

Press releases

Self-promoters join official news sources in this file. Note that a PR firm is pushing trial consultant Howard Varinsky on reporters seeking analysis – shortly before prosecutors hired him to help them pick Peterson's jury.

Garth Stapley

From: Jack Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2004 11:06 AM
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Immediate News Release

September 19, 2004

Scott Peterson Prosecutors Have Missed the Boat

The Stanislaus County, California, prosecutors trying to convict Scott Peterson of the first-degree murders of his wife and son have failed to share with the jury two crucial bits of evidence. This dual mistake may lead to Peterson's acquittal. Here's why:

Sworn testimony at Peterson's preliminary hearing months ago revealed that the accused, his wife, and her mother and stepfather all watched an episode of the HBO hit *The Sopranos* at the Peterson home on December 15, 2002. Scott Peterson was a fan of the show.

At that point in time, the second season of *The Sopranos* was well into reruns. The final episode of that season depicts Tony Soprano and two of his *capos* taking another of Tony's *capos*, who had turned government informer, out to sea in his private boat, killing him, enshrouding the corpse in a bag, tying it down with weights, and dumping it overboard.

Peterson likely bought his boat, which fact he hid from his fellow fisherman father-in-law at the December 15 dinner, around the time of the rerun airings of this final episode, HBO rerun schedules confirm.

Miami attorney Jack Thompson is an expert in identifying the role that popular entertainment has played in specific notorious crimes. He was the only person to correctly profile the D.C. Beltway Sniper, having predicted on NBC's *Today* show that the triggerman would be a teenaged boy trained on a popular sniper video game. Two months later, NBC confirmed that Thompson was correct.

More recently, Thompson predicted on the Fox News Channel, five months before he was caught, that the Columbus, Ohio, serial highway shooter would be a male who trained on highway shooter video games, even identifying the precise arcade in which Charles McCoy trained. The Ohio court, pursuant to Thompson's motion, unsealed the search warrant inventory proving the key role that these specific games played in this shooting spree.

More recently still, the *Washington Times* published an op-ed by Jack Thompson regarding his work with Virginia law enforcement authorities establishing, correctly, what video game trained a middle schooler to try to take over his school Columbine-style. Thompson is presently working with the Alameda County, California, prosecutor to prove in a murder trial that the perpetrators were inspired by certain violent popular entertainment to kill. This is one California prosecutor who understands copycatting.

Thompson this week shared the possibility that Scott Peterson got the idea of how to dispose of Laci Peterson's body from *The Sopranos* with famed attorney Glorinda Allred, who represents Amber Frey, Peterson's former girlfriend.

Ms. Allred agreed that it would be extremely useful to show the jury the likely link between *The Sopranos* and what Peterson did, as Ms. Allred has been involved in yet another case in which the criminal was inspired by a *Sopranos* episode. There have been other such cases identified by law enforcement that link specific crimes to copycatting of *The Sopranos*. Disposing of bodies at sea in bags with weights tied around them is not exactly a normal activity.

The Peterson jury might very well find it highly significant that Peterson may have gotten the idea from a show of which he was known to be a fan. Proving to the jury that Peterson was a fan of the show who may have used the show as a body-disposal manual would be very useful in this circumstantial evidence case.

Ms. Allred went on to inform Thompson that the prosecutor in the Peterson case has failed to use in any fashion another piece of evidence related to the entertainment industry. Peterson told Ms. Allred's client, Amber Frey, that his favorite movie of all time is *The Shining*. In that hyper-violent movie, the character played by Jack "Here's Johnny!" Nicholson, sets out to kill his wife and young son.

Would that be of interest to the jury? Of course it would. There has been a huge upsurge in the last few years of first-time criminals acting out violent entertainment. The Peterson case may be a very visible example of this disturbing trend.

All of the above was shared by Thompson by phone with the Stanislaus County Prosecutor's Office. They weren't interested. They should be.

How ignorant can this California prosecutor get? Apparently, very.

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PRESS RELEASE

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Hotel manager in Laci Peterson case ousted for jumping to defense of dead woman's mother

Key players in well-known case of murdered Modesto woman and unborn child express outrage and regret

MODESTO, CA — The man who donated space in his hotel to house the volunteer search and command center in the early days of the Laci Peterson missing person and murder case was asked by the hotel's owners to resign on Thursday after a flap over his public statements of anger aimed at the father of Scott Peterson, who has been charged and is being held in connection with the double murder of his wife and their unborn son.

