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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James C. Brazelton announced today that early Thursday morning prosecution and defense attorneys involved in the Peterson case stipulated to conditionally seal the Laci Peterson and Baby Connor Peterson autopsy reports pending a May 27th, 2003 hearing date.

On Wednesday morning, May 14th, 2003 the Stanislaus District Attorney's Office was notified by an official from the Contra Costa County Coroner that the autopsy reports were not completed and would not be released for at least several days. On Thursday morning, Contra Costa officials advised the autopsy reports were completed earlier than expected and would be released Thursday afternoon.

In order to protect the integrity of the case, the defendant's right to a fair trial and avoid undue media exposure, both the prosecution and defense team stipulated to seal the autopsy report and sought an order to that effect from Judge Girolami. Girolami granted that request and Contra Costa County officials were served with a copy of that order.

The case now remains set for hearing on May 27th, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 8 of the Superior Court to hear argument on the media's request to unseal documents relating to the investigation.

An additional court date is set for June 6th, 2003 on a media request to hear portions of reporters telephone calls that were intercepted during a wiretap used in the case.

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