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The following is the official transcript of the December 22, 2008 court proceedings in the case of The People of the State of California vs. Thomas Beltran. During these proceedings, Mr. Beltran pleaded guilty to ten felony counts and admitted factual responsibility to two other felony counts. The victims were students and former students of Lincoln Middle School in Santa Monica, California, where Mr. Beltran was a teacher for 20 years. During the court proceedings, the mother of one of the victims made a statement.

This transcript is part of the public record and is available to the public. I ordered it from the court reporter, Stella Cordova.

As shown in the transcript, the judge asked for the court to seal the names of all the victims, to protect their privacy. However, some identifying information remains in the transcript, such as the victims' first names. The mother who made a statement gave her full name to the court. To err on the side of caution and privacy, I blanked out this identifying information in the following pages, even though the information is part of the public record.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
LOS ANGELES, DEPT. LX 142 HON. WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH, JUDGE

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)	
)	NO. SA067646
PLAINTIFF,)	
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VS.)	STATE PRISON
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THOMAS E. BELTRAN,)	
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DEFENDANT.)	
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008
A.M. SESSION

UPON THE ABOVE DATE, THE DEFENDANT BEING PRESENT IN
COURT AND REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, MR. ROBERT BERKE, PVT &
MICHAEL WHITE, PVT.; THE PEOPLE BEING REPRESENTED BY MS.
ROBIN SAX, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD:

(STELLA A. CORDOVA, OFFICIAL REPORTER, CSR #7538)

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THE COURT: I GATHER THERE IS GOING TO BE A PLEA?

MS. SAX: YES.

THE COURT: THE PEOPLE WILL BE TAKING THE PLEA?

MS. SAX: YES, YOUR HONOR. THAT IS ACCEPTABLE.

THE COURT: THE PEOPLE PROVIDED ME WITH THE PROPOSED SENTENCE. HAS EVERYBODY REVIEWED THAT?

MR. BERKE: YES, YOUR HONOR.

THE COURT: AT ANY RATE, HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THAT WITH YOUR CLIENT, AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE SENTENCE WILL BE IF HE PLEADS TO THIS MATTER?

MR. BERKE: YES, YOUR HONOR.

THE COURT: AND IF I AM READING IT RIGHT, HE WILL BE SENTENCED ON ALL COUNTS THAT HE PLEADS TO, BUT SOME OF THEM WILL RUN CONCURRENT AND SOME OF THEM WILL BE CONSECUTIVE, BUT THE TOTAL BE 14 YEARS, AND HE WILL WAIVE ALL CREDITS, RIGHT?

MR. BERKE: THAT'S RIGHT, YOUR HONOR.

THE COURT: IS THAT WHAT EVERYBODY AGREES TO?

MS. SAX: THAT IS CORRECT.

THE COURT: BASED ON THAT, DO YOU WANT TO GO FORWARD WITH THE PLEA?

MR. WHITE: YES, YOUR HONOR.

THE COURT: I ASK THE PEOPLE TO TAKE THE PLEA.

MS. SAX: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. I DID OUTLINE IT FOR THE COURT JUST BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF COUNTS.

MR. BERKE: YOUR HONOR, WE SHOULD ANNOUNCE OUR APPEARANCES. ROBERT BERKE APPEARING WITH MR. BELTRAN.

MR. WHITE: MICHAEL WHITE, ALSO WITH MR. BELTRAN.

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MS. SAX: ROBIN SAX ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE.

JUST SO THE COURT IS AWARE, SITTING AT COUNSEL TABLE IS DETECTIVE LESLIE TRAPNELL WHO IS THE I.O. IN THE CASE AND PRESENT IN THE COURTROOM ARE ALSO ONE SET OF VICTIM'S PARENTS WHO ARE HERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT FOR VICTIM IMPACT PURPOSES, AND AFTER I TAKE THE PLEA, I AM GOING TO -- IF THAT'S ACCEPTABLE TO THE COURT, I WOULD ASK TO COME FORWARD.

THE COURT: MAYBE -- I DON'T KNOW AT WHAT POINT I SHOULD SAY IT, BUT I HAVE RECEIVED A STATIC 99 ASSESSMENT REPORT WHICH I READ, AND I HAVE ALSO READ THE PROBATION -- PRE- -- WHAT DO THEY CALL IT, PRE-CONVICTION REPORT.

MR. BERKE: THANK YOU.

MS. SAX: THANK YOU.

JUST SO THAT IT'S CLEAR ON THE RECORD THE PROPOSED DISPOSITION IN THIS MATTER IS THAT THE DEFENDANT WILL BE WAIVING HIS CREDITS FOR THE -- ALL THE TIME THAT HE SERVED UNTIL TODAY'S DATE.

HE WOULD BE PLEADING GUILTY TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTS: IT WILL BE COUNT 6, PENAL CODE SECTION 289; COUNT 2, PENAL CODE SECTION 280.5; COUNT 22, PENAL CODE SECTION 280.5. AND THEN TO COUNT 8, PENAL CODE SECTION 288.5; COUNTS 10, 288(A); COUNT 12, PENAL CODE SECTION 280.5; COUNT 14, 288(A); COUNT 16, 288.5; COUNT 19, PENAL CODE SECTION 288.5; COUNT 23, PENAL CODE SECTION 288.5.

