME FIND OUT FROM YOU, MS. SPEARS. DOES IT HAVE
9 ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE RULING I'M GOING TO MAKE ON THE
10 BESSEMER PETITION TO RESIGN?

11 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: NO, IT DOESN'T.

12 THE COURT: IT DOES NOT. OKAY. SO LET ME FINISH THAT
13 PIECE. AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TALK WITH COUNSEL,
14 BECAUSE THERE IS CASE AUTHORITY TO KEEP A PROCEEDING OPEN.
15 SO I WOULD NEED TO HEAR SOME ARGUMENT AND SOME AUTHORITY
16 FOR WHY I WOULD NEED TO CLEAR THE COURT.

17 SO MR. ROSS, I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE MY
18 RULING THAT YOUR PETITION IS GRANTED. AND SO BESSEMER IS
19 GETTING EXCUSED AT THIS TIME.

20 MR. ROSS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOUR HONOR. AND I
21 GATHER ALSO THAT, AS YOU NOTED A MOMENT AGO, THAT AN
22 ACCOUNTING WILL BE WAIVED.

23 THE COURT: THAT'S CORRECT. YES.

24 MR. ROSS: THANKS VERY MUCH, AND --

25 THE COURT: YOU TOOK NO CONTROL OF ANY ASSETS.

26 MS. THOREEN: YOUR HONOR, VIVIAN THOREEN. MAY I BE
27 HEARD?

28 THE COURT: WHO IS SPEAKING -- ASKING?

1 MS. THOREEN: VIVIAN THOREEN ON BEHALF OF MR. SPEARS.

2 THE COURT: YES. GO AHEAD.

3 MS. THOREEN: YES, YOUR HONOR. WE DON'T HAVE ANY
4 OBJECTION TO BESSEMER'S RESIGNATION, BUT I HAVE A BIT OF A
5 HOUSEKEEPING ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR RESIGNATION.
6 AND THAT IS THAT BECAUSE THE COURT SIGNED THE ORDER
7 APPOINTING BESSEMER, THE ORDER IS CUSTOMIZED SUCH THAT
8 BESSEMER AND MR. SPEARS ARE TO ACT CONJOINTLY. AND SO AS
9 BESSEMER RESIGNS, THE ORDER IS AMBIGUOUS AND A LITTLE BIT
10 CONFUSING. AND SO WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST, YOUR HONOR, IS
11 JUST TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A CLEAN RECORD, CLEAN ORDERS,
12 THAT AS PART OF THE ORDER GRANTING BESSEMER'S REQUEST TO
13 RESIGN, THAT I WOULD ADD TO IT OR PREPARE IT ALTOGETHER,
14 THAT THE COURT IS CONFIRMING THAT MR. SPEARS CONTINUES TO
15 SERVE AS MS. SPEARS' SOLE CONSERVATOR OF THE ESTATE.
16 THERE IS A PRIOR ORDER TO THIS EFFECT AND THIS WAS IN
17 PLACE WHEN MR. WALLET RESIGNED SOME TIME AGO.

18 AND SO ESSENTIALLY, YOUR HONOR, WHAT I AM
19 PROPOSING IS THAT WE WOULD REVERT TO THE TERMS OF THAT
20 2019 ORDER, BUT BRING IT UP TO DATE SINCE MR. SPEARS IS
21 NOT HER CONSERVATOR OF THE PERSON.

22 THE COURT: OKAY. WELL, THAT WOULD BE THE CASE IN
23 LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT BESSEMER IS STEPPING DOWN FROM
24 THEIR ROLE, SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO REVERT BACK TO THE
25 OTHER ORDER BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY OTHER ORDER
26 THAT'S IN PLACE RIGHT NOW CONCERNING THE ASSETS.

27 MS. THOREEN: YES, YOUR HONOR. WHAT I'M SUGGESTING,
28 JUST TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR, IS TO PRESENT A NEW ORDER THAT

1 WOULD INCLUDE BESSEMER'S RESIGNATION AND MR. SPEARS' SOLE
2 APPOINTMENT AS THE CO-CONSERVATOR OF THE ESTATE WHICH
3 WOULD ALSO REFLECT THAT, AT LEAST AS OF TODAY,
4 MS. MONTGOMERY IS SERVING AS MS. SPEARS' TEMPORARY
5 CONSERVATOR OF THE PERSON.

6 THE COURT: YES. WELL, THAT'S THE CURRENT STATE --

7 MR. ROSS: YOUR HONOR, THAT'S --

8 THE COURT: WHO'S SPEAKING?

9 MR. ROSS: ON BEHALF OF BESSEMER, YOUR HONOR, I WOULD
10 BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH MS. THOREEN ON AN ORDER THAT'S
11 ACCEPTABLE AND CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HAS JUST BEEN STATED.

12 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND PLEASE
13 INCLUDE MR. ROSENGART IN THE LOOP FOR THAT ORDER AS WELL.

14 MR. ROSS: I WILL, YOUR HONOR.

15 MS. THOREEN: WILL DO, YOUR HONOR. AND MAY I ASK A
16 QUESTION ABOUT MR. ROSENGART? I AM UNDERSTANDING THIS TO
17 MEAN THAT THE COURT IS, THEN, APPOINTING MR. ROSENGART AND
18 HIS FIRM AS MS. SPEARS' COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL; IS THAT
19 CORRECT, YOUR HONOR? I DIDN'T KNOW IF I MISSED SOMETHING.

20 THE COURT: OKAY. SO DID YOU WANT TO BE HEARD ON
21 THAT, MR. ROSENGART?

22 MR. ROSENGART: YOUR HONOR, BASED ON THE COURT'S
23 COMMENTS OF THIS MORNING, THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING AS
24 WELL. I'M HAPPY TO BE HEARD. THE ONLY THING I WOULD LIKE
25 TO CLARIFY IS, THOUGH, ALTHOUGH MY FIRM IS EXTREMELY WELL
26 EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THE MATTER, ADVERSE TO HOLLAND AND
27 KNIGHT, AS AN AMLAW 100 FIRM, AS INDICATED IN THE
28 SUBMISSION OF JODI MONTGOMERY, ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE

1 SUBMISSION OF LYNNE SPEARS, WE AGREE WITH 50 PERCENT OF
2 THE SUBMISSION OF THE ACLU. THE 50 PERCENT THAT WE AGREE
3 WITH IS MS. SPEARS DOES ABSOLUTELY HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL
4 RIGHT TO SELECT HER OWN ATTORNEY. WE BELIEVE THAT'S CLEAR
5 UNDER THE 5TH AMENDMENT, UNDER THE 6TH AMENDMENT. WE
6 BELIEVE IT'S CLEAR UNDER THE STATUTORY SCHEME UNDER THE
7 PROBATE CODE. WE BELIEVE AS AN INDIVIDUAL, AS A HUMAN
8 BEING WHO HAS DIGNITY AND AUTONOMY, SHE HAS THAT RIGHT.
9 AND WE BELIEVE IT'S WELL WITHIN THE COURT'S DISCRETION
10 UNDER 1873 TO PERMIT MS. SPEARS TO SELECT HER OWN COUNSEL
11 FOR ALL OF THOSE REASONS.

12 WE ALSO BELIEVE, YOUR HONOR, THAT MS. SPEARS'
13 POWERFUL, COMPELLING, HONEST, DECENT, AND HUMANE TESTIMONY
14 AND STATEMENT OF JUNE 23RD SHOWS THAT SHE'S ABSOLUTELY
15 MORE THAN CAPABLE OF HIRING HER OWN COUNSEL AFTER BEING
16 THROUGH THIS FOR THAT 13 YEARS. THE ONLY POINT OF
17 CLARIFICATION THAT I WOULD MAKE, YOUR HONOR -- AND I
18 APPRECIATE THE COURT'S SOLICITOUSNESS, AND IT'S NICE
19 MEETING YOUR HONOR -- IS THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
20 BEFORE THE FINAL RETENTION IS CONSUMMATED, OUR INTENT,
21 SUBJECT TO THE COURT'S PERMISSION, WAS GOING TO BE TO WORK
22 THROUGH LAURIANN WRIGHT, COUNSEL WITH JODI MONTGOMERY, IN
23 ORDER TO FORMALIZE THE ENGAGEMENT IN AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER.
24 SO WE DO HAVE -- YOUR HONOR, IF I JUST MAY READ IT IN OPEN
25 COURT BRIEFLY, A NOTICE OF APPEARANCE PURSUANT TO WHICH
26 MS. SPEARS WROTE ON JULY 7TH, OR CONFIRMED ON JULY 7TH,
27 THE FOLLOWING:

28 "PURSUANT TO MY STATEMENT IN OPEN

1 COURT ON JUNE 23RD, 2021, MY RIGHTS
2 AND MY DESIRE TO END THE ABOVE-
3 REFERENCED CONSERVATORSHIP AS TO
4 MY FATHER, JAMES P. SPEARS, IT IS
5 MY DESIRE TO CHOOSE AND RETAIN MY
6 OWN COUNSEL AT GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP
7 AS SET FOURTH ABOVE."

8 AND WE WILL FILE THIS WITH THE COURT, BUT JUST
9 FOR THE RECORD, THE NOTICE OF APPEARANCE CONTAINS THE
10 NAMES OF OUR TEAM. WE MAY SUPPLEMENT THE TEAM, BUT IT
11 IDENTIFIES THE INDIVIDUALS I IDENTIFIED ON THE RECORD THIS
12 MORNING. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLARIFICATION,
13 YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU.

14 THE COURT: THANK YOU, COUNSEL.

15 MS. BRENNAN-KROHN: YOUR HONOR?

16 THE COURT: WHO IS SPEAKING?

17 MS. BRENNAN-KROHN: THIS IS ZOE BRENNAN-KROHN FOR THE
18 ACLU, YOUR HONOR. IF I MAY BE HEARD BRIEFLY ON THIS
19 MATTER?

20 THE COURT: SURE.

21 MS. BRENNAN-KROHN: IN RESPONSE TO MR. ROSENGART'S
22 REFERENCE TO THE AMICUS BRIEF FILED BY THE ACLU, OF COURSE
23 WE AGREE WITH YOUR HONOR'S APPROACH OF RECOGNIZING THAT
24 MS. SPEARS HAS THE RIGHT AND HAS CAPACITY TO CHOOSE HER
25 OWN LAWYER.

26 AND THE ONLY ADDITIONAL POINT THAT I WANT TO
27 RAISE IS THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MS. SPEARS HAD
28 ENOUGH INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE

1 ABOUT THIS, AND THAT SHE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO
2 AS MANY LAWYERS AS SHE WANTED TO CONFIDENTIALLY, BY THE
3 PHONE, SHE HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT PROFILES OF LAWYERS ON
4 THE INTERNET, THAT SHE HAD UNLAUNDERED INTERNET ACCESS,
5 AND THAT SHE HAD ACCESS TO TRUST ADVISORS AS TO WHICH
6 ATTORNEYS WOULD BE A BEST FIT FOR HER. AND IF SHE HASN'T
7 HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY, WE WOULD ENCOURAGE THE COURT TO
8 PROVIDE HER THAT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT HER DECISION
9 MAKING WHICH IS A WIDELY RECOGNIZED PROCESS THAT HELPS A
10 PERSON REACH AND COMMUNICATE THEIR OWN DECISIONS
11 CONSISTENT WITH THEIR VALUES. AND THE ACLU HAS OFFERED TO
12 PROVIDE THIS TO MS. SPEARS ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS AT NO
13 COST, IF MS. SPEARS WOULD LIKE, TO ENSURE THAT SHE HAD THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE HER OWN LAWYER QUICKLY AND
15 MEANINGFULLY, BUT ALSO TO ENSURE THAT THIS LAWYER IS
16 CONSISTENT WITH HER VALUES.

17 AND WE TAKE NO POSITION ON MR. ROSENGART. WE
18 JUST TAKE A POSITION ON THE PROCESS THAT MS. SPEARS WENT
19 THROUGH TO ENSURE THAT SHE FEELS COMFORTABLE THAT SHE HAD
20 ENOUGH TIME, ENOUGH OPPORTUNITY TO REACH HER OWN
21 CONCLUSION. AND IF SHE WOULD LIKE MORE TIME OR A NEUTRAL
22 SUPPORTER TO HELP HER REACH THAT DECISION, THEN WE'RE
23 HAPPY TO PROVIDE THAT.

24 MR. ROSENGART: YOUR HONOR, VERY BRIEFLY, IF I MAY?

25 MR. INGHAM: YOUR HONOR, PARDON ME. THIS IS SAMUEL
26 INGHAM AGAIN. PARDON ME FOR INTERRUPTING MR. ROSENGART,
27 BUT MS. SPEARS HAS ASKED AGAIN IF SHE COULD ADDRESS THE
28 COURT.

1 MR. ROSENGART: THAT'S FINE, YOUR HONOR.

2 THE COURT: OKAY. BUT SHE'S ALSO ASKED THAT THE
3 COURTROOM BE CLEARED, AND SO I NEED SOME BASIS FOR THAT,
4 BECAUSE THE COURTROOM AND THE COURTHOUSE AND THE
5 COURTROOMS ARE ALWAYS OPEN, SO I DON'T HAVE -- YOU KNOW,
6 THIS HAS JUST COME UP JUST NOW. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING
7 BEFORE ME IN TERMS OF STATUTORY OR CASE LAW THAT WILL
8 ALLOW FOR THAT, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT THE PARTIES WOULD
9 WANT TO SHARE TO ALLOW ME TO MAKE A RULING IN THAT WAY.