Brad Saltzman, venerable general manager of Modesto's Red Lion Hotel, was summoned Thursday to his employer's Midwestern headquarters for a short-notice meeting with company executives. At the end of the 30-minute session, Saltzman said, he was tersely and summarily asked to tender his resignation on the spot.

"They had my final check ready," Saltzman said. "This had obviously been planned."

The events leading to Saltzman's troubles began on May 30, 2003, when he watched an interview on CNN's *Larry King Live* in which Scott Peterson's father, Lee, complained to host Larry King about Laci Peterson's family having forcibly entered the couple's Modesto home earlier that day to remove furniture and other items said to have belonged to their daughter. During the telephone interview, Lee Peterson characterized the murdered woman's family's actions as "burglary," and he called for the arrest of her mother, Sharon Rocha.

"When I heard that I was sickened," Saltzman said. "Here is this woman who has just lost her daughter and unborn grandson and is going through so much grief, and this man actually wanted to have her arrested. How could he have so little compassion for her?"

From the beginning, Saltzman had been friendly with both sides of Laci Peterson's family. During the search for the missing woman, Lee and Jackie Peterson, Scott's parents, would frequently travel from their San Diego home to Saltzman's Red Lion Hotel in Modesto. Later, during their son's various court appearances after his arrest for his wife's murder, Saltzman said he routinely gave the Petersons a severely reduced rate on a \$235-per-night suite. He said he always met them at the door, greeted them with a hug, escorted them to their room, and then screened their calls to help keep the media throng at bay.

"But after what Lee said on Larry King's show," Saltzman said angrily, "I could no longer look him in the eye and extend a warm welcome to him here. So the next time Jackie (Peterson) called and asked for a room, I politely told her that they might be able to get a better rate at another hotel."

A few weeks later, Saltzman was telling his story to MSNBC's Dan Abrams over dinner. Abrams asked



Modesto hotelier, Brad Saltzman, gives an interview at the San Francisco International Airport, above, which aired on that city's KTVU-TV, channel 2, in February of 2003.

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Saltzman if he could report the story on his cable news program *The Abrams Report*. Though Saltzman initially refused, he finally relented and appeared on Abrams' program on June 24, 2003 to talk about what happened.

"It wasn't about being on TV," said Saltzman. "These were my principles we were talking about. I was terribly upset by Lee's remarks about Sharon. I felt I needed to stand up for what was right."

After the MSNBC interview, emails from appreciative viewers poured-in. And Saltzman said he heard from Ron Grantski, Sharon Rocha's partner and Laci Peterson's step-father, who thanked him for the strength of his convictions, but who also privately expressed concern over possible repercussions.

A little more than a week later those repercussions were felt when Saltzman was unexpectedly summoned to his employer's headquarters for the fateful meeting during which he was asked to resign.

"I flew back from Lawrence (KS) and cleaned-out my office," Saltzman said. "It was bittersweet, but I had the comfort of knowing that I had done what I felt was the only right thing to do. There will be other hotels," he added, "but this was a singular moment that called for me to take a stand for Laci's grieving mother."

The reaction from those close to the Laci Peterson case was quick and unequivocal.

"I am very disappointed at the Red Lion's decision," said Terry Western, mother of one of the murdered woman's childhood friends, and head of the volunteer command center in the days just after her disappearance. "Without Brad we could not have started the search and volunteer efforts so quickly. He was one of the driving forces behind the command center and one of the most generous men I know."

"Brad was a tremendous support to my family and me," said Laci Peterson's older brother Brent Rocha. "We couldn't have done the volunteer search center without his help. We'll always be grateful for his generosity and kindness"

Celebrity attorney and frequent cable news talk show guest, Gloria Allred, who represents Amber Frey, the woman who was having an affair with Scott Peterson at the time of his wife's disappearance, said: "I know Brad Saltzman and I happen to like him a lot and have a lot of respect for him. And I know that he is deeply involved and cares deeply about this, as many people in Modesto do. So I feel for him."

"Brad has been very helpful and generous to Amber, Gloria (Allred) and myself," said Amber Frey's father, Ron Frey, of Fresno. "I am surprised to hear this news. Modesto will not be the same without him."