HE WILL ALSO ADMIT TO A FACTUAL BASIS FOR TWO OTHER VICTIMS THAT WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED IN THE CHARGES,

1 AND I WILL TAKE THAT FACTUAL ADMISSION AT THE TIME, IF
2 THAT'S ACCEPTABLE WITH THE COURT.

3 IF I MAY TAKE THE PLEA?

4 THE COURT: PLEASE. ARE WE READY TO GO AHEAD?

5 MR. BERKE: READY, YOUR HONOR.

6 MS. SAX: THOMAS BELTRAN, IS THAT YOUR TRUE AND CORRECT
7 NAME?

8 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

9 MS. SAX: YOU ARE CHARGED IN COMPLAINT NO.
10 SA067646 -- I'M ONLY GOING TO MENTION THE COUNTS THAT WE
11 WILL ACTUALLY BE SENTENCING YOU ON AND CHARGING -- AND
12 ACTUALLY I THINK AT THIS POINT I ALSO NEED TO ADD A COUNT
13 23. I DON'T BELIEVE 23 IS ACTUALLY REFLECTED ON THE
14 ORIGINAL COMPLAINT OF THE 288.5, BUT FIRST I THINK WE NEED
15 TO MAKE THAT. I NEED TO MAKE THAT MOTION, THEN --

16 MR. BERKE: THAT'S FINE. WE WILL WAIVE READING OF
17 COUNT 23, AND ENTER A PLEA. WE WILL BE ENTERING A PLEA OF
18 GUILTY TO THAT COUNT PURSUANT TO THE PLEA AGREEMENT WE
19 DISCUSSED.

20 THE COURT: YOU ARE ADDING COUNTS 23 WHICH IS 288.5.

21 MS. SAX: CORRECT.

22 THE COURT: THAT MOTION IS GRANTED.

23 MS. SAX: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

24 THE COUNTS THAT YOU WILL BE PLEADING TO IN THIS
25 COMPLAINT INCLUDE COUNT 6, PENAL CODE SECTION 289, AND
26 PENAL CODE SECTION 288.5 IN COUNTS 2, 22, 8, 12, 16, 19,
27 AND 23.

28 PENAL CODE SECTION 288(A) IN COUNTS 10 AND 14 AND

1 ADMITTING FACTUAL RESPONSIBILITY AS TO AND .
2 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE CHARGES AGAINST YOU?
3 THE DEFENDANT: YES.
4 MS. SAX: HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THE FACTS OF THIS CASE
5 WITH YOUR LAWYERS, INCLUDING ANY DEFENSES THAT YOU MIGHT
6 HAVE?
7 THE DEFENDANT: YES.
8 MS. SAX: BEFORE THE COURT WILL ACCEPT YOUR PLEA, I'M
9 GOING TO ADVISE YOU OF YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. YOU
10 MUST INDICATE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND, WAIVE AND GIVE UP THOSE
11 RIGHTS.
12 FIRST, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A PRELIMINARY
13 HEARING. DO YOU KNOW WHAT A PRELIMINARY HEARING IS?
14 THE DEFENDANT: YES.
15 MS. SAX: DO YOU WAIVE AND GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO A
16 PRELIMINARY HEARING?
17 THE DEFENDANT: YES.
18 MS. SAX: YOU ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL. DO
19 YOU KNOW WHAT A JURY TRIAL IS?
20 THE DEFENDANT: YES.
21 MS. SAX: DO YOU WAIVE AND GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY
22 TRIAL?
23 THE DEFENDANT: YES.
24 MS. SAX: YOU WOULD ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO A COURT
25 TRIAL WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PROSECUTION. DO YOU KNOW
26 WHAT A COURT TRIAL IS?
27 THE DEFENDANT: YES.
28 MS. SAX: DO YOU WAIVE AND GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO A

1 COURT TRIAL?

2 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

3 MS. SAX: IF YOU HAD EITHER A PRELIMINARY HEARING OR A
4 TRIAL, YOU WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONFRONT AND
5 CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES AGAINST YOU. THOSE WITNESSES WOULD
6 BE BROUGHT INTO COURT, TAKE THE WITNESS STAND, AND GIVE
7 TESTIMONY UNDER OATH.

8 YOUR ATTORNEY WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK THOSE
9 WITNESSES QUESTIONS, AND YOU WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN
10 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE AND WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE FREE
11 SUBPOENA POWER OF THE COURT TO SUBPOENA WITNESSES ON YOUR
12 BEHALF AT NO COST TO YOU.

13 DO YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR RIGHT TO CONFRONT AND
14 CROSS-EXAMINE THE WITNESSES AGAINST YOU?

15 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

16 MS. SAX: DO YOU WAIVE AND GIVE UP THAT RIGHT?

17 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

18 MS. SAX: YOU ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.
19 THIS IS REFERRED TO AS THE PRIVILEGE AGAINST
20 SELF-INCRIMINATION. HOWEVER, BY PLEADING GUILTY TODAY, YOU
21 WILL BE GIVING UP THIS RIGHT BECAUSE YOU ARE USING YOUR OWN
22 WORDS TO IN FACT INCRIMINATE YOURSELF.

23 DO YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT?

24 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

25 MS. SAX: DO YOU WAIVE AND GIVE UP THAT RIGHT?

26 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

27 MS. SAX: BEFORE THE COURT CAN ACCEPT YOUR PLEA HERE
28 TODAY, YOU MUST ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF

1 YOUR PLEA. THE MAXIMUM CONFINEMENT IN YOUR CASE AS
2 PRESENTLY CHARGED PRIOR TO THE PLEA AGREEMENT ARE SEVERAL
3 LIFE SENTENCES DUE TO PENAL CODE SECTION 67.61, AND THE
4 MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME -- I ACTUALLY NEED A MOMENT TO
5 FIGURE THAT OUT, IF I COULD HAVE JUST ONE MOMENT -- ON THE
6 CHARGES -- IS 44 YEARS TO LIFE ON THE CHARGES THAT REMAIN.