10 MR. ROSENGART: WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION --

11 MR. INGHAM: YOUR HONOR, IF I COULD MAKE A SUGGESTION
12 HERE. I'M MORE THAN HAPPY -- I'M NOT SURE IF MS. SPEARS
13 IS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH MR. ROSENGART, SO I'M
14 MORE THAN HAPPY TO BE HER INTERFACE, AND SHE'S ABLE TO
15 TEXT ME. HOWEVER, IF THE COURT'S GOING TO ADDRESS A
16 REQUEST TO CLEAR THE COURTROOM OR ANY OTHER ISSUES OF THAT
17 SORT, I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE COURT TO
18 MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHO IS REPRESENTING THE
19 CONSERVATEE FOR THIS HEARING.

20 I HAVE TENDERED MY RESIGNATION. AND IF
21 MR. ROSENGART IS PRESENT AND THE COURT IS INCLINED TO HAVE
22 HIM APPEAR ON HER BEHALF, THEN I THINK THAT ISSUE CAN BE
23 RESOLVED, AND MY RESIGNATION AND THAT OF LOEB AND LOEB CAN
24 BE ACCEPTED BEFORE WE GO FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD OF ARGUING
25 PROCEDURE IN THIS CASE.

26 THE COURT: OKAY.

27 SO, MS. SPEARS? BRITNEY SPEARS, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

28 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: YES. AND I'LL SPEAK WITH IT

1 OPEN.

2 THE COURT: OKAY. SO YOU CAN HEAR ME, OKAY? ALL
3 RIGHT. SO THE ACLU FILED AN AMICUS BRIEF BECAUSE THEY
4 WANT TO BE SURE THEY WERE -- THEIR ARGUMENT IS THAT YOU
5 DEFINITELY HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE COUNSEL, BUT THEY ALSO
6 WANT TO BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE MADE A SELECTION CONSISTENT
7 WITH, MAYBE, INTERVIEWING OTHER PEOPLE, FINDING -- MAKING
8 SURE THAT, YOU KNOW, THE FIRM THAT YOU'RE SPEAKING ABOUT
9 DID EVERYTHING FOR YOUR PURPOSES, THAT YOU'RE COMFORTABLE
10 WITH THEM, AND THAT IT FITS YOUR NEEDS. AND SO THAT WAS
11 THE CONCERN RAISED IN THEIR AMICUS BRIEF. SO WITHOUT
12 GETTING -- HAVING YOU GET INTO ANY CONFIDENTIAL
13 DISCUSSIONS WITH LAWYERS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE INTERVIEWED,
14 BASED ON THE INQUIRY THAT WAS MADE BY THE ACLU, ARE YOU
15 COMFORTABLE WITH THE DECISION THAT YOU'VE MADE CONCERNING
16 THE FIRM TO REPRESENT YOU, THAT MR. ROSENGART --

17 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: YES, MA'AM, I AM.

18 THE COURT: I'M SORRY?

19 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: I'VE SPOKE -- I'VE SPOKEN WITH
20 HIM SEVERAL TIMES ON THE PHONE AND I'VE -- I'VE MET HIM,
21 SO, UM, YES, I'VE MADE -- IT IS MY DECISION. AND I WILL
22 SPEAK WITH THE COURTROOM OPEN, AND IF YOU WILL GIVE ME THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT AS WELL.

24 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU, MS. SPEARS.

25 SO SHE'S INDICATED THAT SHE'S COMFORTABLE WITH
26 THE DECISION. AND I BELIEVE SHE HAS THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE
27 COUNSEL, SO THE FIRM THAT MR. ROSENGART IS -- IS IT
28 GREENBERG TRAUIG, IS THAT HOW YOU PRONOUNCE IT?

1 MR. ROSENGART: YES, YOUR HONOR, SUBJECT TO FINALIZING
2 THE ENGAGEMENT, THAT'S CORRECT. AND THE ONLY POINT I WAS
3 GOING TO MAKE BEFORE MS. SPEARS SPEAKS IS IN REGARDS TO
4 THE ACLU MOTION, AND MAYBE THIS SHIFT IS ALREADY SHELVED
5 SO IT'S MOOT. THE 50 PERCENT THAT WE WOULD, AS THE COURT,
6 I BELIEVE JUST STATED, MS. SPEARS ABSOLUTELY HAS THE RIGHT
7 TO SELECT HER OWN COUNSEL. MS. SPEARS INDICATED TO ME,
8 WITHOUT GETTING INTO ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE
9 CONVERSATIONS, AS SHE JUST CONFIRMED WITH THE COURT,
10 CONSISTENT WITH WHAT SHE SAID ON JUNE 23RD, SHE DOES NOT
11 PREFER THERE TO BE AN INTERMEDIARY IN THAT REGARD. SO
12 WITH THAT SAID, YOUR HONOR, I APPRECIATE THE COURT'S
13 RULING.

14 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

15 MS. THOREEN: YOUR HONOR, VIVIAN THOREEN. MAY I
16 COMMENT BEFORE MS. SPEARS MAKES HER REMARKS? THIS IS
17 RELATED TO THE -- HER CHOICE-OF-COUNSEL ISSUE.

18 THE COURT: SURE.

19 MS. THOREEN: I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT MR. SPEARS WANTS
20 HIS DAUGHTER TO HAVE COUNSEL. AND HE AGREES THAT IT'S
21 NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR HER TO HAVE COUNSEL WHO WILL
22 ADVOCATE FOR HER, AND THAT SHE BE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS
23 OF CHOOSING HER COUNSEL. AND IF THE COURT IS APPOINTING
24 MR. ROSENGART AND HIS FIRM, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
25 HIM TO TRY TO RESOLVE THESE MANY PENDING AND COMPLEX
26 ISSUES. SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT AND LET THE
27 RECORD REFLECT THAT MR. SPEARS DOES IN NO WAY OBJECT TO
28 THIS BECAUSE HE DOES WANT HIS DAUGHTER TO HAVE COUNSEL WHO

1 WILL ADVOCATE FOR HER.

2 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MS. THOREEN.

3 SO MR. INGHAM, DO YOU WANT ME TO DEAL WITH YOUR
4 PETITION LATER ON IN THE PROCEEDING, BECAUSE I CAN STILL
5 DEAL WITH IT TODAY.

6 MR. INGHAM: YOUR HONOR, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A
7 HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENT, AND THIS IS AS MUCH FOR THE
8 BENEFIT OF MR. ROSENGART AS ANYONE, NOT TO MENTION THE
9 BENEFIT OF MY CLIENT, AND THEN ASK FOR SOME GUIDANCE FROM
10 THE COURT.

11 THE COURT: OKAY.

12 MR. INGHAM: I WASN'T IN ANY WAY SUGGESTING THAT I
13 WANTED TO CONTINUE AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN MS. SPEARS
14 AND HER NEW COUNSEL. I ONLY MADE THE OBSERVATION THAT SHE
15 HAS MY TELEPHONE NUMBER AND IS TEXTING ME AS THE HEARING
16 GOES ON. AND SO DEPENDING ON HOW THE COURT DEALS WITH MY
17 RESIGNATION, I THINK IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE, WITHOUT MY
18 MEANING TO BE RUDE TO MY CLIENT, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE
19 FOR HER TO INTERRUPT ON HER OWN RATHER THAN HAVE ME DO HER
20 INTERRUPTING FOR HER. AND I THINK THE COURT HAS SHOWN A
21 LOT OF INDULGENCE IN THAT RESPECT, AND I DON'T SEE ANY
22 PROBLEM WITH THAT.

23 THE COURT: OKAY.

24 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: I WAS TEXTING YOU BASICALLY
25 BECAUSE, UM, MY PHONE WASN'T CONNECTING TO, UM, MY LAWYER.
26 SO I JUST -- I WANTED TO GO AHEAD AND -- I WASN'T
27 CONNECTING TO HIM. I DIDN'T NEED TO TEXT YOU, THOUGH.

28 MR. INGHAM: OH. WELL, I'M HAPPY -- ANY WAY THAT I

1 CAN HELP IS FINE, BUT I THINK IT WOULD PROBABLY BE
2 APPROPRIATE IF MS. SPEARS JUST ADDRESSES THE COURT --

3 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: WELL, DIRECTLY, YEAH.

4 MR. INGHAM: -- AND SHE LEAVES ME OUT.

5 THE OTHER HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES THAT I JUST WANTED
6 TO HIGHLIGHT FOR MR. ROSENGART, BECAUSE HE WASN'T PRESENT
7 AT THE LAST HEARING, I DID ARRANGE FOR MS. SPEARS TO
8 APPEAR BY TELEPHONE COURT CONNECT FOR THIS HEARING. SHE
9 IS WELCOME, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, SINCE I HAVEN'T BEEN
10 DISCHARGED YET, TO SAY WHATEVER SHE LIKES. I HAVE NOT IN
11 ANY WAY ATTEMPTED TO CONTROL OR FILTER OR EDIT ANYTHING
12 THAT SHE HAS TO SAY. WHATEVER SHE SAYS ARE HER OWN WORDS.
13 I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WILL BE. SHE HAS HER OWN
14 INDEPENDENT PHONE CONNECTION. I WILL NOT INTERRUPT HER AT
15 ANY POINT. ONCE SHE STARTS SPEAKING, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT
16 SHE SAYS, I WILL NOT IN ANY WAY ATTEMPT TO STOP HER FROM
17 SPEAKING OR TEXT HER OR DO ANYTHING ELSE TO INTERFERE WITH
18 HER COMMUNICATION.

19 AND WITH THAT SAID, IF THE COURT IS INCLINED TO
20 LET HER SPEAK UP WHEN SHE WISHES TO SPEAK UP, I THINK IT
21 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LOEB AND
22 LOEB AND MYSELF AT THIS POINT, SUBJECT TO SOME PROCEDURAL
23 THINGS IN TERMS OF PENDING FEE PETITIONS. BUT I THINK IT
24 ISN'T REALLY BENEFICIAL -- IT ISN'T IN THE CONSERVATEE'S
25 BEST INTEREST TO HAVE TWO PEOPLE ON THE HOOK AT THE SAME
26 TIME. AND SHE HAS EXPRESSED A CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR NEW
27 COUNSEL. AS I SAID AT THE LAST HEARING --

28 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: -- AND I SAID MYSELF AS WELL WHY

1 I WAS, UM, TEXTING YOU BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE HIS NUMBER IN
2 MY PHONE.

3 MR. INGHAM: I ABSOLUTELY HONOR HER REQUEST TO HAVE
4 NEW COUNSEL, AND SO AT THIS POINT, I THINK IT WOULD BE
5 APPROPRIATE TO HAVE THE COURT ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF
6 MYSELF AND OF MY ASSOCIATED COUNSEL, LOEB AND LOEB.

7 THE COURT: OKAY. AND MR. INGHAM, I BELIEVE YOUR
8 PETITION IS AT 5012; IS THAT CORRECT, OR NO?

9 MR. INGHAM: YES, YOUR HONOR.

10 THE COURT: OKAY. SO THE PETITION AT 5012 IS GOING TO
11 BE GRANTED. I'M GOING TO GRANT THAT PETITION. AND AT
12 THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO DISCHARGE MR. INGHAM, AND LOEB AND
13 LOEB IS RELEASED AS WELL WITH THE COURT'S THANKS.

14 OKAY. THANK YOU.

15 MR. INGHAM: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

16 THE COURT: SURE. SO --

17 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: THANK YOU.

18 MR. NELSON: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

19 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. NELSON.

20 MR. ROSENGART: WITH REGARD TO THE SEALING ISSUES,
21 YOUR HONOR, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, AND THE COURT WILL
22 FORGIVE ME -- THIS IS OBVIOUSLY MY FIRST APPEARANCE IN
23 THIS CASE -- IS THAT THERE IS PRECEDENT FOR IT IN THIS
24 VERY CASE. THE REASONS MS. SPEARS WOULD LIKE THE
25 COURTROOM CLEARED ARE TO RESPECT HER PRIVACY. SHE MAY
26 TALK ABOUT MEDICAL ISSUES, HIPAA ISSUES, PRIVACY ISSUES
27 CONCERNING MINOR CHILDREN --

28 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: (INAUDIBLE.)

1 MR. ROSENGART: -- PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. I BELIEVE
2 MR. SPEARS HIMSELF HAS MOVED FOR SEALING ORDERS IN THE
3 PAST THAT WERE GRANTED.

4 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: ACTUALLY, I DON'T MIND IF IT'S
5 OPEN. IT'S FINE.

6 THE COURT: OKAY. SHE'S SAYING SHE DOESN'T MIND IF
7 IT'S OPEN.

8 MR. ROSENGART: THAT'S FINE, YOUR HONOR. WE HAVE
9 PRECEDENT FOR IT TO BE SEALED, BUT IF MS. SPEARS WOULD
10 LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT, THAT'S FINE.

11 THE COURT: OKAY. SO WE'VE GOT A NUMBER OF OTHER
12 MATTERS ON THE CALENDAR, BUT IF MS. SPEARS WANTS TO MAKE A
13 STATEMENT, I'M HAPPY TO HAVE HER MAKE A STATEMENT. AND
14 THEN WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING WITH
15 THE BALANCE OF THE CALENDAR MATTERS THAT ARE BEFORE ME.

16 SO MS. BRITNEY SPEARS, IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU
17 WANTED TO SAY --

18 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: YES.

