

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

v.

CASEY MARIE ANTHONY,
Defendant.

CASE NO.: 48-2008-CF-0015606-O
Chief Judge: Belvin Perry, Jr.

**OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO
INTENDED DEFENSE REVIEW OF EVIDENCE**

COMES NOW the Defendant, CASEY MARIE ANTHONY, by and through her undersigned attorney, and notifies this Court and all parties hereto that she does object to any preliminary release to the news media, or other public, of the records relating to intended inspection of tangible evidence and shows:

1. Pursuant to various notices and agreements, the undersigned counsel and co-counsel are scheduled, with certain defense expert witnesses, to inspect evidence in this case held in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County, Florida.
2. Pursuant to prior directions and Orders of this Court, the Sheriff's Department is required to present this evidence in an orderly fashion for such inspection.
3. The documents and/or related items of the evidence intended to be inspected have been agreed upon between the prosecuting authority and your undersigned counsel.
4. The specific items to be reviewed have been designated, as requested by this Court, in order to facilitate the orderly production by the Sheriff's Department and inspection by defense counsel.
5. This case is a criminal case that carries on in its investigation stages.

6. The reviewing of documents and/or tangible evidence related thereto by the defense should not be publicized and disseminated by the news media. This is a case of the state of Florida versus Casey Anthony; this is not a case of news media and John Q. Public.
7. The news media have, generally, spent nearly the past two years reaping benefits of their own imagination and reporting of matters both accurate and grossly inaccurate. All of such actions have resulted in causing this case to have to bear the extraordinary expense of a change of venue and bringing jurors from an undisclosed location in this state to be sequestered throughout the trial proceedings.
8. Defense submits that at some point this Court must recognize the superior rights and entitlements under Constitutional Amendments other than the First Amendment. The news media can report on any and all evidence or proceedings that occur in court at the time of trial.
9. To allow the news media to continue to have what has turned out to be, in many instances, "first look" at evidence, publicize otherwise uninformed speculation and conclusions about the evidence, utilizing "talking head" lawyers who have neither the experience, knowledge, or predicates for their public comments, promises to continue to infuse this case with public bias, prejudice, misunderstanding, and error.
10. The news media is not going to be allowed to view or see any of the evidence to be inspected; they are not going to be allowed to observe the inspection; at best, they will be able to see the arrival and departure of counsel and witnesses, thus, any reporting about the process would be nothing but imaginative speculation, and

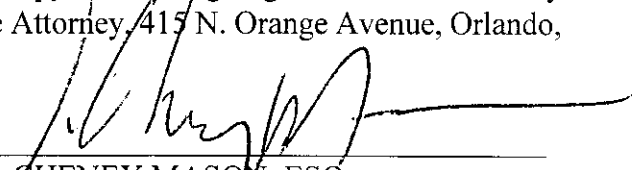
purportedly could have no reasonably ethical journalistic value.

11. Your undersigned submits that at some point a balancing of the First Amendment Rights to report must be had against the eminently more important rights of the defense to effective assistance of counsel, due process, and equal protection. The media will be able to observe all phases of the trial that are on the record and do their reporting from then.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant prays this Court consider the foregoing, exercise its inherent supervisory powers, and deny the release of the documents by which the defense and prosecution have agreed to an evidence inspection.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail and electronic mail to the Office of the State Attorney, 415 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801 on this 12th day of July, 2010.



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