7 HOWEVER, DUE TO YOUR PLEA HERE TODAY, WE HAVE
8 AGREED THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE AN AGGREGATE TOTAL OF 14 YEARS
9 IN THE STATE PRISON WITH YOUR CREDITS BEGINNING TODAY; DO
10 YOU UNDERSTAND THE PLEA AGREEMENT?

11 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

12 MS. SAX: ONCE YOU ARE SENT TO STATE PRISON, THERE WILL
13 BE CERTAIN CONDITIONS PUT ON YOU ONCE YOU'VE COMPLETED YOUR
14 SENTENCE AND ARE PLACED ON PAROLE. THAT MEANS IF YOU
15 VIOLATE ANY OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF YOUR PAROLE, YOU
16 COULD BE SENT BACK TO STATE PRISON FOR UP TO ONE YEAR FOR
17 EACH PAROLE VIOLATION.

18 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS?

19 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

20 MS. SAX: IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON PROBATION OR PAROLE
21 TO ANOTHER COURT OR AGENCY, YOUR PLEA HERE TODAY COULD
22 CONSTITUTE A PAROLE OR PROBATION VIOLATION AND COULD
23 SUBJECT YOU TO ADDITIONAL TIME IN CUSTODY; DO YOU
24 UNDERSTAND THAT?

25 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

26 MS. SAX: IF YOU ARE NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED
27 STATES, YOUR PLEA HERE TODAY WILL CAUSE YOU TO BE DEPORTED,
28 DENIED RE-ENTRY, DENIED NATURALIZATION, AND DENIED AMNESTY;

1 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

2 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

3 MS. SAX: IN ADDITION TO YOUR PRISON SENTENCE, THE
4 COURT CAN IMPOSE A FINE RANGING FROM \$200 TO \$10,000, A
5 RESTITUTION FINE OF \$200, A BOOKING FINE OR FEE, A SEXUAL
6 OFFENDER FEE OF AT LEAST \$350, AND THESE FINES AND FEES CAN
7 BE PAID OVER A PERIOD OF TIME; DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

8 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

9 MS. SAX: AS A RESULT OF YOUR PLEA HERE TODAY, YOU CAN
10 NO LONGER OWN, USE, OR POSSESS A FIREARM AS THIS WOULD
11 CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE FELONY; DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

12 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

13 MS. SAX: ALL OF THESE CRIMES YOU ARE PLEADING TO ARE
14 CRIMES OF MORAL TURPITUDE, THEREFORE, YOUR PLEA CAN BE USED
15 TO IMPEACH OR ATTACK YOUR CREDIBILITY SHOULD YOU EVER
16 APPEAR IN COURT AS A WITNESS AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE; DO
17 YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

18 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

19 MS. SAX: EVERY COUNT THAT YOU ARE PLEADING TO IS
20 CONSIDERED A STRIKE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA 3 STRIKES LAW
21 WHICH MEANS THAT IF YOU WERE TO BE CONVICTED OF ANY FELONY
22 IN THE FUTURE, THE MINIMUM SENTENCE YOU WILL RECEIVE WOULD
23 BE 25 YEARS TO LIFE; DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

24 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

25 MS. SAX: YOU WILL BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER AS A
26 SEX OFFENDER WITHIN THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
27 NEAREST YOUR HOME. IF YOU EVER MOVED, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO
28 REGISTER IN THE NEW AREA WITHIN 14 DAYS. THIS IS A ONCE A

1 YEAR ON YOUR BIRTHDAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE
2 REQUIREMENT; DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

3 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

4 MS. SAX: YOU WILL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO THE SEXUALLY
5 VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT COMMONLY KNOWN AS S.V.P. THAT MEANS
6 THAT ONCE YOUR PRISON SENTENCE IS COMPLETED, WHETHER OR NOT
7 YOU ARE RELEASED OR HOW YOU ARE RELEASED IS UP TO THE STATE
8 PRISON OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME; DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

9 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

10 MS. SAX: YOU WILL BE PLEADING GUILTY TODAY. ARE YOU
11 DOING SO FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE IT
12 IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO DO SO?

13 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

14 MS. SAX: HAS ANYONE THREATENED YOU OR ANYONE CLOSE TO
15 YOU IN ORDER TO GET YOU TO PLEAD GUILTY TODAY?

16 THE DEFENDANT: NO.

17 MS. SAX: OTHER THAN THE AGREEMENT AS TO YOUR SENTENCE
18 AS I STATED HERE IN OPEN COURT ON THE RECORD, HAS ANY OTHER
19 PROMISES BEEN MADE TO YOU IN ORDER TO GET YOU TO PLEAD
20 GUILTY TODAY?

21 THE DEFENDANT: NO.

22 MS. SAX: DOES THE COURT WISH TO INQUIRE FURTHER?

23 THE COURT: DO YOU UNDERSTAND ALL OF THOSE THINGS AND
24 DO YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PLEA, RIGHT?

25 THE DEFENDANT: YES.

26 MS. SAX: DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MYSELF, THE
27 LAWYERS, OR THE COURT AT THIS TIME?

28 THE DEFENDANT: NO.

1 MS. SAX: THOMAS BELTRAN, IN FELONY CASE SA067646 IN
2 COUNT 6, A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE SECTION 289 COMMONLY
3 KNOWN AS DIGITAL PENETRATION OF A MINOR, HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

4 THE DEFENDANT: GUILTY.

5 MS. SAX: AND IN COUNT 2, A VIOLATION OF 288.5, A
6 FELONY COMMONLY KNOWN AS CONTINUAL SEXUAL ABUSE, HOW DO YOU
7 PLEAD?