19 THE COURT: YES. I'M HAPPY TO HAVE YOU TALK AT THIS
20 TIME.

21 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: OKAY. THANK YOU. SO I'M HERE,
22 MA'AM, TODAY -- YOUR HONOR, EXCUSE ME, TO SHOW YOU WHO I
23 WANT AS MY LAWYER -- I HAVE THIS WRITTEN DOWN, SO BEAR
24 WITH ME -- TO SHOW YOU WHO I WANT AS MY LAWYER AND TO
25 REMOVE MY DAD ALTOGETHER. I ALSO, AGAIN, WANT TO PETITION
26 THE COURT TO END THE CONSERVATORSHIP, BUT ONLY IF I DON'T
27 HAVE TO BE EVALUATED. I'M NOT SURE WHY MY LAWYER DIDN'T
28 HAVE AN ANSWER FOR ME ON THAT. I ALSO DO KNOW -- MY

1 PREVIOUS LAWYER, NOT THIS LAWYER NOW. I ALSO KNOW THAT BY
2 LAW YOU CAN ELIMINATE THE EVALUATION IF YOU CHOOSE. IN
3 SOME STATES THAT IS PERMITTED. I JUST WANT YOU TO
4 UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH OF MY TIME IT HAS TAKEN BY FORCING ME
5 TO DO THESE STUPID PSYCH TESTS AND NOTHING COMES OUT OF
6 IT.

7 THE LAW IS DIFFERENT ON THIS SITUATION AND I'VE
8 SPOKEN TO PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE ABLE TO END IT WITHOUT
9 BEING EVALUATED. MAYBE THE LAW IS DIFFERENT HERE, I HAVE
10 NO IDEA. EITHER WAY, I DON'T WANT TO PETITION IF THAT'S
11 THE CASE. I'M NOT WILLING TO SIT WITH ANYBODY AT THIS
12 POINT TO BE EVALUATED.

13 I'M REQUESTING TODAY TO GET MY DAD OUT AS THE
14 CONSERVATOR.

15 I ALSO DID A MOCKUP OF MY SCHEDULE ON OUR LAST --
16 MY LAST -- THREE WEEKS AGO WHEN I SPOKE TO YOU. SO MY DAD
17 WANTS TO INVESTIGATE WHAT I DID IN THE PAST WHEN I WAS IN
18 THAT PLACE. BUT, UM, I DID A MOCKUP OF MY SCHEDULE WHEN I
19 WAS THERE, AND I KNOW THE PROGRAMS THAT I WAS THREATENED
20 BY MY OWN PEOPLE IF I DIDN'T, IT WOULD BE WORSE FOR ME.
21 MA'AM, THERE SHOULD BE NO THREATS AT ALL TO ME EVER. IF I
22 DON'T WANT TO DO WHAT THEY SAY, AND I SAY NO TO A SHOW, I
23 SHOULD NEVER BE THREATENED. BUT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IS
24 WRONG, AND I DID GO TO THIS MADE-UP PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM
25 WAS DEAD WRONG. IT WAS WRONG THE HOURS I HAD TO BE
26 AVAILABLE. I DID HAVE SOME 30-MINUTE BREAKS IN BETWEEN
27 SOME OF THE MEETINGS, BUT I DID HAVE 25-HOUR-A-WEEK
28 WORKDAYS. THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE DO WITH MOST PART-TIME JOBS.

1 I ALSO HAVE SERIOUS ABANDONMENT ISSUES. WHEN I
2 WAS YOUNGER, MY MOM COULDN'T LEAVE THE WINDOW AT DANCE FOR
3 THREE YEARS WHEN -- FOR THREE YEARS. I HAD TO SEE HER
4 FACE THERE BECAUSE I WOULD LOSE IT IF SHE LEFT ONE TIME.
5 SO WHEN I WAS 10 YEARS OLD, ONE TIME SHE WENT TO TARGET
6 AND I WENT TO MY MEETING. I WAS ALWAYS EXTREMELY SCARED
7 OF MY DAD AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO SHOW UP
8 DRUNK SOMEWHERE AND EMBARRASS ME.

9 AT THE PLACE I HAD TO SIT IN THE WINGS AT THAT
10 PLACE FOR A MONTH BY MYSELF SEEING FIVE PEOPLE FOR
11 MEETINGS; THE CHEF, A NURSE IN THE MORNING, AND AT NIGHT
12 ONCE SECURITY HAD CHANGED. THAT'S NINE PEOPLE WHO LEFT ME
13 DAILY. NINE PEOPLE. OH, AND I FORGOT MY CHILDREN AND MY
14 BOYFRIEND GOT LEFT IN THE CAR AND, UM, AT LEAST TWICE.
15 AND SO THAT'S WEEKLY, THAT'S 63 TIMES A WEEK I WAS LEFT IN
16 THAT TRAILER HOUSE. 63 TIMES. NO, I WAS NOT ALONE, BUT
17 THEY ALL LEFT ON THEIR SHIFT. I COULDN'T EVEN LEAVE OR
18 EVEN GO OUT THE FRONT DOOR. TALK ABOUT EXTREME
19 ABANDONMENT ISSUES. THEY KNEW I WAS VULNERABLE AND SCARED
20 AND IT'S NOT OKAY.

21 WHEN THEY DREW BLOOD, I WOULD HAVE TO USE THREE
22 DIFFERENT NEEDLES SOMETIMES TO GET THE RIGHT VEIN, MA'AM,
23 AND I DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE BLOOD OR BE ON LITHIUM.

24 THEY TOOK MY HAIR VITAMINS AWAY. WHY TAKE
25 SOMEONE'S HAIR VITAMINS AWAY? IT'S WITH THE PRETTY
26 PACKAGING, ALL THE BOXES THAT ARE PAINTED, THAT I BOUGHT
27 MYSELF, AND THREW ALL THE PACKAGING AWAY SO I COULDN'T SEE
28 THE PRETTY PACKAGING. MA'AM, THAT'S NOT ABUSE, THAT'S

1 JUST FUCKING CRUELTY. AND EXCUSE MY LANGUAGE, BUT IT'S
2 THE TRUTH. AND THERE'S A MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION. WHY
3 WOULD THEY DO THAT? I HAVE NO IDEA. SO HONESTLY I
4 STARTED HONESTLY JUST TO THINK THEY WERE TRYING TO KILL
5 ME. NOT ONLY COULD I NOT TAKE MY \$40 PINK HAIR VITAMINS,
6 BUT I COULDN'T EVEN SEE THE PACKAGING FOR IT.

7 THEY TOOK COFFEE AWAY FROM ME WHICH I STILL
8 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DRINK. MY LEVEL OF PRIVACY STARTED
9 TO CHANGE THREE TIMES A DAY, AND I DIDN'T HAVE A SAY IN IT
10 EXCEPT FOR ANYTHING WHAT I ATE BESIDES THE WEEKENDS WHEN I
11 COULDN'T EVEN EAT A HAMBURGER OR FRENCH FRIES EXCEPT
12 TOWARDS THE END.

13 I'M HERE TO GET RID OF MY DAD AND CHARGE HIM FOR
14 CONSERVATORSHIP ABUSE. AND FRANKLY, I'M NOT REALLY SURE
15 HOW IMMEDIATE RESTRAINING ORDERS PLACED ON MY DAD AFTER
16 BREAKING A HUGE DOOR DOWN TO GET TO MY SON AND SHAKING HIM
17 AND WE ALL HAVE TO THINK AND WONDER IF MY DAD IS ABUSIVE
18 TO ME.

19 I'M IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING A NEW LAWYER AT THE
20 MOMENT, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I'M REPRESENTING MYSELF, AND
21 I WANT TO PRESS CHARGES FOR ABUSE ON BEHALF OF THIS
22 CONSERVATORSHIP TODAY, ALL OF IT, AND REMOVING MY
23 CONSERVATOR, MEANING IT'S BETTER THAN TRYING TO
24 INVESTIGATE MY SITUATION OR MY CAPACITY OR MY -- OBSERVING
25 MY BEHAVIORS THE PAST 13 THAT THEY'VE DONE. I WANT AN
26 INVESTIGATION ON MY DAD --

27 THE REPORTER: YOUR HONOR, COULD WE HAVE HER SLOW
28 DOWN.

1 THE COURT: MS. SPEARS. MS. SPEARS. MY COURT
2 REPORTER IS ATTEMPTING TO TAKE DOWN EVERYTHING YOU'RE
3 SAYING, BUT YOU HAVE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT SLOWER SO THAT
4 SHE CAN CAPTURE YOUR WORDS.

5 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: GOT IT -- AND REMOVE HIM AS
6 CONSERVATOR, MEANING INSTEAD OF HIM TRYING TO INVESTIGATE
7 MY SITUATION OR MY CAPACITY OR OBSERVING MY BEHAVIOR FOR
8 THE PAST 13 YEARS, I WANT AN INVESTIGATION ON MY DAD.

9 ALSO, MY LICENSE WAS TAKEN AWAY FOR EIGHT MONTHS
10 MAKING -- BECAUSE AN OFFICER PULLED ME OVER AND I WAS
11 GOING 10 MILES OVER THE SPEED LIMIT. HE DIDN'T GIVE ME A
12 TICKET. HE SAID, "MA'AM, YOU JUST NEED TO SLOW DOWN." MY
13 DAD, AFTER THAT SAID I COULDN'T DRIVE FOR EIGHT MONTHS.
14 I'M THINKING, "IS SECURITY EVER GOING TO GIVE ME MY KEYS
15 TO MY GARAGE?" I MEAN, THEY KEPT MY KEYS FOREVER, HOLDING
16 ME UP IN MY HOME AGAIN. MY LAWYER DIDN'T FIGHT FOR ME FOR
17 EIGHT MONTHS. SO I SAID MYSELF, TO MY LAWYER, AFTER
18 EIGHT MONTHS, I SAID, "GET SOMEONE HERE TO TEST ME AND
19 SHOW I'M AN AMAZING DRIVER." THE OFFICER WHO CAME HERE TO
20 DRIVE ME HIMSELF CAME TO BAT FOR ME. THEY FINALLY AGREED
21 AFTER THREE MONTHS OF ME ASKING, WHICH WAS JUST
22 FIVE MONTHS AGO, I WAS ABLE TO START DRIVING AGAIN.

23 THIS CONSERVATORSHIP IS LITERALLY ALLOWING MY DAD
24 TO RUIN MY LIFE. NOBODY, EVEN IF THEY DID GET A TICKET,
25 SHOULD HAVE THEIR KEYS BE TAKEN AWAY THAT LONG. AND MY
26 LAWYER DIDN'T FIGHT FOR ME NOT ONE TIME. I WANT TO GET MY
27 DAD REMOVED, MA'AM. MA'AM, THAT IS ABUSE, AND WE ALL KNOW
28 IT AND THAT'S NOT OKAY THAT THIS -- ONE THING I LEFT OUT

1 WHICH HAPPENED ONLY FIVE MONTHS AGO WHICH WAS, I STARTED
2 DRIVING AGAIN.

3 UM, SO AGAIN, I'M HERE TO PRESS CHARGES FOR MY
4 ABUSE BECAUSE I'M ANGRY AND I WILL GO THERE. AND SO I
5 KNOW WE'RE OUT OF TIME, BUT ONE MORE THING. I KNOW YOU'RE
6 PROBABLY WONDERING WHY I WOULDN'T JUST GET IT OVER WITH
7 AND BE EVALUATED. WELL, IT'S BECAUSE WHEN I EVEN DID --
8 BEFORE I WAS SENT TO THAT PLACE, I HAD DONE THREE OTHER
9 PSYCH TESTS THAT WERE AGAINST MY WILL WHILE I WAS WORKING
10 THROUGH A CIRCUS AND ALL MY TOURS. THEY SAID, "IF YOU DO
11 WELL, WE'LL END IT." I DID THESE TESTS AND HAD TO GO TO
12 THAT BUILDING IN BEVERLY HILLS TWO HOURS AT A TIME AND I
13 DID THOSE WHILE WORKING IN THE MIDDLE OF A TOUR LIKE FOUR
14 OR FIVE YEARS, AND THEY DID NOTHING --

15 THE REPORTER: YOUR HONOR, I NEED HER TO SLOW DOWN.

16 THE COURT: MS. SPEARS. MS. SPEARS, EXCUSE ME. IF
17 YOU CAN JUST SLOW YOUR SPEECH DOWN A LITTLE BIT SO THAT MY
18 REPORTER CAN BE SURE TO GET --

19 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: I APOLOGIZE. OKAY. THEY DID
20 NOTHING UNDER THE CONSERVATORSHIP. THEY DIDN'T END IT. I
21 JUST KEPT WORKING. IT WAS JUST A WAY TO KEEP ME WORKING,
22 SO I'M NOT WILLING TO TAKE THE CHANCE AND PETITION THE
23 CONSERVATORSHIP TO END IT FOR PEOPLE TO SIT ME DOWN AND
24 QUESTION MY INTELLIGENCE FOR THE MILLIONTH TIME. I HAVE
25 TOO MUCH PRIDE. SO, YES, I WOULD RATHER JODI STAY IN
26 PLACE AT THIS POINT WITH ME, WITH MY FUTURE GOALS TO MAKE
27 DIFFERENT RULES -- AND MAKE DIFFERENT RULES THAT BENEFIT
28 ME.

1 AND ALSO, IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE HOURS THAT I
2 WORKED AND YOU NEED AN INVESTIGATION, I HAVE A MOCKUP
3 SCHEDULE IN MY HOME -- IN MY HAND RIGHT NOW. I CAN GIVE
4 IT TO YOU OR SEND IT TO YOU THROUGH MY LAWYERS. AND IF
5 THE LAWYERS WANT TO CRITIQUE IN DETAIL THE HOURS THAT I
6 WORKED FOR 4 TO 5, SOMETIMES 6 HOURS A DAY WHICH I ALWAYS
7 COMPLAINED WHEN IT WAS 6 HOURS A DAY. BUT I HAD TO BE
8 AVAILABLE TO THEM 10 HOURS FROM 8:00 TO 6:00. SINCE I
9 COULDN'T LEAVE OR MOST PEOPLE WENT ON BREAK, I HAD TO BE
10 THERE FOR 10 HOURS. WELL, REALLY FOR A MONTH, BUT IN
11 BETWEEN WHICH ACTUALLY MEANS THAT'S 70 HOURS A WEEK.
12 THAT'S MORE HOURS THAN A REAL JOB. THAT'S ILLEGAL NO
13 MATTER WHAT THESE STUPID PEOPLE TRY TO CLAIM.