Saltzman also found support from Kim Petersen, spokesperson for the Rocha family and Executive Director of the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation, which posted the \$500,000 reward for Laci Peterson's safe return soon after she disappeared. According to Saltzman, Petersen pledged to cancel the non-profit organization's annual gala, which had been planned for October 24th at the Red Lion Hotel.

Stanislaus County District Attorney, Jim Brazelton, who is heading-up Scott Peterson's prosecution, also sent a supportive email message to Saltzman: "You have been absolutely magnificent for the people of Modesto. Whatever you do or wherever you go please keep in touch. You have many friends who will miss you a lot."

When asked what the future now holds for him, Saltzman just shrugged and grinned confidently.

"I'll land on my feet somewhere," he said. "I'm good at what I do, and I didn't do anything wrong in this case. I followed my heart and it has lead me here. I will now move on to my next great adventure!"

Saltzman, who has a degree from Southern California's American College of Hotel & Restaurant Management, said he has run several businesses in the hospitality industry over the years, and has a good track record in all of them. He said he expects to find another position very quickly.

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

On Friday, January 3, 2002 at 9:30A.M. I met Scott Peterson at Starbucks on the corner of 10th and K.

Mr. Peterson expressed his gratitude for the resources being appropriated to Laci Peterson's disappearance. He also had praise for Chief Wasden and the community especially in regards to the candlelight vigil.

He indicated that the most difficult times for him were early in the morning and evenings. He stated that he was able to keep himself busy and occupied working with the volunteers during the day.

Approximately ten minutes into the conversation, his father appeared and also expressed thanks for the efforts of the City of Modesto.

I indicated that I had heard from an unofficial source that the burglary had been solved. He indicated that was a hopeful sign. Mr. Peterson reached for his cell phone and indicated that he wanted to talk to the Chief. I indicated to him that until official notice was given, he should wait.

Scott Peterson received two calls during this time. Both times, he disconnected and did not answer.

I mentioned to them that they enjoyed the support of both families.

At no time, did I ask, nor did he volunteer, his activities on December 24th.

Dated: January 3, 2003

Carmen Sabatino

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From: Vincent Escamilla
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Re: Formal Bar Complaint Against Mark Geragos

Dear Chief Trial Counsel, California Bar:

This is my formal Bar complaint against California-licensed attorney, Mark Geragos, who is presently representing Scott Peterson in his murder trial in your state. The information given below is what is required by the Bar's Complaint Form:

My home address is 5721 Riviera Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33146. My home phone number is 305-666-4366, cell 305-588-3005.

Mr. Geragos' office address is Geragos & Geragos, Two California Plaza, 350 South Grand Avenue, 39th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071-3406, phone number 213-625-3900. I do not know how many attorneys are in this firm.

I do not believe I have complained about this attorney before, although I and others probably should have.

I have no business or legal relationship with Mr. Geragos. I am a lawyer in good standing with The Florida Bar who has been stunned today to find out, in watching a television news program, what Mr. Geragos has done to try, apparently, to influence the jury in the aforementioned murder trial arising out

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of the murder and disappearance of Laci Peterson and her unborn son.

Specifically, numerous news organizations are reporting that Mark Geragos pulled a "stunt" in placing on a piece of property very proximate to the courthouse that he purchased during the pendency of this trial a replica of Scott Peterson's boat. Mr. Geragos was unsuccessful in persuading the Court to allow the jury to inspect the boat. It appears that Mr. Geragos, not satisfied with the Court's ruling, placed the boat there in hopes that some members of the jury might see it while coming to or leaving the courthouse.

This stunt by Mr. Geragos would appear to violate California Bar Rule 5-320:

Rule 5-320. Contact With Jurors

(B) During trial a member connected with the case shall not communicate directly or indirectly with any juror.

It would appear that Mr. Geragos was attempting to engage in non-verbal communication, but communication nevertheless, in order to convey to the jury, through one of more of its members, certain visual, dimensional aspects of the boat he was barred by the Court to convey. Mr. Geragos reportedly wanted the jury to see how shallow was the draft of the boat and that a boat of that dimension, according to the defense, would likely tip over if a body were thrown overboard.

At the very least, Mr. Geragos should be required to explain to the California Bar exactly why he just happened to place a boat nearly identical to the one alleged to have been involved in the disposal of Laci Peterson's and her son's body precisely in a location likely to be passed by the jury. Maybe Mr. Geragos was going to go fishing later, but somehow I doubt it.