8 THE DEFENDANT: GUILTY.

9 MS. SAX: AND COUNT 22, A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE
10 SECTION 22, 288.5, A FELONY COMMONLY KNOWN AS CONTINUOUS
11 SEXUAL ABUSE, HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

12 THE DEFENDANT: GUILTY.

13 MS. SAX: AND IN COUNT 8 TO A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE
14 SECTION 288.5 AS A FELONY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS CONTINUOUS
15 SEXUAL ABUSE, HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

16 THE DEFENDANT: GUILTY.

17 MS. SAX: AND IN COUNT 10 TO A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE
18 SECTION 288(A) COMMONLY KNOWN AS LEWD ACT ON A MINOR, HOW
19 DO YOU PLEAD?

20 THE DEFENDANT: GUILTY.

21 MS. SAX: AND IN COUNT 12 TO A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE
22 SECTION 288.5, A FELONY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS A CONTINUOUS
23 SEXUAL ABUSE, HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

24 THE DEFENDANT: GUILTY.

25 MS. SAX: AND COUNT 14 TO A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE
26 SECTION 288(A), A FELONY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS LEWD ACT ON A
27 MINOR, HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

28 THE DEFENDANT: GUILTY.

1 MS. SAX: AND IN COUNT 16 TO A VIOLATION OF 288.5 A
2 FELONY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS CONTINUOUS SEXUAL ABUSE, HOW DO
3 YOU PLEAD?

4 THE DEFENDANT: GUILTY.

5 MS. SAX: AND TO COUNT 19, A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE
6 SECTION 288.5, A FELONY COMMONLY KNOWN AS CONTINUOUS SEXUAL
7 ABUSE, HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

8 THE DEFENDANT: GUILTY.

9 MS. SAX: AND IN COUNT 23, A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE
10 SECTION 288.5, CONTINUOUS SEXUAL ABUSE AS A FELONY, HOW DO
11 YOU PLEAD?

12 THE DEFENDANT: GUILTY.

13 MS. SAX: AND DO YOU ADMIT OR DENY FACTUAL
14 RESPONSIBILITY AS TO WHAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED THE CRIMES OF
15 PENAL CODE SECTION 647.6 WHICH IS ANNOY OR MOLESTING A
16 CHILD AS TO A VICTIM DO YOU ADMIT OR DENY ACTUAL
17 RESPONSIBILITY?

18 THE DEFENDANT: ADMIT.

19 MS. SAX: AS TO , DO YOU ADMIT OR DENY FACTUAL
20 RESPONSIBILITY IN TERMS OF THE SAME CONDUCT THAT WOULD
21 QUALIFY AS PENAL CODE SECTION 647.6 WHICH IS UNCHARGED AT
22 THIS TIME, DO YOU ADMIT OR DENY?

23 THE DEFENDANT: ADMIT.

24 MS. SAX: AND DOES COUNSEL JOIN IN THE WAIVER, CONCUR
25 IN THE PLEA, AND STIPULATE TO A FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE PLEA
26 BASED ON THE POLICE REPORTS, THE COMPLAINT, AND ALL THE
27 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS?

28 MR. BERKE: YES, I DO.

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MS. SAX: AND PEOPLE JOIN IN THE JURY WAIVERS.

I'M ALSO GOING TO ASK AT THIS TIME THAT THE COURT SEAL, FOR PRIVACY, ALL OF THE NAMES OF THE VICTIMS AND THE FILES TO PROTECT THE DEFENDANT'S PRIVACY OTHER THAN WHAT NEEDS TO BE SENT TO STATE PRISON FOR STATE PRISON PURPOSES, BUT IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC TO SEAL ALL DOCUMENTS OUT OF RESPECT TO THE VICTIMS?

MR. BERKE: NO OBJECTION.

THE COURT: WE'LL DO THAT.

DID YOU TAKE A WAIVER OF CREDITS UP TO TODAY?

MS. SAX: YES, THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

AND, MR. BELTRAN, YOU WOULD NORMALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE ENTITLED TO CREDITS IN THE OF THE RATE OF 15 PERCENT.

BECAUSE THESE ARE STRIKES UNDER THE THREE-STRIKES LAW, ALL OF THE CRIMES FOR WHICH YOU'VE PLED TO YOU WILL GET 15 PERCENT CREDIT. YOU WILL NEED TO DO 85 PERCENT OF THE TIME.

DO YOU AGREE THAT YOU ARE WAIVING THE TIME AND YOU WILL BEGIN YOUR CREDIT ANEW STARTING TODAY ON DECEMBER 22?

DOES COUNSEL JOIN?

MR. BERKE: I DO.

MS. SAX: THANK YOU. THE PEOPLE JOIN AS WELL.

THE COURT: I ACCEPT THE PLEA OF GUILTY AND THE WAIVER.

I FIND IT KNOWINGLY, INTELLIGENTLY, FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO.

I FIND THERE'S A FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE PLEA NOT ONLY BASED ON WHAT THE DEFENDANT HAS ADMITTED, BUT MY

1 READING OF THE PROBATION REPORT. IT APPEARS THERE IS A
2 FACTUAL BASIS.

3 IS SENTENCING TO BE NOW?

4 MR. BERKE: YES, YOUR HONOR.

5 THE COURT: WHEN YOU SAID HE WILL START ACCUMULATING
6 THEM FROM TODAY, I DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER HE WAS COMING BACK
7 OR NOT, BUT TODAY IS THE DAY.