14 AND NO, I'M NOT A PERFECT PERSON, BUT I WILL TELL
15 YOU A LOT OF MY MISTAKES AND BREAKDOWNS AND ANGRY TANTRUMS
16 WERE ONLY BROUGHT BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WAS
17 THEIR GOAL ALWAYS TO TRY TO MAKE ME FEEL LIKE I'M CRAZY,
18 WHICH I'M NOT. AND IT'S NOT OKAY. AGAIN, I REPEATED WHAT
19 THEY HAVE DONE TO ME.

20 ALSO, THE THINGS THAT MADE ME THE CRAZIEST WAS
21 THAT MY FAMILY NEVER CARED AND ASKED WHAT THEY WERE MAKING
22 ME DO DAILY. BUT NOW, THREE YEARS LATER AFTER BEING OUT
23 OF THAT PLACE, AND I CALLED, UM, MY DAD AFTER AND SHOWED
24 PROBABLY WHAT I DID DO, HE FILED FOR AN INVESTIGATION TO
25 BE DONE ON WHAT I WAS MADE TO DO, WHEN AT THE TIME, WHEN I
26 WAS THERE, HIM AND MY WHOLE FAMILY WERE AT MY BEACH HOUSE
27 IN JACKSON, FLORIDA THAT I BOUGHT. HE NEVER CARED TO ASK
28 WHAT WAS GOING ON THEN.

1 THEY ALSO NEVER LET ME KNOW WHEN, UM, WHEN I
2 COULD LEAVE. MY DAD CALLED THE JERK AT THAT PLACE AND I
3 ASKED HIM, "CAN YOU PLEASE TELL THEM TO LET ME GO HOME."
4 AND HE SAID, "SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG WITH YOU IF YOU WANT
5 TO KNOW WHEN YOU GET TO GO HOME." MY BEST FRIEND WAS AN
6 ASSISTANT IN THE WHOLE PLACE WAS A LOVELY LADY. AND SHE
7 ALWAYS HAD TO GET A THERAPY DOG WHO HELPS PEOPLE, UM, WITH
8 ANXIETY TO SIT WITH ME (CRYING) --

9 THE COURT: IT'S OKAY. IF YOU NEED A MOMENT, IT'S
10 JUST FINE.

11 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: (CRYING) NO. UM, THE DOG WOULD
12 HAVE TO SIT WITH ME EVERY TIME I WOULD COME IN. ALL I'VE
13 SAID IN THE PAST MONTH, IF IT'S NOT ABUSE, I'M SORRY, I
14 DON'T KNOW WHAT IS. MY DAD NEEDS TO BE REMOVED TODAY.
15 AND I WILL BE OKAY WITH JODI HELPING ME WITH FUTURE GOALS
16 AND HELPING ME TO JUST GET FUCKING CONFIDENCE GETTING BACK
17 INTO THE REAL WORLD BECAUSE I REALLY NEED IT. SO AGAIN, I
18 WANT HIM REMOVED AND I WANT A COURT-APPOINTED LAWYER WHICH
19 I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU. AND I WANT AN INVESTIGATION DONE
20 ON HIM. AND, UM, UM, AND I THINK THAT'S IT.

21 THE COURT: OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU, MS. SPEARS. I
22 KNOW THAT THERE IS -- SO MUCH OF WHAT YOU SAID IS HARD TO
23 TALK ABOUT, AND ESPECIALLY AROUND PEOPLE THAT YOU DON'T
24 EVEN KNOW. SO I KNOW IT TOOK A LOT FOR YOU TO SHARE THAT,
25 AND I DO APPRECIATE IT. SO THANK YOU.

26 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: THANK YOU. BYE.

27 THE COURT: YOU'RE WELCOME.

28 LET ME ASK YOU, MR. ROSENGART, THERE'S QUITE A

1 NUMBER -- AND YOU MAY BE AWARE OF THIS JUST THROUGH
2 CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME OF THE OTHER LAWYERS. THERE ARE
3 QUITE A FEW MATTERS ON THE COURT'S CALENDAR, YOU KNOW, AND
4 I WOULD SAY I DON'T WANT YOU TO TALK ABOUT WHAT YOUR OWN
5 STRATEGY AND EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE. I ANTICIPATE THAT
6 YOU WILL BE FILING PETITIONS THAT WILL BE BEFORE THE
7 COURT. BUT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE ON THE
8 COURT'S CALENDAR SO THAT YOU KNOW.

9 MR. ROSENGART: I APPRECIATE IT, YOUR HONOR. I HAVE
10 BEEN THROUGH THE 33 PAGES OF PROBATE NOTES AND SO FORTH,
11 AND SUBJECT TO COUNSELS' VIEWS AND THE COURT'S VIEWS, MY
12 VIEW, GIVEN THAT WE JUST ENTERED THE CASE WITH REGARD TO
13 THE ACCOUNTING ISSUES AND SORT OF GARDEN-VARIETY ISSUES
14 THAT MAKE UP GARDEN-VARIETY PROBATE CASES. IN LIGHT OF
15 MR. INGHAM'S RESIGNATION AND MY FIRM'S ON BOARD, SUBJECT
16 TO FORMALIZING ENGAGEMENT THROUGH MS. MONTGOMERY, MY
17 SUGGESTION IS WE DEFER THESE ACCOUNTING ISSUES AND RELATED
18 ISSUES UNTIL A SUBSEQUENT HEARING.

19 THE COURT: OKAY. I WOULD SAY, ALSO, JUST FOR A BIT
20 OF HOUSEKEEPING -- I'LL REFER BACK TO THAT IN JUST A
21 MOMENT.

22 MS. WRIGHT, I WOULD, YOU KNOW, IN LIGHT OF WHAT
23 HAS TRANSPIRED TODAY IN TERMS OF MR. ROSENGART GETTING ON
24 BOARD, I BELIEVE THAT YOUR PETITION IS 5014 SHOULD BE
25 DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

26 MS. WRIGHT: THAT IS CORRECT. NO OBJECTION TO US.
27 AND AGAIN, THIS IS MS. WRIGHT SPEAKING. I WOULD JUST ASK
28 IF WE HAVE TIME WE TO LOOK AT NUMBER 5013, AND THAT IS

1 GETTING MY CLIENT SOME SECURITY WHILE SHE MAKES SECURITY
2 IMPROVEMENTS TO HER HOME.

3 AND I'D JUST TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, I WANT TO
4 SAY, MS. SPEARS, YOU'VE JUST -- YOU'VE BEEN SO BRAVE WHICH
5 IS HEARTBREAKING TO HEAR YOU SPEAK. AND MY CLIENT,
6 MS. MONTGOMERY, JUST LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU,
7 AND SHE IS REALLY GETTING YOU HAPPY AND HELPING YOU WITH
8 YOUR FUTURE AND WHERE YOU WANT TO GO. IT'S JUST
9 HEARTBREAKING TO HEAR YOU SAYING -- WE'RE HERE TO HELP,
10 OKAY?

11 THE COURT: AND THANK YOU. I KNOW IT HAS TO BE VERY
12 DIFFICULT FOR HER.

13 AND I WOULD ALSO SAY TO THE COUNSEL FOR THE ACLU,
14 IN LIGHT OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED TODAY, I THINK YOUR
15 PETITION CAN BE DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

16 MS. BRENNAN-KROHN: YES, YOUR HONOR. WE CAN ACCEPT
17 THAT. AND WE HOPE THAT MS. SPEARS KNOWS THE OFFER REMAINS
18 OPEN IF SHE WISHES TO CONTACT US AT ANY TIME.

19 THE COURT: YES. THANK YOU.

20 MS. BRENNEN-KROHN: AND FOR HER SAKE.

21 THE COURT: YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22 SO MR. ROSENGART, AND ALSO MS. -- I ALSO WANT TO
23 TALK WITH COUNSEL FOR MR. SPEARS, MS. THOREEN. 5013 IS
24 THE PETITION FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY EXPENSES, AND THAT'S
25 THE ONE THAT MS. WRIGHT ASKED THAT WE TALK ABOUT, AND THEN
26 MAYBE WE CAN DEFER THE OTHER ONES IF WE CAN GO THROUGH
27 THEM AND SEE WHAT'S THERE. THERE WAS AN OBJECTION RAISED
28 BY MR. SPEARS THROUGH MS. THOREEN CONCERNING THE REQUEST

1 FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY FUNDS FOR MS. MONTGOMERY.

2 MS. THOREEN: VIVIAN THOREEN, YOUR HONOR. YES, WE DID
3 FILE AN OBJECTION. IF THE COURT HASN'T OFFICIALLY
4 APPOINTED MR. ROSENGART AND HIS FIRM, TO THE EXTENT HE
5 CONSENTS OR HAS NO OBJECTION, I WOULD WITHDRAW OUR
6 OBJECTIONS. MR. SPEARS IS CHARGED, AS THE COURT AND
7 PARTIES ARE WELL AWARE, TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE IN THE
8 BEST INTEREST OF HIS DAUGHTER AND TO MANAGE HER ESTATE IN
9 AN APPROPRIATE WAY.

10 ONE OF THE ATTEMPTS THAT COUNSEL WAS TRYING TO
11 DISCUSS WAS TO FIGURE OUT WHETHER THERE WOULD BE A CONSENT
12 ON THE PART OF MS. SPEARS, AND FOR VARIOUS REASONS WE
13 DIDN'T GET TO THAT POINT. BUT GIVEN THE EXPENSE OF A 24/7
14 LIVE SECURITY FOR ONE PERSON -- AND THIS IS NOT TO
15 DIMINISH IN ANY WAY THE THREATS THAT MS. MONTGOMERY IS
16 RECEIVING -- BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE IN
17 THE SAME, BUT I WOULD SUBMIT TO THE COURT, OR FAR WORSE
18 SITUATIONS IN TERMS OF THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF
19 THREATS, INCLUDING MINOR CHILDREN, YOUR HONOR, WHO HAVE,
20 OF COURSE, NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS MATTER. AND SO IT
21 WOULD BE PUTTING MR. SPEARS IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION
22 OF ESSENTIALLY PRIORITIZING THE SAFETY OF ONE PERSON OVER
23 MANY OTHERS.

24 AND IN FULL TRANSPARENCY, YOUR HONOR, THE MINOR
25 CHILDREN WHO ARE THREATENED WITH DEATH, TOGETHER WITH
26 THEIR FAMILY, ARE HIS GRANDCHILDREN. THE CHILDREN OF HIS
27 OTHER DAUGHTER, ONE OF WHOM IS UNDER THE AGE OF 5. AND SO
28 I'M HAPPY TO HAVE THE COURT EVALUATE THIS REQUEST. AND TO

1 THE EXTENT, AGAIN, THAT I SAID MR. ROSENGART -- I THINK I
2 SAID MR. ROSENBLAT ORIGINALLY, I APOLOGIZE -- TO THE
3 EXTENT THAT MR. ROSENGART CONSENTS ON MS. SPEARS' BEHALF,
4 WE WILL WITHDRAW OUR OBJECTIONS.

5 MS. WRIGHT: THIS IS MS. WRIGHT SPEAKING. IT DOESN'T
6 SOUND LIKE THE HEARING WILL GO INTO THE DETAILS
7 MS. MONTGOMERY SET UP. AND IF WE DO, I WOULD ASK THAT THE
8 HEARING GO UNDER SEAL FOR THAT PORTION. BUT JUST IN
9 SHORT, WHAT OUR PAPERS SAY IS MS. MONTGOMERY IMMEDIATELY
10 STARTED MAKING SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO HER HOME, AND
11 THOSE ARE STILL IN PROGRESS. WE ONLY WANTED THE SECURITY
12 DURING THAT TIME PERIOD WHERE SECURITY UPGRADES WERE BEING
13 MADE, NOT FOREVER.

14 AND LOOK, IT'S HEARTBREAKING THAT THERE IS ANY
15 DEATH THREATS, JUST REALLY HEARTBREAKING. AND IT'S ALSO
16 HEARTBREAKING THAT THE CONSERVATEE HAS SERIOUS SECURITY
17 CONCERNS OF HER OWN. ANYONE WHO IS ON THE TEAM IS AWARE
18 OF THEM. SHE HAS DAUGHTERS, AND WHO KNOWS WHO THEY WILL
19 TURN TO IN THIS SITUATION.

20 BUT I DO THINK THERE IS A DETRIMENT THAT MY
21 CLIENT DOES SERVE AS TEMPORARY CONSERVATOR OF THE PERSON.
22 SHE IS A PARTY TO THIS CASE AND SHE'S JUST ASKING FOR
23 SECURITY IN THE SHORT-TERM. AND MR. ROSENGART, I DON'T
24 THINK HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ OUR REPLY, SO WHAT WE
25 DID IS JUST SAY, AUTHORIZE \$50,000 FOR NOW, AND
26 MS. MONTGOMERY WILL ALLOCATE IT AS SHE SEES FIT AND TRY TO
27 MAKE IT STRETCH AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. THERE IS CERTAINLY NO
28 INTENT TO ASK FOR 24/7 LIVE SECURITY FOREVER. WE'RE JUST

1 TRYING TO GET TO A POINT WHERE SHE CAN MAKE SECURITY
2 IMPROVEMENTS TO HER HOME. SO WE'D ONLY ASK FOR 50,000
3 FLAT. AND OBVIOUSLY, I PUT THIS IN THE PAPERS; THE
4 ATTORNEYS' FEES IN THIS CASE ARE VERY, VERY LARGE. AND I
5 DO HAVE CONCERNS THAT 3 MILLION DOLLARS IN ATTORNEY FEES
6 CAN BE RACKED UP, BUT MY CLIENT CAN'T GET 50,000 IN
7 SECURITY APPROVED. IT SEEMS THAT THE PRIORITIES ARE NOT
8 RIGHT. I ALSO WANTED TO UPDATE THAT'S 50,000 FLAT, THAT'S
9 ALL I'LL ASK FOR. IF WE NEED MORE, WE CAN ALWAYS COME
10 BACK.