Regards, Jack Thompson

**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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**FOR IMMEDIATE
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On June 23, 2003 at approximately 6:30 am, Boulder City Police officers were called to the pond at Veterans' Memorial Park, after a citizen discovered a body in the pond. The body had been dismembered, so divers from the National Park Service lent their support, in an unsuccessful effort to recover additional body parts.

Boulder City detectives learned that a missing person's report had been filed the previous night, and it is believed that the recovered body is that of the missing person. The identity of the decedent will be released by the Clark County Coroner's office.

The missing person was last seen at the Hacienda Hotel (formerly the Gold Strike) on US 93 near the Hoover Dam. Despite its proximity to Boulder City, the hotel is actually located in unincorporated Clark County. When Boulder City Police detectives located the crime scene in one of the rooms at the Hacienda Hotel, Metro Homicide detectives joined in the investigation.

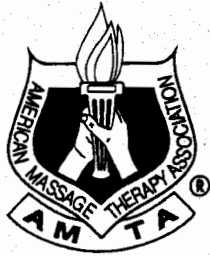
Detectives learned that the victim, a porter at the hotel, was sent to a room in response to a request from a guest. The victim was not seen again.

Detectives from both Metro and Boulder City have identified Perry C. Monroe as a possible suspect in this murder. Monroe is a 29-year old Caucasian male, 6'0" tall and weighing 180 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes.

Monroe is known to drive a green 1998 Chevy Malibu, bearing California license plates 3XYP370.

Monroe should be considered extremely dangerous. Anyone seeing Monroe should contact law enforcement immediately. Anyone with information is urged to call CrimeStoppers at 385-5555; or the Homicide Section at 229-3521.

Attached is a photo of Monroe.



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Brenda L. Griffith, President of the American Massage Therapy Association

AMTA OUTRAGED AT DEFAMATION OF MESSAGE THERAPY PROFESSION

*American Massage Therapy Association urges media to depict
profession and practitioners accurately*

The high-profile, ongoing media coverage of Amber Frey's involvement in the Laci Peterson case has resulted in some media and others misrepresenting the massage therapy profession. The American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) is outraged with this inaccurate characterization of the profession and is urging the media covering this story to refrain from describing Ms. Frey's profession in a demeaning manner.

"We require that our 46,000 members uphold the AMTA professional code of ethics and standards of practice, they are required to have a minimum of 500 classroom hours of massage training in a recognized massage program and complete ongoing continuing education courses," said Brenda L. Griffith, president of AMTA. "Depicting massage therapists in a negative manner does a disservice to the public, much of whom recognize the benefits of massage for helping reduce blood pressure, promoting faster healing of muscle strains, enhancing immune system function, and easing symptoms of arthritis," she added.

Since 1947, AMTA, the largest organization representing the massage profession, has worked to advance the profession of massage therapy that is now widely accepted by physicians, other healthcare providers, many insurance companies and the public. Massage therapy is an integral component in the maintenance of good health and complementary to other health care. Over the last six years the number of Americans who say they had a massage from a massage therapist more than doubled, and surveys show that the average American adult recognizes the value of massage for a variety of health needs.

Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia have passed laws to regulate and/or license massage therapy. AMTA supports accreditation of massage schools, clinical research on the efficacy of massage and fair regulation of massage therapy by the states. AMTA also proactively educates the public about the massage therapy profession and the benefits of massage therapy.

To contact AMTA, please call 847-864-0123 or visit its Web site at www.amtamassage.org.

John Cot'e,

Thank you for the informative article concerning the alleged use of psychics, mediums, and remote viewers for intelligence information.

My name is Aaron C. Donahue and I am a highly trained and skilled remote viewer with an expertise not in missing persons but in the most difficult area of remote viewing known as the acquisition and practical application of non-historical data.

I am a natural born psychic trained by Ed Dames of the TRV Institute. I have been quietly experimenting and training with Ed for nearly eight years and as you can imagine, much has changed in terms of the technique, theory, and practice of remote viewing. Sadly, the only thing that has not changed through out these years has been the incredible ignorance, apathy, and fear of remote viewing in general.