8 MR. BERKE: YES, YOUR HONOR.

9 THE COURT: YOU WILL WAIVE FORMAL ARRAIGNMENT, AND I
10 FIND THERE IS NO LEGAL CAUSE WHY HE SHOULD NOT NOW BE
11 SENTENCED?

12 MR. BERKE: YES, YOUR HONOR.

13 THE COURT: OKAY, ANYTHING FURTHER BEFORE I START THE
14 SENTENCING?

15 MS. SAX: YOUR HONOR, JUST IF THE COURT WOULD LIKE TO
16 HEAR THE VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT PRIOR TO SENTENCING.

17 THE COURT: YES, THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER.

18 MS. SAX: AT THIS TIME I WOULD ASK MRS. TO STEP
19 FORWARD.

20 THE COURT: COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD SO
21 WE KNOW WHO IS SPEAKING?

22 THE WITNESS: YES. MY NAME IS

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24 WE ARE THE LUCKY PARENTS OF THREE BEAUTIFUL,
25 SMART, ACTIVE YOUNG GIRLS. THEY ARE HAPPY, LOVING, HEALTHY
26 CHILDREN AND WE ARE SO VERY THANKFUL FOR THEM EVERY SINGLE
27 DAY.

28 OF COURSE WE WORK VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW

1 THEY'RE LOVED AND CARED FOR, AND WE HAVE DONE OUR VERY BEST
2 TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE DANGERS OF THIS WORLD.

3 OUR FAMILY SITS DOWN FOR DINNER TOGETHER EVERY
4 NIGHT WITH THE TV OFF. AND WE START OUR MEAL BY TELLING
5 EACH OTHER ABOUT THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE DAY.

6 WE ALWAYS KNOW HOW OUR GIRLS ARE DOING, AND WE
7 ALSO KNOW WHAT OUR GIRLS ARE DOING, SO WE ALWAYS KNOW WHAT
8 KIND OF POTENTIAL DANGERS OUR GIRLS ARE BEING EXPOSED TO,
9 OR SO WE THOUGHT.

10 WE CAME HERE FROM IN 2006 BELIEVING WE WERE
11 DOING EVERYTHING RIGHT. WE WANTED TO EXPERIENCE THE
12 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LIFESTYLE. WE WANTED OUR GIRLS TO KNOW
13 THEIR AMERICAN FAMILY, AND WE WANTED THEM TO BE TRULY
14 BILINGUAL.

15 WE CAME TO SANTA MONICA IN LARGE PART BECAUSE WE
16 HAD HEARD SUCH GOOD THINGS ABOUT THE PUBLIC EDUCATION
17 SYSTEM AND WE WERE ECSTATIC THAT THE GIRLS WOULD ACTUALLY
18 BE ABLE TO WALK TO SCHOOL.

19 AROUND THE WINTER OF 2006, WE NOTICED OUR
20 11-YEAR-OLD 6TH GRADER WAS CHANGING. SHE SEEMED LETHARGIC.
21 SHE PUT ON WEIGHT. SHE AVOIDED WEARING SKIRTS AND DRESSES.
22 SHE INSISTED ON WEARING TURTLENECKS. SHE DIDN'T LIKE TO
23 CUDDLE WITH US AS MUCH AS SHE ONCE DID AND JUMPED AS IF
24 STARTLED IF WE PUT OUR HANDS ON HER SHOULDERS. SHE ALSO
25 TENDED TO SNAP AT HER LITTLE SISTERS MORE OFTEN THAN SHE
26 HAD EVER DONE BEFORE.

27 WE THOUGHT IT WAS THE ONSET OF PUBERTY.

28 A YEAR LATER, OUR DAUGHTER WAS THRIVING AT SCHOOL.

1 SHE WAS MAKING FRIENDS, GETTING GOOD GRADES, BUSY WITH
2 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND HER ENGLISH WAS GOOD AND
3 GETTING BETTER.

4 SO WITH RELUCTANT AGREEMENT FROM HER FORMER
5 TEACHER WE DECIDED TO MOVE HER OUT OF E.L.D. CLASS AND INTO
6 THE MAINSTREAM AT SCHOOL.

7 WITHIN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS, THAT TEACHER ALMOST
8 CONVINCED HER TO RETURN.

9 ONE NIGHT ABOUT SIX MONTHS LATER, OUR DAUGHTER
10 CAME TO US AFTER HER SISTERS WERE ASLEEP.

11 SHE STARTED CRYING, AND SHE SAID, "I NEED TO TELL
12 YOU SOMETHING ABOUT MR. BELTRAN." THE REST OF HER
13 CONFESSION IS STILL FRESH AND HURTFUL IN OUR MEMORY SO WE
14 WON'T DESCRIBE IT HERE.

15 BUT WE'LL NEVER FORGET HER FACE, RED AND WET WITH
16 TEARS; HER BODY SHAKING FOR HOURS ON END, AND THE
17 IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE LOOK IN HER EYES AS SHE STARED AT
18 US, DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION THIS
19 SWEET AND INNOCENT GIRL HAD BEEN LIVING WITH FOR SO
20 LONG -- WHY? WHY HER? WHAT HAD SHE DONE?

21 WE WILL NEVER STOP HELPING OUR DAUGHTER ANSWER
22 THOSE QUESTIONS, AND WE CAN'T MEASURE THE LONG-TERM
23 CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A TRAUMA ON A YOUNG LADY LIKE OUR
24 DAUGHTER.