11 MR. ROSENGART: YOUR HONOR, EVERYTHING I'VE HEARD
12 SOUNDS VERY REASONABLE TO ME, PARTICULARLY THE \$50,000
13 FLAT FEE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION; ESSENTIALLY UP,
14 ESSENTIALLY DOWN, I ASSUME. THE ONLY ISSUE THAT I HAD IS
15 I'D LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH MS. SPEARS, WHICH I
16 HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO ON THIS ISSUE. SO MY
17 SUGGESTION IS, AFTER I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT, WE
18 COULD SUBMIT A FILING OR, PERHAPS, DO IT INFORMALLY IN A
19 CONVERSATION WITH MS. WRIGHT OR MS. THOREEN, WHATEVER THE
20 COURT'S PLEASURE.

21 THE COURT: OKAY.

22 MS. THOREEN: YOUR HONOR, VIVIAN THOREEN.

23 THE COURT: YES, GO AHEAD.

24 MS. THOREEN: I'D BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH MS. WRIGHT,
25 AND I THINK WE CAN EASILY PREPARE A STIPULATION AND ORDER
26 ADDRESSING ALL OF OUR CONCERNS, AND THAT WOULD CERTAINLY
27 EXPEDITE THE RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE.

28 THE COURT: OKAY. AND THAT MIGHT BE --

1 MS. WRIGHT: THIS IS MS. WRIGHT. I WOULD JUST ASK --
2 I'M SORRY, YOUR HONOR.

3 THE COURT: NO, THAT'S OKAY.

4 MS. WRIGHT: I WOULD JUST ASK IF WE CAN GET THAT DONE
5 PRETTY QUICK, IF WE CAN AGREE ON CERTAIN TIME CONFIRMED.
6 MY CLIENT FEELS UNSAFE, AND RIGHTLY SHE SHOULD. AND, YOUR
7 HONOR, I HAVE MY ASSOCIATE HERE. I DON'T THINK THE COURT
8 WANTS TO GO INTO ALL THESE ISSUES, BUT WE DO HAVE
9 PRINTOUTS INVOLVING DEATH THREATS. AND IT'S A DIFFICULT
10 WAY TO WORK AND DO WHAT SHE NEEDS TO DO FOR MS. SPEARS.

11 MR. ROSENGART: LET ME JUST UNDERSCORE, I THINK WE CAN
12 RESOLVE THIS ISSUE TOMORROW. IT'S REALLY AN ISSUE OF ME
13 HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH
14 MS. SPEARS. I AGREE WITH MS. WRIGHT THAT \$50,000 IS A
15 FLAT FEE RELATIVE TO THE MONIES THAT HAVE BEEN SPENT HERE,
16 IT'S OBVIOUSLY A VERY, VERY SMALL AMOUNT. SO MY HOPE IS
17 THAT WE CAN RESOLVE THE ISSUE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

18 THE COURT: SO WHAT I WOULD NEED TO DO, THOUGH,
19 BECAUSE I HAVE A PETITION IN FRONT OF ME, THIS PROCEDURE
20 FOR THE PROBATE, FOR THE COURT'S PURPOSES, IF YOU WANT ME
21 TO TRAIL THIS ONE MATTER OVER TO MONDAY, IT WOULD JUST BE
22 ON MY REGULAR CALENDAR. AND, REALLY, THE ONLY PARTIES WHO
23 WOULD NEED TO BE INVOLVED WOULD BE YOU, MS. WRIGHT,
24 MS. THOREEN, AND MR. ROSENGART ON THIS PARTICULAR MATTER.

25 MS. THOREEN: YOUR HONOR, VIVIAN THOREEN. I WANT TO
26 CLARIFY SOMETHING REGARDING THE URGENCY OF THIS REQUEST.
27 SECURITY IS BEING PROVIDED TO MS. MONTGOMERY 24/7 AS WE
28 SPEAK, AND IT HAS BEEN IN PLACE. THE ORDER WOULD SIMPLY

1 BE A FORMALITY. SO WHILE I APPRECIATE AND I'M HAPPY TO
2 WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY, BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY IN PLACE AND JUST
3 A MATTER OF ALLOCATING THE FUNDS, I APPRECIATE THE COURT'S
4 WILLINGNESS TO HAVE A FURTHER HEARING, BUT I BELIEVE
5 COUNSEL CAN PUT TOGETHER SOMETHING AND SUBMIT IT TO THE
6 COURT, ESPECIALLY IF MS. WRIGHT IS SAYING THAT IT'S JUST A
7 ONE-TIME FLAT FEE.

8 THE COURT: MS. THOREEN, I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT THE
9 ISSUE FOR ME IS, IS THAT I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING WITH THE
10 PETITION. SO IF I'M GRANTING THE PETITION, THAT'S FINE.
11 BUT IF THERE ARE OTHER NUANCES THAT NEED TO BE WORKED OUT,
12 THEN I NEED TO PUT IT OVER TO ANOTHER DAY SO THAT IT'S
13 REFLECTIVE OF WHAT THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO.

14 MS. WRIGHT: YOUR HONOR, THIS IS MS. WRIGHT. THANK
15 YOU FOR OFFERING TO TRAIL IT TO MONDAY. I WOULD ASK THAT
16 WE JUST DO THAT. THERE IS STILL URGENCY, YES. THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH THAT MR. SPEARS GOT SECURITY OUT THERE, BUT MY
18 CLIENT IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR IT UNTIL WE CAN GET AN
19 ORDER, AND SHE CAN'T AFFORD THAT. SHE'S THE LEAST-PAID
20 PERSON OF ANYONE ON THIS CALL. SHE NEEDS TO GET HER
21 SECURITY AND, NO, SHE'S NOT GOING TO HAVE SOME SEVERE
22 FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE AS A RESULT. SO I WOULD REALLY
23 APPRECIATE THAT.

24 MS. THOREEN: YOUR HONOR, VIVIAN THOREEN. MONDAY IS
25 FINE. AND AGAIN, FOR CLARITY, THE CONSERVATORSHIP ESTATE
26 IS PAYING FOR THE SECURITY EXPENSES. BUT I THINK MONDAY
27 WOULD BE A FINE DAY TO PUT IT OVER TO.

28 THE COURT: OKAY. SO I'M GOING TO TRAIL IT. MY CLERK

1 IS JUST CHECKING MY CALENDAR FOR MONDAY, AND MY 1:30 IS
2 PRETTY MUCH GONE. BUT I COULD GIVE YOU A THREE O'CLOCK
3 SLOT. HOW IS THREE O'CLOCK ON MONDAY FOR A CALL ON THE
4 DISPOSITION OF 5013?

5 MS. THOREEN: VIVIAN THOREEN. THAT WORKS FOR ME, YOUR
6 HONOR.

7 MS. WRIGHT: MS. WRIGHT. THAT WORKS.

8 MR. ROSENGART: THAT'S FINE, YOUR HONOR.

9 THE COURT: OKAY. SO WE'LL PUT THAT ONE OVER TO THEN.

10 AND THEN THE OTHER MATTERS ARE ACCOUNTINGS, AS
11 YOU'VE MENTIONED BEFORE MR. ROSENGART, AND WE'VE ALSO GOT
12 THE PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR CONSERVATOR OF
13 THE PERSON. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR CLIENT'S THOUGHTS ARE
14 ABOUT MS. MONTGOMERY STAYING ON.

15 MR. ROSENGART: IF I HEARD THE COURT CORRECTLY, YOU'RE
16 ASKING ABOUT MY CLIENT'S VIEWS AND CONCERNS OF
17 MS. MONTGOMERY STAYING ON; IS THAT CORRECT?

18 THE COURT: YES.

19 MR. ROSENGART: I BELIEVE THAT MY CLIENT SAID THAT HER
20 WISHES WERE THAT MS. MONTGOMERY STAY ON.

21 THE COURT: OKAY.

22 MR. ROSENGART: I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID THIS
23 AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. AND THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH WHAT
24 I'VE HEARD AS WELL.

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. SO DEPENDING ON WHEN WE COME
26 BACK, I MIGHT NEED TO MAKE SOME ORDERS EXTENDING THE
27 LETTERS FOR MS. MONTGOMERY.

28 OKAY. THE OTHER MATTERS ARE FEE PETITIONS FOR

1 MR. INGHAM FOR A SEVERAL-YEAR PERIOD, A PETITION FOR FEES
2 TO MR. SPEARS' LAWYERS. A PETITION FOR FEES TO
3 MS. MONTGOMERY AND HER COUNSEL. THERE IS A PETITION FOR
4 INSTRUCTIONS.

5 I HAVE TO TELL YOU, MS. THOREEN, YOU KNOW, THAT
6 IS REALLY NOT A PROPER PETITION FOR INSTRUCTIONS, THE
7 5009. SO MY INCLINATION IS TO DENY THAT. I'M JUST
8 LETTING YOU KNOW THAT'S MY INCLINATION ON THAT ONE.

9 AND ALSO, MR. GLADSTONE, OR MR. BRONSHTEYN, I
10 THINK THAT THE PETITION FILED BY LYNNE SPEARS TO HIRE
11 LEGAL COUNSEL FOR HER DAUGHTER, THAT CAN BE DENIED WITHOUT
12 PREJUDICE IN LIGHT OF WHAT RESOLVED TODAY.

13 MR. BRONSHTEYN: THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.

14 MR. JONES: THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU.

15 MS. THOREEN: YOUR HONOR, VIVIAN THOREEN. I WOULD
16 LIKE TO BE HEARD ON 5009.

17 THE COURT: OKAY. LET ME FINISH UP MY HOUSEKEEPING SO
18 MY CLERK IS -- WE CAN STAY ON THE SAME PAGE.

19 MS. THOREEN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

20 THE COURT: SO 5009 CAN BE DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.
21 AND WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF 5012. AND 5013 IS GETTING TRAILED
22 TO MONDAY. 5012 IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE, AND SO IS
23 5015.

24 OKAY. SO GO AHEAD, MS. THOREEN.

25 MS. THOREEN: YES, YOUR HONOR, THANK YOU. I RESPECT
26 MS. SPEARS' ABILITY TO COME INTO COURT AND TO PROVIDE
27 TESTIMONY TODAY AS WELL AS ON JUNE 23RD, BUT AS THE COURT
28 AND THE PARTY ARE WELL AWARE, NO ONE ELSE HAS BEEN

1 PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO OR PROVIDE THEIR
2 PERSPECTIVE. AND MY CONCERN IS THAT WHILE MS. SPEARS GAVE
3 VERY IMPACTED TESTIMONY, AND SHE TOUCHED ON SIGNIFICANT
4 ISSUES, THEY ARE REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT ONES, AND MY
5 CONCERN IS THAT THERE IS -- THERE ARE A LOT OF
6 MISSTATEMENTS, MISUNDERSTANDINGS, AND WHETHER IT'S BECAUSE
7 OF A LACK OF RECOLLECTION, WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN
8 MISINFORMATION, WHETHER IT'S BEEN A LACK OF CORRECTING,
9 UNDERSTANDING, SO THESE ARE REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT
10 ISSUES. AND CERTAINLY I THINK IT WARRANTS AN ANALYSIS
11 INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE SERIOUS CHARGES THAT ARE BEING
12 MADE.

13 IN ADDITION, YOUR HONOR, AND THIS GOES TO
14 CALENDAR NUMBER 5002, I APPRECIATE THAT THAT IS BEING
15 CONTINUED. THAT'S MR. INGHAM'S PETITION TO APPOINT
16 MS. MONTGOMERY AS MS. SPEARS' PERMANENT CONSERVATOR OF THE
17 PERSON. BUT THAT DOCUMENT -- BUT IT'S PENDING. THAT'S
18 PART AND PARCEL WHY MR. SPEARS FILED THE PETITION FOR
19 INSTRUCTIONS. YOU KNOW, ON JUNE 23RD, FOR EXAMPLE, THE
20 COURT LISTENED TO MS. SPEARS' TESTIMONY, AND SHE SAID NO
21 FEWER THAN SEVEN TIMES THAT SHE WANTED TO TERMINATE THE
22 CONSERVATORSHIP ALTOGETHER, WHETHER SHE SAID IT IN
23 SUBSTANCE OR USING THE WORDS "ENDING THE CONSERVATORSHIP."
24 SO WE'VE GOT THAT ON ONE END OF THE SPECTRUM.

25 AND THEN THERE ARE OTHER -- THERE WERE HARSH
26 WORDS THAT WERE SAID ABOUT MANY PEOPLE. AND MY CONCERN IS
27 THAT, YOU KNOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MS. SPEARS HAD SOME
28 COMMENTS ABOUT HER FATHER, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, SHE MADE

1 SOME SERIOUS CLAIMS AGAINST MS. MONTGOMERY REGARDING BEING
2 FORCED TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN MEDICAL TREATMENTS, BEING
3 FORCED TO GO TO CERTAIN VENUES WHERE SHE FELT THAT HER
4 PRIVACY WAS NOT BEING RESPECTED, WHERE SHE WAS EMBARRASSED
5 AND DEMORALIZED, THAT SHE HAD NOT BEEN PROVIDED WITH ANY
6 KIND OF SELF-CARE FOR A YEAR THAT INCLUDES ACUPUNCTURE,
7 HAIRSTYLING, OR MASSAGES. SHE CLAIMED THAT SHE HAS BEEN
8 PREVENTED FROM SEEING HER FRIENDS, AND THAT SHE IS NOT
9 PERMITTED TO HAVE A BABY BECAUSE SHE'S GOT THIS DEVICE
10 IMPLANTED IN HER, AND, YOU KNOW, THOSE ARE REALLY SERIOUS
11 CLAIMS.