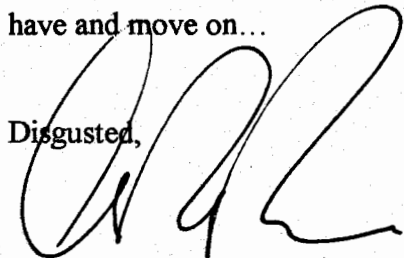
In early January of 2001 I had been publicly challenged by USA Cable, Chaos Entertainment, and Fox, etc. to locate a missing person using highly advanced remote viewing techniques live on camera. This show remained shelved until Sci-Fi aired it this December 22, 2002 as a segment for ISO in California, New York, etc. The video that you now have is of the aforementioned challenge.

The content of this video clearly shows my ability as a remote viewer to locate any missing person within a short period of time. This show aired in Northern California to a wide audience just three days prior to the alleged incident leading to the disappearance of Laci Peterson. I live in Northern California.

Naturally, I have attempted to contact the family of Laci Peterson with my work and to this day there has been no response. You might find it incredible that just this evening of January 22, 2003 a man by the name Jonathan Smith, being also the husband of a friend of Laci Peterson, has refused to view the video that you now have. Jonathan is the Webmaster of www.lacipeterson.com.

Now that the case is dead cold and growing colder by the moment, I will burn what I have and move on...

Disgusted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Donahue', written over the word 'Disgusted,'.

Aaron C. Donahue

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As prosecutors present evidence in the Scott Peterson case, what are his chances for a fair trial?

As you continue to cover the case, please contact **Howard Varinsky**, one of the nation's top trial consultants and a renowned expert on jury behavior, for **commentary and analysis**. A player in high-visibility cases, such as the Oklahoma bombing and California dog mauling cases, Varinsky can be reached directly at his office (**510.654.6900**) or via cell phone (**510.918.5282**). If necessary, we encourage you to leave a message, and Varinsky will return the call, as he is mindful of media deadlines. Further, he is experienced in providing commentary in both print and broadcast formats.

Specific topics on which Varinsky may comment include:

- Trying a capital punishment case
- Jury selection and change of venue
- Media influence on the jury pool
- Challenges in high-profile cases

Varinsky is a trial consulting veteran and has served as an expert for both the defense and prosecution in notable cases across the country, such as:

- *USA v. Timothy McVeigh*, where he was instrumental in helping to secure the death penalty;
- In the infamous California dog mauling case the San Francisco district attorney credited Varinsky's jury research and strategy in obtaining a murder verdict against Marjorie Knoller;
- *State of Michigan v. Dr. Jack Kevorkian*, the assisted suicide cases;
- *USA v. Imelda Marcos*;
- *State of Arizona v. Evan Mecham* and *USA v. J. Fife Symington III*, separate cases involving former Arizona governors tried for felony charges; and
- *State of New York v. Bernhard Goetz*, the subway vigilante case. His expertise includes formulation of pre-trial strategy, jury selection and witness preparation, as well as analysis of jury decisions.

If you would like assistance in reaching Howard Varinsky or have other questions, please contact Trish Doherty or Traci Stuart at 415.397.4811. Thank you.

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***“FORENSIC EXPERT: THERE IS A WAY TO PROVE WHETHER
SCOTT PETERSON IS INNOCENT OR GUILTY”***

(Rancho Mirage, California)--“The prosecution’s theory that Laci Peterson and her fetus were killed on Christmas Eve 2002, and that the bodies were then thrown overboard from a boat remains to be demonstrated,” declared internationally renowned forensic expert, Judith Walker, M.D., Ph.D.

“A showing that the fetus had developed past that date would disprove the prosecution’s theory and establish Scott Peterson’s innocence. The police had staked out his residence and would presumably have seen him carrying out an object the size of a human body,” she remarked.

“Fetal dating methods are well established,” Dr. Walker continued. “There are standard tables and curves. For example, in a normally growing fetus, measurement of the crown-rump length can date the accuracy of the embryo within three to five days.”

Dr. Walker, who is frequently retained by top law firms across the nation to evaluate strategies and obtain the world’s top medical and scientific authorities, stated, “My job is to ask the right questions and select the right experts to solve the puzzle.”

“The cause of death is unknown at this time, because Laci Peterson’s body was probably so badly decomposed that many of the customary examinations would be rendered useless,” Dr. Walker noted.

“If Laci Peterson’s body had more vital organs present, the defense would and should have examined the saltwater content of the lungs using atomic absorption spectroscopy,” Dr. Walker said.

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“Elevated concentrations of sodium and iodine in the area surrounding the bronchi due to inhalation of sea water would have pointed to drowning as a cause of death,” Dr. Walker added. “The prosecution’s theory that Laci Peterson was murdered at home and then thrown overboard into a bay would be seriously compromised.”