25 BUT AS HER PARENTS, WE CAN BE PREPARED FOR THEM
26 -- LONG TERM PSYCHIATRIC CARE IS GOING TO BE NECESSARY TO
27 HELP HER WORK THROUGH ANY ISSUES WITH HER BODY IMAGE, HER
28 FIRST RELATIONSHIP, HER DESIRE TO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HER

1 CAPACITY TO BE A MOTHER.

2 WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR HER TO RESENT US FOR NOT
3 SEEING WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE CLASSROOM.

4 SHE HAS HAD NIGHTMARES ABOUT IT. SHE STILL DOES,
5 AND PROBABLY WILL AGAIN FOR MANY MORE YEARS.

6 OUR DAUGHTER AND OUR FAMILY WILL LIVE WITH SCARS
7 FROM THIS EXPERIENCE FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.

8 SHE IS AN AMAZING YOUNG WOMAN, AND WE COULDN'T BE
9 MORE PROUD OF HER. SHE CAME TO A NEW SCHOOL IN A NEW CITY
10 IN A NEW COUNTRY, AND WITHIN A YEAR, SHE LEARNED THE
11 LANGUAGE, SHE MET FRIENDS, AND GOT INVOLVED IN
12 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

13 WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF HER FOR BEING SO BRAVE
14 ENOUGH TO SPEAK UP BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T WANT OTHER PRE-TEENS
15 TO BE VICTIMIZED IN THE SAME WAY.

16 DESPITE HER STRENGTH AND COURAGE, SHE WAS UNABLE
17 TO STAY AT LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE WANTED TO GO BACK TO
18 HER ROUTINE OF WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL WITH HER FRIENDS
19 AND WANTED SO BADLY TO RETURN TO HER NEWLY ACQUIRED SEAT IN
20 THE ORCHESTRA, BUT WITH MEDIA CAMPED OUT IN FRONT OF THE
21 SCHOOL, WITH TEASING AND UNCOMFORTABLE QUESTIONS FROM OTHER
22 STUDENTS, THE FLASHBACKS THAT CAUSED HER TO SHAKE LIKE A
23 LEAF WHENEVER SHE WALKED PAST HER OLD E.L.D. CLASSROOM, WE
24 DECIDED TO PUT HER INTO A SMALLER PRIVATE SCHOOL WITH A
25 MORE CARING ENVIRONMENT. WE KNEW WE WERE DOING THE RIGHT
26 THING, BUT THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT ANY EASIER, EVEN THOUGH OUR
27 DAUGHTER'S ANGER TOWARDS US FOR TAKING HER AWAY FROM HER
28 FRIENDS AND THE LIFE SHE HAD WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE FOR

1 HERSELF.

2 BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF ONE MAN, A WONDERFUL
3 LITTLE GIRL WON'T BE WORKING ON HER CLASS YEARBOOK. SHE
4 WON'T PLAY IN HER SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AND SHE WON'T
5 PARTICIPATE IN THE 8TH GRADE GRADUATION SHE WAS VERY MUCH
6 LOOKING FORWARD TO.

7 OUR DEAR CHILD HAS BEEN CALLED A HERO, A TROOPER
8 BY THE S.M.P.D. WHO HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL WITH US ALL ALONG.
9 SO SHE HAS BEEN CALLED A HERO AND A TROOPER FOR THE
10 DETERMINED MANNER IN WHICH SHE COLLABORATED WITH THE
11 S.M.P.D. AND THE D.A.'S OFFICE DURING THE INVESTIGATION.
12 BUT LET US NOT BE FOOLED BY THE SIMPLE COURAGE OF A 13 YEAR
13 OLD WHO HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY MOLESTED BY A RESPECTED TEACHER
14 OF 30 YEARS.

15 OUR DAUGHTER HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. HER EYES
16 FILL UP WITH TEARS WHENEVER SHE HEARS THE WORD "ABUSE."
17 SHE NOW FEELS SO UNCOMFORTABLE WITH MEN OF MR. BELTRAN'S
18 AGE THAT SHE CAN BARELY INTERACT WITH HER OWN GRANDFATHERS.
19 SHE HAS BUILT SUCH A PROTECTIVE SHELL AROUND HER THAT I
20 HAVE TO GIVE UP WHENEVER I TRY TO HOLD HER TO GIVE HER
21 COMFORT. SHE REMAINS STIFF AND SHE DOESN'T LET GO. SHE
22 HAS STILL SO MUCH PAIN AND ANGER INSIDE HER.

23 WHO KNOWS HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE FOR THIS SHELL TO
24 FINALLY CRACK SO WE CAN BE CLOSE AGAIN.

25 THERE IS NO PROPER PUNISHMENT FOR THIS MAN ROBBING
26 OUR DAUGHTER OF HER INNOCENCE.

27 OF COURSE WE BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY HE SHOULD NEVER
28 BE ALONE WITH A YOUNG PERSON EVER AGAIN, AND HE CANNOT

1 RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM.

2 WE THINK A SENTENCE OF 14 YEARS FOR A 61-YEAR-OLD
3 MAN IS FAIR, SOMEWHAT, THOUGH WE THINK HE SHOULD NOT BE
4 ENTITLED TO EARLY RELEASE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

5 OUR FAMILY WILL NEVER BE THE SAME. THE IMMEDIATE
6 AFTERMATH OF OF OUR DAUGHTER'S REVELATION TO US WE WERE
7 FORCED TO BE REACTIVE. WE NEEDED TO BE THERE TO TAKE CARE
8 OF HER, AND WE FELT AS THOUGH WE BOTH HAD TO BE AVAILABLE
9 FOR THE POLICE INVESTIGATION SO WE DIDN'T WORK FOR WEEKS
10 AND WEEKS.