12 AND YET JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER THAT, WE HAVE
13 REPRESENTATION BY MS. MONTGOMERY THAT MS. SPEARS WANTS
14 MS. MONTGOMERY TO CONTINUE SERVING AS HER CONSERVATOR.
15 AND THEN AGAIN WITHIN THE SAME TIME FRAME, THERE IS A TEXT
16 MESSAGE ATTACHED TO A FINANCIAL NOTE WHERE MS. SPEARS SAID
17 THAT SHE WOULD LIKE MS. MONTGOMERY TO SERVE AS THE
18 CO-CONSERVATOR OF HER PERSON.

19 SO YOUR HONOR, THE QUESTIONS THAT MS. SPEARS'
20 TESTIMONY RAISES BOTH FROM JUNE 23RD AND TODAY COUPLED
21 WITH THE 180 THAT WE'RE HEARING IN THE SPAN OF JUST A
22 COUPLE WEEKS, REALLY -- IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT MANY
23 OF HER CHARACTERIZATIONS OR MEMORIES ARE JUST INCORRECT --
24 I THINK THAT IS REALLY SIGNIFICANT, AND SOMETHING THAT THE
25 COURT AND THE CONSERVATORS AND COUNSEL SHOULD TAKE INTO
26 CONSIDERATION AS WE TRY TO MOVE FORWARD AND RESOLVE THESE
27 OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

28 THE SECOND ISSUE, YOUR HONOR, THAT'S VERY

1 SIGNIFICANT, AND THEY RELATE TO MS. SPEARS' TESTIMONY IS
2 REGARDING, YOU KNOW, HER DESIRE TO HAVE A BABY, FOR
3 EXAMPLE. THE PETITION TO APPOINT MS. MONTGOMERY AS
4 MS. SPEARS' CONSERVATOR ALLEGES THAT THERE IS AN ORDER
5 THAT MS. SPEARS DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MAKE
6 INFORMED MEDICAL DECISIONS, YET NO SUCH ORDER EXISTS.
7 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT ABSOLUTELY NEEDS TO BE
8 INVESTIGATED, ESPECIALLY WHEN VIEWED NEXT TO HER TESTIMONY
9 FROM JUNE 23RD, FOR EXAMPLE. SO IF NO SUCH ORDER EXISTS,
10 THEN THE COURT WOULD NEED TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS
11 REGARDING MS. SPEARS' ABILITY TO MAKE THESE TYPES OF
12 DECISIONS.

13 AND I'M NOT SURE THAT THE PETITION -- YOU KNOW,
14 THE PETITION, IF GRANTED, WOULD BE TAKING AWAY SOMETHING
15 FROM MS. SPEARS THAT I'M UNSURE SHE'S AWARE SHE'S GIVING
16 UP. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT SHE MIGHT NOT NEED OR WANT TO
17 GIVE UP.

18 SO SAID A DIFFERENT WAY, I'M NOT SURE THAT AT
19 THIS POINT MS. SPEARS UNDERSTANDS THAT SHE CAN, IN FACT,
20 MAKE MEDICAL DECISIONS AND HAVE BIRTH CONTROL DEVICES
21 IMPLANTED OR NOT. AND I'M NOT SURE THAT THAT HAS BEEN
22 EXPLAINED TO HER. SO THIS IS PART AND PARCEL OF WHY, YOUR
23 HONOR, MR. SPEARS FILED THIS PETITION FOR INSTRUCTIONS.
24 AND IF THAT WAS THE INCORRECT PLEADING OR FORMAT OR
25 CAPTION IN WHICH TO RELAY THE CONCERNS TO THE COURT, THEN
26 WE'LL TRY AGAIN.

27 BUT I THINK THESE ARE SERIOUS CLAIMS THAT NEED TO
28 BE INVESTIGATED. AND CONSISTENT WITH THE LAST TIME

1 MS. SPEARS WAS IN COURT IN 2019, THE COURT TOOK STEPS TO
2 EVALUATE AND ANALYZE AND INVESTIGATE THE TESTIMONY THAT
3 SHE GAVE AT THAT TIME AS WELL. SO I THINK THIS IS
4 APPROPRIATE IN THAT WE OWE IT TO MS. SPEARS AS WELL AS TO
5 THE CONSERVATORS TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS THAT IS
6 AT THE ROOT OF THIS AND UNDERSTAND WHAT HER DESIRES ARE.
7 IT'S JUST A VERY SHORT TIME FRAME IN WHICH TO HAVE A
8 DRAMATICALLY DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED STATE OF DESIRES.

9 AND BECAUSE MR. SPEARS IS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY WAY
10 WHATSOEVER WITH MS. SPEARS' DAY-TO-DAY PERSONAL CARE OR
11 HER MEDICAL, AND THAT'S CONSISTENT, YOUR HONOR, WITH YOUR
12 HONOR'S ORDER THAT PROHIBITS MR. SPEARS FROM HAVING ANY
13 INFORMATION REGARDING MS. SPEARS' MEDICAL ISSUES. IN
14 FACT, MS. MONTGOMERY IS TO PROTECT MS. SPEARS' MEDICAL
15 PRIVACY AT ALL TIMES, THAT'S WHAT THE ORDER SAYS. SO I
16 THINK WE REALLY NEED TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND AND PIECE
17 TOGETHER WHAT THE DESIRES AND WHAT THE TRUTH IS.

18 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU.

19 MS. WRIGHT, DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO
20 ADD? I KNOW THAT YOU FILED A PETITION.

21 MS. WRIGHT: SO THIS IS MS. WRIGHT SPEAKING. I THINK
22 -- SO LET'S TAKE THE PIECE ABOUT HOW DO WE LOOK AT WHAT
23 MS. SPEARS HAS SAID AND THAT THERE MAY BE INACCURACIES
24 THERE AND WHAT IS THE PROCESS WITH HOW WE DEAL WITH THAT.
25 AND I DON'T THINK IT'S A SECRET THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH
26 SOMEONE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS; THAT HER MEDICAL PRIVACY
27 NEEDS TO BE RESERVED. SHE HAS HIPAA RIGHTS. THIS IS NOT
28 THE FORUM IN WHICH TO DISCUSS THAT. AND I THINK IT'S

1 REALLY IMPORTANT TO BRING IN A THERAPEUTIC PROCESS.

2 WHAT I SAW FILED BY MR. SPEARS IS REQUESTS FOR AN
3 EVIDENTIARY HEARING. WHERE WOULD THAT LEAD? INTO
4 MS. SPEARS BEING DEPOSED, BEING CROSS-EXAMINED ON THE
5 STAND ABOUT WHETHER SHE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH ON
6 JUNE 23RD? IS THAT GOING TO HELP HER? WHERE IS THIS ALL
7 LEADING TO?

8 I THINK WE NEED TO WORK AS A TEAM FOR HER BEST
9 INTEREST AND TO HELP HER GET BETTER AND TO SUPPORT HER AND
10 NOT PUT HER ON THE STAND WITH CROSS-EXAMINATION. THIS
11 COURT HAS A ROBUST COURT INVESTIGATION SYSTEM. AS FAR AS
12 I'VE KNOWN, WE'VE BEEN ON THIS CASE FOR TWO YEARS, THE
13 COURT INVESTIGATOR HAS BEEN OUT ONCE A YEAR, IF NOT MORE,
14 FULLY INFORMING THIS COURT ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON.

15 AND I KNOW WHAT MY CLIENT'S BEEN DOING HAS BEEN
16 AMAZING. SHE DID HER BEST WITH SPECIAL SERVICES DURING
17 THIS PANDEMIC. IT WAS HARD FOR EVERYBODY. AND, YOU KNOW,
18 OUR CONSERVATEE DOES HAVE A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION THAT
19 PUT HER AT RISK, A HIGHER RISK FOR COVID, SO EXTRA
20 PRECAUTIONS HAD TO BE TAKEN, JUST LIKE ANYBODY ELSE IN
21 THAT GROUP. SO PERSONAL SERVICE PEOPLE HAD TO BE TESTED
22 BEFORE THEY CAME IN, THEY HAD TO, AND MAKE SURE THEY WERE
23 COVID FREE. AND MS. SPEARS DID NOT GET COVID. SHE
24 REMAINED SAFE DURING THE PANDEMIC.

25 AND SHE DID CONTINUE TO HAVE PERSONAL SERVICES,
26 MR. SPEARS IS WELL AWARE OF THAT BECAUSE HE WROTE THE
27 CHECK FOR THEM ALL. THERE WERE NAILS, THERE WERE HAIR.
28 EVERYTHING WE POSSIBLY COULD DO. THERE WERE MASSAGES. WE

1 KEPT UP AS MUCH AS WE COULD, AND TO KEEP MS. SPEARS SAFE.
2 SO I THINK THERE'S A BIGGER ISSUE HERE ABOUT THE PROCESS
3 IN WHICH WE DEAL WITH MS. SPEARS' COMPLAINTS.

4 AND REMEMBER, YOUR HONOR, LAST TIME WE WERE HERE,
5 AFTER JUNE 23RD, WE SAID WE'D BE PUTTING TOGETHER A CARE
6 PLAN. AND WE'VE BEEN VERY BUSY ON THAT WITH A MEDICAL
7 TEAM. AND I THINK THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO DEAL, AT LEAST
8 WITH THESE CURRENT CONCERNS THAT MS. SPEARS HAS. I CAN'T
9 SPEAK ABOUT THE PAST WHEN WE WEREN'T AROUND. I DON'T KNOW
10 WHAT HAPPENED WHEN MS. SPEARS WAS ON TOUR. WE WEREN'T
11 THERE THEN. THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. AND I THINK THE
12 COURT SYSTEM HAS A PROCESS FOR THAT IF MS. SPEARS WANTS TO
13 BRING CLAIMS ABOUT WHAT SHE THINKS EXISTS, SHE NOW HAS A
14 LAWYER WHO CAN BRING THOSE, AND THERE IS A PROCESS THAT
15 GOES WITH THAT. WE JUST DON'T DO INVESTIGATIONS RANDOMLY
16 AND HAVE EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS BASED ON WHAT? DUE PROCESS
17 REQUIRES MORE THAN THAT, RIGHT?

18 SO THE CARE -- WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO
19 PRESENTING THAT TO THIS COURT. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
20 PRESENT IT WITH A MOTION TO SEAL, AND I'M CONTEMPLATING
21 WE'RE GOING TO ASK THAT THE MOTION TO SEAL BE SEALED, AND
22 POSSIBLY DISCUSS IN CAMERA, BECAUSE I THINK WE NEED TO
23 CAREFULLY BALANCE WHAT COMES OUT IN THE PUBLIC.
24 OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS A LOT OF PUBLIC INTEREST ABOUT THIS
25 CASE, BUT MS. SPEARS DESERVES HER PRIVACY.

26 SHE WANTED TO TALK IN PRIVATE TODAY, AND WE
27 REALLY WANT TO FIGHT AND BE HER ADVOCATE FOR HER PRIVACY.
28 AND WE ALSO WANT TO FIGHT AND BE HER ADVOCATE TO AVOID HER

1 BEING EVALUATED; THAT'S NOT WHAT SHE WANTS TO DO. AND TO
2 AVOID HER SITTING ON THE STAND TO BE CROSS-EXAMINED
3 BECAUSE THAT'S NOT WHAT SHE WANTS TO DO BECAUSE THAT MIGHT
4 NOT BE THERAPEUTICALLY BEST FOR HER EITHER. SHE HAS US
5 COMPLETELY IN THE SEAT OF BEST INTEREST. AND I THINK OUR
6 CARE PLAN REALLY IS GOING TO ADDRESS EVERYTHING THAT
7 RELATES TO MS. MONTGOMERY, PERIOD, AS TEMPORARY
8 CONSERVATOR OF THE PERSON.

9 WE HAVE ANSWERS FOR EVERYTHING, AND WE'RE HAPPY
10 TO GIVE THEM TO THIS COURT. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT
11 THE CARE PLAN IS GOING TO DO IS GIVE A PATH OF WHAT THE
12 MEDICAL TEAM RECOMMENDS NEEDS TO BE DONE TO GET MS. SPEARS
13 BETTER AND TO GET HER TO THE POINT WHERE SHE DOESN'T NEED
14 THE CONSERVATORSHIP ANYMORE. THAT'S WHAT THE GOAL IS.
15 IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THE GOAL. AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP
16 WORKING ON THE GOAL.

17 AND, YOU KNOW, WHAT'S NEW TODAY IS YOU HAVE A NEW
18 ATTORNEY HERE FOR MS. SPEARS. I THINK HE'S JUST COME IN.
19 MR. ROSENGART, CAN WORK WITH HIS CLIENT. HE CAN FILE A
20 SUPPLEMENT TO THE PETITION FOR APPOINTING MS. MONTGOMERY,
21 AND CLARIFY IF MS. SPEARS ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION OF MY
22 CLIENT. MY CLIENT IS WILLING TO SERVE FOR AS LONG AS
23 MS. SPEARS WANTS HER, AS LONG AS THE COURT WANTS HER. IF
24 ANYONE NO LONGER WISHES HER TO SERVE, SHE WILL -- SHE'S
25 HAPPY TO STEP DOWN, NOT A PROBLEM. IT'S NOT AN EASY CASE
26 TO GET APPOINTED ON, LET ME TELL YOU. BUT SHE FEELS
27 STRONGLY THAT SHE NEEDS TO BE HERE FOR MS. SPEARS AND
28 ADVOCATE FOR HER BEST INTEREST.