Dr. Walker earned her M.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles, and her Ph.D. in neurochemistry from the University of California. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Examiners, the American Board of Forensic Medicine, and the American Academy of Pain Management.

She has served as a medical/legal consultant for a wide variety of cases including medical malpractice, toxic tort, criminal defense, and personal injury matters.

Dr. Walker is an expert on brain injury, a former medical school professor, and a faculty member for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (“ATLA”), the world’s largest trial bar with more than 56,000 members in the United States, Canada and overseas. She recently authored a scientific paper, “Psychiatric Sequelae of Brain Injury,” which is an integral part of ATLA’s Continuing Legal Education Program.

Dr. Walker’s numerous scientific papers have been published in such prestigious publications as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Lancet*, and *Science*.

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The Boulder City Police Department was dispatched Monday, June 23, at 6:32 a.m. to a report of a body floating in the fishing pond at Veterans' Memorial Park, 1900 Buchanan Boulevard, Boulder City, NV. Boulder City Police officers arrived at the scene and confirmed it was a body. At that point, Boulder City Police cordoned off the fishing pond area while their investigative team combed Veterans' Memorial Park for evidence. The Clark County Coroner was called to the scene as well as underwater divers from the National Park Service.

This incident was believed to have occurred within the jurisdictional limits of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. For additional information, contact the LVMPD's Homicide Unit.

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Chief Justice George Assigns Trial Judge in People v. Peterson

San Francisco—Chief Justice Ronald M. George today assigned veteran Judge Richard Arnason to preside over the trial of *People v. Scott Peterson*.
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Superior Court Judge Al Girolami, of the Superior Court of Stanislaus County, yesterday ordered that the Peterson trial be held in San Mateo County, following his order of January 8 granting a change of venue request by defense counsel.

In addition, Judge Girolami indicated he would not serve as the trial court judge in the Peterson case. Therefore, Chief Justice Ronald George assigned Judge Arnason as the trial judge, under his assignment authority as set forth in Article VI, section 6, of the state Constitution.

Well-known as a criminal law expert with extensive death penalty case experience, Judge Arnason served on the Superior Court of Contra Costa County for 31 years before his retirement in 1995. Shortly after, he joined the Chief Justice's Assigned Judges Program and has been assigned to preside over a number of criminal jury trials, primarily in Contra Costa County.

Judge Arnason was one of the first judges in California to try a case under Proposition 21, the youth crime initiative enacted in 2001. Early in his career, Judge Arnason was assigned to preside over the murder-kidnapping trial in *People v. Angela Davis*.

At the request of trial and appellate courts, the Assigned Judges Program provides temporary judicial assistance to courts throughout California for reasons such as vacancies, disqualifications, and calendar congestion. The program receives from 350 to 450 requests each month. More detailed information on the Assigned Judges Program is at

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/udason.pdf>

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January 31, 2003

Via E-mail and U.S. Mail

Mark Vasche
THE MODESTO BEE
P.O. Box 3928
Modesto, California 95352

Re: **Our Client: Espana Tradecorp USA, Inc.**
Our File Number: 37775

Dear Mark:

Our office represents Espana Tradecorp USA, Inc., who has recently received attention as Scott Peterson's employer.

We understand that the Bee has contacted representatives of our client in Spain, seeking comment on the company's relationship with Scott Peterson.

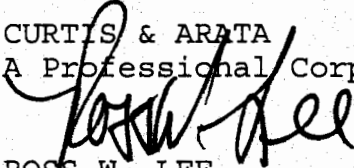
In response to the Bee's inquiry, we are forwarding herewith a press release issued by Tradecorp.

Mark Vasche
Re: Espana Tradecorp USA, Inc.
January 31, 2003
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We request that all further inquiries regarding our client be directed through our office. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure
cc: Tradecorp
Lynn Dickerson

Press Release

Tradecorp is a manufacturer of micro-nutrient products for agriculture, headquartered in Madrid, Spain. Our products are distributed world-wide through network of sales representatives. Scott Peterson heads our sales organization for California and Arizona.

Tradecorp has been asked to comment publicly on our company's relationship with Scott Peterson, which we consider to be a personnel issue. Our company's policy is that personnel matters are kept strictly confidential, which precludes any further comment by Tradecorp.

We hope and pray for the safe return of Laci Peterson.