11 WE ALSO HAD TO FIND HER A NEW SCHOOL ON THE WEST
12 SIDE AT THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR, NOT AN EASY TASK.

13 WE WILL NEVER COMPLAIN ABOUT THE TIME AND EFFORT
14 REQUIRED TO TAKE OUR DAUGHTER BACK AND FORTH TO HER NEW
15 SCHOOL, NOT TO MENTION THE ADDED EXPENSES OF TUITION,
16 UNIFORMS AND BOOKS.

17 SO IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE'VE
18 BEEN THROUGH ALL OF THIS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE SANTA
19 MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FAILED US SO
20 MISERABLY.

21 MY HUSBAND AND I WILL BE IN THERAPY FOR THE
22 FORESEEABLE FUTURE. AND THERE IS AN EXCELLENT CHANCE THAT
23 OUR DAUGHTER WILL NEED PROFESSIONAL HELP FOR THE REST OF
24 HER LIFE.

25 WE ALSO HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR OUR YOUNGEST
26 DAUGHTERS TO NEED PROFESSIONAL HELP IN DEALING WITH THEIR
27 FEELINGS WHEN THE TIME INEVITABLY COMES FOR US TO TELL THEM
28 ABOUT ALL THIS.

1 I CONSULTED WITH MY DAUGHTER THROUGH THE PROCESS
2 OF WRITING, AND AFTER READING HER DRAFT OF THIS STATEMENT
3 THE ONLY THING SHE HAD TO ADD WAS, "DON'T THINK YOU LIVE IN
4 A PERFECT WORLD."

5 AS HEARTBREAKING AS IT IS TO KNOW THAT OUR 13 YEAR OLD
6 HAS BEEN MADE AWARE THAT EVIL EXISTS, WE TAKE PRIDE IN HER
7 STRENGTH AND COURAGE.

8 BECAUSE OF HER, WE WON'T REFER TO THIS STATEMENT
9 AS A VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT BECAUSE WE WON'T ALLOW HER TO
10 THINK OF HERSELF AS A VICTIM. SHE IS A SURVIVOR, AND WITH
11 THE LOVE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS, SHE AND WE CAN SURVIVE
12 ANYTHING.

13 THE COURT: IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE WAITING TO ADDRESS
14 THE COURT?

15 THE FATHER: NO.

16 MS. SAX: I WOULD ASK THAT BE FILED WITHIN THE COURT
17 FILE AS WELL.

18 MR. BERKE: THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THAT.

19 THE COURT: OKAY.

20 IS 6 YEARS THE HIGH TERM ON COUNT 6?

21 MS. SAX: I THINK IT'S THE MIDTERM -- YES, THE MIDTERM
22 OF THE BASE TERM. IT SAYS THREE, SIX OR EIGHT.

23 MR. BERKE: RIGHT.

24 THE COURT: ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE I START OUT?

25 MR. BERKE: NO, YOUR HONOR.

26 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. PURSUANT TO THE CASE
27 DISPOSITION, PROBATION IS DENIED.

28 ON COUNT 6, WHICH WILL BE THE BASE TERM, I

1 SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO THE MIDTERM OF 6 YEARS IN STATE
2 PRISON.

3 ON COUNT 4 -- EXCUSE ME, COUNT 2 -- IS COUNT 2 --
4 THE MIDTERM IS 12 YEARS?

5 MS. SAX: CORRECT.

6 MR. BERKE: YES.

7 THE COURT: I SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO THE MIDTERM OF
8 12 YEARS IN STATE PRISON, AND BECAUSE I AM ORDERING IT TO
9 RUN CONSECUTIVE, I AM ORDERING THE DEFENDANT TO SERVE ONE
10 THIRD OF THAT TIME WHICH IS 4 YEARS, AND THEN IN COUNT 22,
11 I SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO THE MIDTERM OF 12 YEARS IN
12 STATE PRISON, AND BECAUSE I AM ORDERING THAT IT RUN
13 CONSECUTIVE, IT WILL BE ONE THIRD OF THAT WHICH IS 4 YEARS.

14 SO COUNT 6 IS 6 YEARS; COUNT 2 IS 4 YEARS AND
15 COUNT 22 IS 4 YEARS CONSECUTIVE WHICH IS A TOTAL OF 14
16 YEARS. IN COUNT 8, I SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO THE MIDTERM
17 OF 4 YEARS --

18 MS. SAX: THE MIDTERM IS 12 YEARS, BUT -- AGAIN, IT'S
19 ALL CALCULATED AT A THIRD OF THE MIDTERM.

20 THE COURT: EVEN THOUGH IT'S CONCURRENT?

21 MS. SAX: IF IT'S CONCURRENT, YOU CAN JUST DO 12 YEARS
22 CONCURRENT ON ALL THE REMAINING COUNTS.

23 THE COURT: BUT I DON'T GIVE THEM ONE THIRD?

24 MS. SAX: NO, I APOLOGIZE.

25 THE COURT: I SENTENCE TO 12 YEARS IN STATE PRISON.
26 THAT WILL RUN CONCURRENT WITH THE OTHER SENTENCE.

27 COUNT 10, SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS, AND THAT WILL RUN
28 CONCURRENT WITH THE OTHER MATTERS.

1 COUNT 12, I SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO 12 YEARS.
2 THAT WILL RUN CONCURRENT WITH THE OTHER MATTERS. THAT IS
3 THE MIDTERM. AND COUNT 14, I SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO THE
4 MIDTERM OF 6 YEARS. IT WILL RUN CONCURRENT.