1 AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S ALSO BEEN A PRETTY STRONG
2 RECOMMENDATION BY THE MEDICAL TEAM, THAT MR. SPEARS, HER
3 FATHER, NEEDS TO BE OFF OF THE CONSERVATORSHIP. IT'S NOT
4 GOOD FOR HER EITHER. AND YOU CAN HEAR HOW IMPASSIONED
5 MS. SPEARS IS ABOUT THAT. IT REALLY DOES UPSET HER, AND
6 THAT, YOU KNOW, I'M SURE MR. ROSENGART WILL BE CRANKING UP
7 THAT PETITION AND THAT PETITION WILL BE FILED, AND WE'LL
8 GET THERE, RIGHT? WE'LL GET THERE AND THERE WILL BE
9 EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS ON THAT IF WE CAN'T GET IT SETTLED,
10 RIGHT.

11 SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE CARE PLAN AND WE'RE
12 TALKING TO THE MEDICAL TEAM. I THINK WE NEED ANOTHER
13 45 DAYS, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT NEEDS TO COME WITH A MOTION
14 TO SEAL THAT WILL BE FAIRLY DETAILED ABOUT WHAT WE SEAL
15 AND WHAT WE DON'T, AND WE'LL WORK WITH MR. SPEARS'
16 ATTORNEY ON THAT. WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT WE LET
17 OUT INTO THE PUBLIC SPHERE.

18 AND LASTLY, MS. THOREEN MENTIONED THAT SHE DIDN'T
19 BELIEVE HER CLIENT HAS ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE DAY-TO-DAY
20 AFFAIRS OF MS. SPEARS. WELL, HE'S NOT APPROVED
21 EVERYTHING. EVERYTHING COSTS MONEY. I PUT THAT IN MY
22 PLEADING. NOTHING GETS APPROVED; THE TRIPS THE VACATIONS,
23 AN INCREASE IN SERVICES.

24 THE BOTTOM LINE IS, THE CONSERVATOR OF THE ESTATE
25 AND THE CONSERVATOR OF THE PERSON HAS TO WORK AS A TEAM OR
26 THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK. AND WE ALL NEED TO GET TO
27 MEDIATION PRETTY SOON, OR AGAIN, THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK.
28 WE ALL NEED TO BE A TEAM, AND WE ALL NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON

1 MS. SPEARS' BEST INTEREST BECAUSE THIS IS A
2 CONSERVATORSHIP, IT'S WHAT IT'S ABOUT.

3 SO ANYWAY, YOUR HONOR, I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT
4 CARE PLAN AND PRESENTING IT TO YOU AND GETTING YOU THE
5 ANSWER THE COURT WANTS ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON THE LAST
6 TWO YEARS. ABSOLUTELY NO PROBLEM, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
7 FILING IT.

8 MR. JONES: YOUR HONOR? YOUR HONOR?

9 THE COURT: GO AHEAD. LET ME HEAR FROM YOU,
10 MR. JONES. AND I'LL HEAR FROM YOU, MR. ROSENGART.

11 MR. ROSENGART: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. VERY BRIEFLY,
12 MS. WRIGHT SAID IT QUITE WELL. COMING IN LATE, ONE THING
13 THAT'S BECOME APPARENT TO ME IN THE SHORT TIME THAT WE'VE
14 BEEN ON THIS CASE IS THAT THIS IS NOT WORKING. WE KNOW
15 THAT. WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE AT THE HEART OF THIS
16 PROCEEDING HAS BEEN LOST. WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE AT THE
17 HEART OF THIS PROCEEDING IS WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST
18 OF THE CONSERVATEE? I FRANKLY WAS APPALLED BY WHAT I
19 HEARD FROM MS. THOREEN. THE GOAL HERE IS NOT TO PUT
20 MS. SPEARS ON TRIAL. THE GOAL IS TO END -- WHAT SHOULD BE
21 TO END THE CONSERVATORSHIP.

22 THERE WAS NO REASON, WITH RESPECT, YOUR HONOR,
23 FOR THIS TO HAVE BEEN MADE PERMANENT IN THE FIRST PLACE.
24 TENTATIVELY, WE HAVE QUESTIONS OF A LAW FIRM THAT WE'VE
25 BEEN LOOKING INTO IN REGARD TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS
26 EVEN A PROPER FORUM. AND I MEAN THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE
27 COURT. TO THE EXTENT THERE WAS A MENTAL ISSUE IN 2008,
28 THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH DISCREETLY. AND A

1 CONSERVATORSHIP PROBABLY WAS NOT NECESSARY IN THE FIRST
2 INSTANCE. THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING
3 INTO.

4 BUT RATHER THAN EXTENDING IT, AND LITIGATING AND
5 BRINGING MS. SPEARS INTO COURT, WHICH WOULD VIOLATE ALL
6 SORTS OF NORMS AND LAWS AND PRIVACY ISSUES, WE NEED TO
7 MOVE FORWARD. AND FRANKLY, GIVEN WHAT MS. SPEARS SAID IN
8 OPEN COURT ON JUNE 23RD, AND HERE TODAY, THERE IS A REAL
9 QUESTION AS TO WHY MR. SPEARS DOES NOT VOLUNTARILY STEP
10 ASIDE TODAY. TODAY. WHY IS HE STILL INVOLVED IN THIS
11 CONSERVATORSHIP? IS THERE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST? IS HE
12 HERE FOR FINANCIAL REASONS?

13 ONE THING THAT CANNOT BE DISPUTED -- AND I SEE 10
14 PEOPLE ON A SCREEN, AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET 10 LAWYERS
15 TO AGREE ON ANYTHING -- BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER
16 PEOPLE LIKE MS. MONTGOMERY WHO COULD COME IN AS A
17 CO-CONSERVATOR OR CONSERVATOR OF THE ESTATE, OTHER THAN
18 MR. SPEARS. DOES ANYBODY REALLY BELIEVE THAT MR. SPEARS'
19 CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN THIS CASE IS IN THE BEST INTEREST
20 OF BRITNEY SPEARS AFTER WHAT WE'VE HEARD? THAT'S THE
21 ISSUE, YOUR HONOR. AND THAT'S WHAT WE HOPE TO SHINE A
22 LIGHT ON SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD RATHER THAN LOOKING BACK.

23 SO YES, WE WILL BE FILING PETITIONS. WE WILL BE
24 FILING A PETITION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WHAT WE
25 ACTUALLY ASK IN OPEN COURT HERE TODAY, WHETHER OR NOT
26 MR. SPEARS WILL VOLUNTARILY STEP ASIDE, WE BELIEVE HE
27 SHOULD IN THE BEST INTEREST OF HIS DAUGHTER. MS. THOREEN
28 HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT HE LOVES HIS DAUGHTER. IF HE LOVES

1 HIS DAUGHTER, IT IS TIME TO STEP ASIDE AND MOVE ON SO
2 MS. SPEARS CAN MOVE FORWARD TOWARD A PRODUCTIVE AND
3 HEALTHY LIFE. AS SHE SAID, SHE WANTS HER LIFE BACK. THAT
4 WOULD BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD ALLOWING HER TO HAVE HER
5 LIFE BACK. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

6 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

7 AND THEN MR. JONES, I KNOW YOU WANTED TO SAY
8 SOMETHING.

9 MR. JONES: YOUR HONOR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON
10 BEHALF OF INTERESTED PARTY, LYNNE SPEARS, I AGREE ENTIRELY
11 WITH MR. ROSENGART, AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE HIM HERE
12 TODAY. BUT WHAT I WOULD ASK THE COURT TO CONSIDER IS --
13 FOLLOWING UP WITH HIS COMMENTS -- IS THAT THIS SYSTEM IS
14 BROKEN. THIS IS LAWYERS GONE WILD. THIS IS NOT ACTING IN
15 THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CONSERVATEE IN THE SLIGHTEST BIT.
16 AND WHAT MS. LYNNE SPEARS HOPES THE COURT WILL CONSIDER IS
17 TO GIVE MR. ROSENGART ENOUGH TIME TO GET BACK TO THE COURT
18 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LET'S NOT LET THE CONSERVATORS MOVE
19 AWAY FROM WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CONSERVATEE,
20 WHO WE'VE NOW HEARD FROM TWO TIMES. THIS IS, FRANKLY,
21 SHAMEFUL THAT WE SEE TWO CONSERVATORS THAT ARE KIND OF
22 GOING AT EACH OTHER. IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF
23 THIS CONSERVATEE, AND NEVER HAS BEEN.

24 SO YOUR HONOR, WHAT THIS -- WHAT MS. LYNNE SPEARS
25 WOULD REQUEST IS, OF COURSE, IN CONSULTATION WITH
26 MR. ROSENGART IN HIS EFFORTS TO GET UP TO SPEED. THIS IS
27 NO EASY TASK TO TAKE. IF, WHEN WE GET BACK INTO THIS
28 COURTROOM, THAT WE HAVE DIRECTION FROM THE COURT THAT WE

1 ARE TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE
2 CONSERVATEE, WHEN THAT HAPPENS, MS. LYNNE SPEARS,
3 BRITNEY'S MOTHER, IS GOING TO BE HAPPY. THE CONSERVATEE
4 IS GOING TO BE HAPPY. THE COURT WILL DISCHARGE THIS
5 PROBABILITY, AND ALL OF US SHOULD BE ON THE SAME PAGE.
6 WITH THAT, YOUR HONOR, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8 SO MS. THOREEN, I KNOW THAT MR. ROSENGART ASKED
9 YOU TO SEE WHAT YOUR POSITION IS ABOUT YOUR CLIENT.

10 MS. THOREEN: YOUR HONOR, YES. VIVIAN THOREEN. YOUR
11 HONOR, I BELIEVE THERE IS A PROCESS AND A MECHANISM IN THE
12 COURT FOR HOW THINGS ARE DONE. AND FIRST JUST ADVISING ON
13 THE PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THE PETITION FOR INSTRUCTIONS, I
14 DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO ASK MR. SPEARS TO STEP
15 DOWN AT THIS POINT. I THINK THERE IS NO BASIS FOR THAT.

16 I'VE ALREADY INDICATED THAT I DO LOOK FORWARD TO
17 TALKING TO MR. ROSENGART BECAUSE I THINK THAT THERE IS A
18 FAST-FORWARD TO THIS WITHOUT ALL OF THIS HYSTERIA ON THE
19 RECORD. THERE ARE SO MANY MISSTATEMENTS, YOUR HONOR. I'M
20 NOT GOING TO GET INTO ADDRESSING THEM ALL BECAUSE I AGREE
21 THAT IT DOESN'T HELP THE CAUSE. BUT WHAT I'VE BEEN
22 HEARING, WHAT I'VE BEEN HEARING AND THAT MUST BE SAID,
23 THOUGH, IS THAT ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES IS THAT
24 MS. SPEARS HAS CERTAIN BELIEFS, AND THOSE BELIEFS ARE THAT
25 HER FATHER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE BAD THINGS THAT
26 HAVE HAPPENED TO HER, AND THAT IS THE FURTHEST THING FROM
27 THE TRUTH.

28 SO IF YOU HAD A PERSON WHO BELIEVED THAT

1 ONE PERSON WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A LITANY OF HORRIBLE THINGS
2 THAT YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE IN YOUR RECOLLECTION, THEN I
3 WOULDN'T BLAME HER FOR HAVING THOSE THOUGHTS. BUT I THINK
4 THAT'S PART OF THE ISSUE AS TO WHETHER IT'S FROM, AGAIN,
5 MISINFORMATION, LACK OF CORRECTION BEING ILL VOICED. I
6 DON'T KNOW. BUT WE ALSO DON'T HAVE PEOPLE COMING IN HERE
7 AND GIVING TESTIMONY WITHOUT AT LEAST GIVING THE OTHER
8 SIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THEIR PERSPECTIVE.

9 AND I DO LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MS. WRIGHT.
10 I DO THINK THAT THE CONSERVATORS SHOULD WORK TOGETHER.
11 AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING IT, THEY HAVE BEEN DOING IT, YOUR
12 HONOR, AND THEY HAVE BEEN CONTINUING TO DO THAT. IN FACT,
13 JUST THIS PAST WEEKEND, MS. MONTGOMERY REACHED OUT TO
14 MR. SPEARS TO SHARE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT MS. SPEARS. I
15 WON'T DISCLOSE IT DESPITE THE FACT THAT, YOU KNOW, COUNSEL
16 DISCLOSED THE MEDICAL INFORMATION. BUT THE TWO ARE
17 WORKING TOGETHER, AND I THINK THAT'S ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT
18 PATH, THAT THE CONSERVATORS NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO COME
19 UP WITH A PLAN AND A STRUCTURE THAT IS IN MS. SPEARS' BEST
20 INTEREST.

21 AND, YOU KNOW, BEFORE THINGS WENT A LITTLE
22 SIDEWAYS, THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS ON HOW TO RESOLVE THESE
23 MANY OUTSTANDING ISSUES. SO TO THE EXTENT THAT SOMEONE
24 HAS OFFERED MEDIATION, I THINK THAT'S APPROPRIATE. I
25 AGREE THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE IN COURT LOBBING ACCUSATIONS,
26 ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE UNSUBSTANTIATED.