5 COUNT 16, I SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO A MIDTERM OF
6 12 YEARS TO RUN CONCURRENT.

7 COUNT 19, I SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO 12 YEARS IN
8 STATE PRISON, TO RUN CONCURRENT, AND IN COUNT -- ADDED
9 COUNT 23, I SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO THE MIDTERM OF 12
10 YEARS CONCURRENT. SO COUNTS 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19 AND 23
11 WILL RUN CONCURRENT TO THE SENTENCES IMPOSED IN COUNTS 6, 2
12 AND 22.

13 MS. SAX: THAT IS CORRECT. AND I JUST, FOR THE RECORD,
14 I JUST WANT TO INDICATE THAT MEANS THAT EACH VICTIM, THERE
15 HAS BEEN A GUILTY PLEA THAT'S ALLEGED ON THE COMPLAINT.

16 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

17 NOW, IN ADDITION TO THAT, I ORDER THAT HE SUBMIT
18 TO DNA TESTING; PAY A RESTITUTION FINE OF \$200; PAY A
19 PAROLE REVOCATION RESTITUTION FINE OF \$200. THAT IS STAYED
20 IN THAT IF HE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES PAROLE, IT WILL BE
21 PERMANENTLY STAYED. PAY A COURT -- PAY A \$200 SECURITY
22 FEE, THAT'S \$20 ON EACH COUNT. PAY A SEX OFFENDER'S FINE
23 OF \$200.

24 ARE THERE ANY OTHER MANDATORY FINES?

25 MS. SAX: THERE IS A \$350 FINE -- I BELIEVE IT'S 296.3,
26 BUT I NEED TO CHECK THAT OUT FOR YOU. IT'S 290.3.

27 THE COURT: FOR \$350?

28 MS. SAX: YES.

1 THE COURT: WHAT DO THEY LABEL THAT AS?
2 MS. SAX: "SEXUAL OFFENDER RESTITUTION FINE."
3 THE COURT: I IMPOSE THAT FINE OF \$350.
4 ANYTHING ELSE?
5 MS. SAX: NOTHING FURTHER, JUST THE 296 DNA.
6 THE CLERK: REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER.
7 THE COURT: YES, AND THAT HE BE ORDERED TO REGISTER AS
8 A SEX OFFENDER.
9 MR. BERKE: THERE IS ALSO A MEDICAL ORDER FOR YOU TO
10 SIGN.
11 THE COURT: I HAVE SIGNED IT.
12 MS. SAX: THERE IS ALSO A PROTECTIVE ORDER.
13 THE COURT: I AM ABOUT TO READ THAT. I JUST WANT TO BE
14 SURE OF THE SENTENCING PART.
15 ANYTHING ELSE? IS THAT IT?
16 MS. SAX: YES.
17 THE COURT: PURSUANT TO CASE DISPOSITION, THE REMAINING
18 COUNTS AND ALLEGATIONS ARE DISMISSED.
19 AS I INDICATED, I SIGNED THE MEDICAL ORDER
20 REQUESTED.
21 MR. BERKE: YOUR HONOR, CAN YOU ALSO SPECIFY FORTHWITH
22 TRANSFER TO STATE PRISON?
23 THE COURT: I WILL. I ORDER THE DEFENDANT TRANSFERRED
24 TO STATE PRISON FORTHWITH.
25 I AM ALSO ISSUING A RESTRAINING ORDER OF
26 MR. BELTRAN: YOU MUST NOT ANNOY, HARASS, STRIKE, THREATEN,
27 SEXUALLY ASSAULT, BATTER, STALK, OR DESTROY PERSONAL
28 PROPERTY OF OR OTHERWISE DISTURB THE PEACE OF ,

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, AND
MS. SAX: ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARE WITHIN THE NAMED
ORDER.

THE COURT: AND AND -- I CAN'T READ THE LAST
ONE.

MS. SAX:

THE COURT: YOU MUST SURRENDER TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
OR LICENSED GUN DEALER ANY FIREARM OWNED OR SUBJECT TO YOUR
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OR CONTROL WITHIN 24 HOURS OF ISSUANCE
OF THIS ORDER.

YOU MUST HAVE NO PERSONAL, TELEPHONIC OR WRITTEN
CONTACT WITH THOSE PROTECTED PERSONS I HERETOFORE NAMED.
YOU MUST HAVE NO CONTACT WITH THOSE PERSONS THROUGH A THIRD
PARTY EXCEPT AN ATTORNEY OF RECORD.

YOU MUST NOT GO WITHIN 100 YARDS OF THOSE PERSONS,
AND THOSE PROTECTED PERSONS MAY RECORD ANY PROHIBITED
COMMUNICATION MADE TO THEM BY YOU.

I AM SIGNING THAT ORDER -- AND ANOTHER PART OF IT
IS STAY AWAY FROM ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

I AM SIGNING THAT ORDER, AND A COPY WILL BE SERVED
UPON YOU. IF I DIDN'T SAY, I AM ORDERING YOU TRANSFERRED
TO STATE PRISON FORTHWITH.

MS. SAX: JUST FOR THE RECORD, THAT ORDER IS TO REMAIN
IN EFFECT FOR TEN YEARS FROM TODAY'S DATE.

THE COURT: WAS THAT WRITTEN IN?

MS. SAX: IT IS. I JUST WANTED THAT TO BE CLEAR ON THE
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THE COURT: ANYTHING ELSE?

MR. BERKE: NOTHING ELSE.

MS. SAX: THANK YOU.

(PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED.)

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PLAINTIFF,)	
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VS.)	REPORTER'S
)	CERTIFICATE
THOMAS BELTRAN,)	
)	
DEFENDANT.)	

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