27 AND REGARDING, YOU KNOW, MS. SPEARS' TESTIMONY,
28 SHE, FOR THE RECORD -- AND AGAIN, I DON'T EVEN THINK THIS

1 NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED, BUT MS. SPEARS HAS APPEARED
2 VOLUNTARILY. NO ONE HAS COMPELLED THIS TESTIMONY. AND
3 SHE WANTED TO TALK AND OFFER, TAKE IT TO THE COURT. AND I
4 THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE IN A
5 SPECIAL PROCEEDING. IT'S A CONSERVATORSHIP. AND I
6 WELCOME MR. ROSENGART'S INVOLVEMENT SO THAT BETWEEN HIM,
7 MS. WRIGHT, AND MYSELF AND OUR RESPECTIVE TEAMS, WE CAN
8 COME UP WITH A RESOLUTION BECAUSE THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT
9 PATH FORWARD.

10 BUT TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION THAT I DON'T EVEN
11 BELIEVE WARRANTS AN ANSWER, TO BE CRYSTAL CLEAR, MY CLIENT
12 IS NOT GOING TO RESIGN FROM BEING THE CONSERVATOR OF THE
13 ESTATE, AS -- IN THIS WAY, IN THIS FORUM, WITHOUT AN
14 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH COUNSEL. I'M
15 STILL HAVING TO TALK TO MY CLIENT, BUT THIS IS NOT
16 APPROPRIATE. SO I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO
17 COUNSEL AND MY CLIENT FURTHER.

18 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU. AND HERE'S WHAT I'M
19 GOING TO SAY TO ALL OF THE LAWYERS, AND IT'S NOT THE FIRST
20 TIME I'VE SAID THIS. EVERYBODY SHOULD BE WORKING
21 COLLABORATIVELY TO HELP MS. SPEARS GET TO THE POINT WHERE
22 SHE'S TRYING TO GET TO, THAT SHE'S ARTICULATED IN THE LAST
23 COUPLE OF HEARINGS. SO IT'S NOT ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE, IT'S
24 ABOUT HER. AND IF EVERYBODY COULD JUST KEEP THAT IN MIND,
25 I THINK IT WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD MOVING THINGS IN THE
26 DIRECTION THAT MS. SPEARS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM GO.

27 I'M LOOKING AT -- AND JUST ON ANOTHER NOTE,
28 MR. ROSENGART, IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW, PETITIONS REQUIRE

1 NOTICES IN PROBATE. AND BEFORE, THE NOTICES HAVE BEEN
2 PROVIDED TO MR. INGHAM. SO DO YOU WANT THE NOTICES TO GO
3 DIRECTLY TO MS. SPEARS AND YOURSELF OR ONLY TO YOU?

4 MR. ROSENGART: ONLY TO ME, YOUR HONOR. ONLY TO ME
5 AND NOT TO MS. SPEARS.

6 THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO I JUST WANTED TO GET
7 THAT CLARIFIED SO EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT TO DO.

8 THE OTHER BIT OF HOUSEKEEPING BEFORE WE PICK A
9 NEW DATE TO COME BACK ON THE OTHER MATTERS IS, IS THAT WE
10 NOTICED ON OUR END THAT THERE WERE A LOT OF UNTIMELY
11 FILINGS TO CLEAR PROBATE NOTES THAT HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE
12 FOR A WHILE. THAT'S REALLY AN UNDUE STRAIN ON THE PROBATE
13 ATTORNEYS WHO ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR
14 NOTES GET UPDATED NOTES AND NOTES GET CLEARED. SO PLEASE
15 GET YOUR INFORMATION IN THAT IS DESIGNED TO CLEAR A NOTE
16 IN RIGHT AWAY, BECAUSE THE NOTES HAVE BEEN THERE FOR A
17 WHILE. SO TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU HAVE NOTES, AND THERE
18 ARE A NUMBER OF MATTERS WITH NOTES AND/OR OBJECTIONS, JUST
19 GET THE NOTES CLEARED PROMPTLY SO THAT THERE IS NOT A LOT
20 OF LAST-MINUTE FILING BECAUSE IT DOES PUT AN UNDUE STRESS
21 ON PROBATE ATTORNEYS WHO DON'T NEED THAT WHEN THE NOTES
22 ARE ALREADY OUT THERE AND YOU'RE AWARE THAT THEY ARE.

23

24 (DISCUSSION OFF THE RECORD BETWEEN
25 THE COURT AND THE CLERK.)

26

27 THE COURT: SO THE TWO DATES THAT I WAS LOOKING AT FOR
28 A RETURN IS EITHER SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 1:30 OR SEPTEMBER 29TH

1 AT 1:30. I WANT TO CHECK PEOPLE'S AVAILABILITY.

2 MR. ROSENGART: EITHER ONE IS FINE WITH ME, YOUR
3 HONOR.

4 THE COURT: OKAY.

5 MR. JONES, WHAT ABOUT YOU?

6 MR. JONES: IT IS FINE, EITHER.

7 THE COURT: OKAY.

8 MS. THOREEN?

9 MS. THOREEN: YES, YOUR HONOR, SEPTEMBER 29TH WOULD
10 WORK BETTER FOR ME.

11 THE COURT: OKAY.

12 MS. WRIGHT?

13 MS. WRIGHT: THAT WORKS FOR ME. AND A QUICK REMINDER
14 THAT MY CLIENT'S TEMPORARY LETTERS EXPIRE ON
15 SEPTEMBER 3RD.

16 THE COURT: OKAY. SO WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT AS WELL.
17 SO SEPTEMBER 29TH IS GOOD.

18 AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, MR. BRONSHTEYN?

19 MR. BRONSHTEYN: BOTH DATES WORK. AND THE DESIRE TO
20 KEEP THIS CASE MOVING, I WOULD PREFER THE SEPTEMBER 8TH
21 DATE BECAUSE IT'S ALMOST A MONTH SOONER.

22 THE COURT: SO IS IT THAT YOU'RE NOT AVAILABLE AT ALL,
23 MS. THOREEN, ON THE 8TH?

24 MS. THOREEN: I HAVE A CONFLICT. I'M NOT SURE IF I
25 CAN MOVE IT. I WOULD PREFER THE 29TH, YOUR HONOR. I
26 APOLOGIZE.

27 THE COURT: OKAY. COUNSEL -- AND I UNDERSTAND. I
28 HAVE TO HAVE EVERYBODY --

1 MS. COHEN: YOUR HONOR? YOUR HONOR, THIS IS MS.
2 COHEN. I BELIEVE SEPTEMBER 8TH IS A JEWISH HOLIDAY.

3 THE COURT: OKAY.

4 MS. COHEN: SO I WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE.

5 THE COURT: OKAY. SO IT'S A HOLIDAY.

6 MR. BRONSHTEYN: I HAVE THAT AS THE 7TH, BUT IN ANY
7 EVENT, THAT'S FINE, IF IT HAS TO BE THE 29TH, THAT'S FINE,
8 YOUR HONOR.

9 THE COURT: MS. COHEN, HOW ABOUT FOR YOU? HOW ABOUT
10 THAT DATE?

11 MS. COHEN: THE 29TH IS FINE. AND THE HOLIDAY
12 ACTUALLY IS TWO DAYS, AND I AM REPOSING. THANKS.

13 THE COURT: I DON'T SEE MS. WYLE. IS THAT DATE GOOD
14 FOR HER AS WELL?

15 MS. WYLE: I'M HERE, YOUR HONOR.

16 THE COURT: OKAY.

17 MS. WYLE: SORRY. SEPTEMBER 29TH WORKS FOR ME, YOUR
18 HONOR. THANK YOU.

19 THE COURT: OKAY. SO THE NEXT HEARING IS GOING TO BE
20 SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 1:30.

21 AND THEN, MR. ROSENGART, IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE
22 FILING -- AND I'M SAYING THIS TO ANYBODY WHO IS GOING TO
23 BE FILING ANY PLEADINGS -- I'LL GIVE YOU WHAT WE CALL AN
24 OKAY-TO-SET, WHICH MEANS THAT WHEN YOU E-FILE THE
25 PLEADINGS, YOU NEED TO REFERENCE THE MINUTE ORDER FROM
26 TODAY SO THE CLERK'S OFFICE KNOWS THAT I GAVE YOU
27 PERMISSION TO HAVE YOUR MATTER SET; OTHERWISE, YOU WON'T
28 GET THAT DATE.

1 MR. ROSENGART: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

2 THE COURT: AND MS. WRIGHT, IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE
3 FILING A MOTION, I'LL GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO SET YOUR
4 MOTION FOR THAT DATE, OKAY, SO WE CAN BLOCK THAT TIME FOR
5 YOU AS WELL.

6 MS. WRIGHT: THANK YOU.

7 MS. THOREEN: YOUR HONOR, THIS IS VIVIAN THOREEN.

8 THE COURT: YES.

9 MS. THOREEN: MAY I MAKE ONE LAST COMMENT? I THINK
10 THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE SAID. THERE WAS A COMMENT ABOUT THE
11 DURATION WHICH VARIOUS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.
12 MR. SPEARS HAS BEEN INVOLVED FROM DAY ONE SINCE BEFORE THE
13 CONSERVATORSHIP WAS EVEN STARTED. HE HAS BEEN THERE FOR
14 HIS DAUGHTER 24/7 FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS. THERE IS AN
15 ABUNDANCE OF EVIDENCE IN THE COURT FILE BY WAY OF, NOT
16 JUST COURT ORDERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, BUT
17 THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL, ANNUAL, IF NOT MORE FREQUENT PROBATE
18 INVESTIGATOR REPORTS THAT DETAIL -- THAT DOCUMENT THE
19 DETAIL AND THE LEVEL OF HIS INVOLVEMENT, AND THAT HE HAS
20 ALWAYS AND CONSISTENTLY BEEN EXCITED BY WHAT IS HIS
21 DAUGHTER'S BEST INTEREST. AND HE CONTINUES TO ABIDE BY
22 THAT WHEN HE MAKES DECISIONS ON HER BEHALF AND CONSULTS
23 WITH VARIOUS PEOPLE.

24 THE ONE THING THAT I DEFINITELY AGREE WITH
25 MR. ROSENGART ON TODAY, AND MS. WRIGHT, IS THAT HE LOVES
26 HIS DAUGHTER, AND HE ONLY WANTS THE BEST FOR HER. AND HE
27 IS VERY HURT AND TROUBLED BY ALL OF THESE ACCUSATIONS AND
28 CLAIMS THAT SEEM TO POINT THE FINGER AT HIM WHEN IT IS

1 ABSOLUTELY NOT THE CASE. AND I THINK HAVING THIS TIME FOR
2 MR. ROSENGART AND HIS TEAM TO GET UP TO SPEED TO REVIEW
3 THE EXTENSIVE -- THIS VOLUMINOUS COURT FILE, INCLUDING ALL
4 OF THE CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, WILL PROVIDE, I THINK, A
5 MUCH DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE THAN THE ONE HE HAS SO FAR.
6 AND THAT'S NOT TO BE CRITICAL. I MEAN, HE'S BEEN INVOLVED
7 FOR, YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN A MATTER OF A COUPLE OF WEEKS, AT
8 MOST.

9 SO I THINK THIS TIME AND HAVING THIS CONTINUANCE
10 WILL ENABLE COUNSEL TO GET TOGETHER AND TO TRY TO RESOLVE
11 AS MUCH AS WE CAN INFORMALLY SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO HAVE
12 THESE PROTRACTED PROCEEDINGS, YOUR HONOR. THAT IS MY
13 FERVENT GOAL, AND I KNOW THAT IS MR. SPEARS' AS WELL.

14 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. THOREEN.

15 SO WHAT I'M GOING TO DO, MS. WRIGHT, IS EXTEND
16 THE TEMPORARY LETTERS TO OCTOBER 8TH, AND IF THERE IS A
17 NEED FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION ON SEPTEMBER 29TH, WE'LL
18 ADDRESS IT THEN.

19 SO THE MATTERS I'M PUTTING OVER TO SEPTEMBER 29
20 ARE 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5, AND 6. 5007 AND 5008 WILL
21 ALSO BE PUT OVER TO SEPTEMBER 29TH. AND THEN 8 AND -- DID
22 I SAY 9? 5009 IS PUT OVER AS WELL. AND WE'LL BE
23 CONTINUING 5013 TO MONDAY AT THREE O'CLOCK.

24 MS. WYLE: AND, YOUR HONOR, THIS IS MS. WYLE. IF I
25 COULD JUST NOTE, BECAUSE WE HAVE A SERIES OF FILINGS THAT
26 WERE NOT -- STATUTORY NOTICE WAS NOT GIVEN. COULD I BE
27 CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT THE OKAY-TO-SET REQUIRES EITHER
28 THE STATUTORY NOTICE OR THE EX PARTE SHORTENING NOTICE?

1 THE COURT: WELL, THE OKAY-TO-SET -- SO I DON'T KNOW
2 WHAT KIND OF PETITIONS MR. ROSENGART IS GOING TO BE
3 FILING, BUT THE TYPICAL NOTICE IS 15 DAYS. SO I'D JUST
4 KEEP IN -- WHATEVER PETITIONER'S FILING, JUST KEEP IN MIND
5 THAT WHATEVER THE STATUTORY PERIOD IS FOR THAT.

6 MR. ROSENGART: UNDERSTOOD, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

8 ANYTHING ELSE FROM ANYBODY BEFORE WE CONCLUDE
9 TODAY?

10 MR. ROSENGART: NO. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. I JUST
11 WANT TO THANK THE COURT FOR YOUR COURTESY AND COOPERATION.
12 WE DO APPRECIATE IT. AND IT'S A PLEASURE MEETING YOU,
13 YOUR HONOR.

14 THE COURT: NICE MEETING YOU AS WELL, SIR.

15 AND THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

16 AND THANKS AGAIN, MS. SPEARS, FOR TALKING TO US
17 TODAY.

18 MS. BRITNEY SPEARS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

19 MS. WRIGHT: THANK YOU.

20 THE COURT: THANK YOU. SEE YOU ON THE 29TH.

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22 (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 3:20 P.M.)

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