### Demand for Production No. 2

Any and all DRUG TEST REPORTS concerning tests of Britney Spears taken during the period October 1, 2007 through March 1, 2008.

"DRUG TEST REPORT," as used in these document demands, refers to any DOCUMENT written by or memorializing information supplied by any individual, entity or laboratory engaged to take a sample, analyze a sample, or report on laboratory analysis of a human drug test.

# <u>Defendant James Parnell Spears Response to Demand No. 2:</u>

Objection: This request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Objection. This request seeks documents that, to the extent they exist (and no such representation is intended or implied hereby), may be subject to court orders, privacy rights, confidentiality obligations and/or other privileges or protections that prevent their disclosure. For example, and without limitation, there is currently a court-ordered and supervised conservatorship in place as to Britney Spears. To the extent this request calls for the production of documents concerning said conservatee and/or that are within the possession, custody or control of court-appointed conservators, said request has been propounded to the wrong party and should, if at all, be directed to said conservators for response.

# James Parnell Spears-as-Conservator Response to Demand No. 2:

The Co-Conservators [James Parnell Spears and Andrew M. Wallett] repeat and incorporate by this reference each of their General Objections herein including, without limitation, their objection that the Demands are improperly directed to the Conservatee, who has not and will not appear in this action, thereby precluding a meaningful response. The Co-Conservators further object on the grounds that the Demand invades rights of privacy

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and/or protections of the Conservatee and/or her children from Plaintiff who is the express subject of a 3-year restraining order issued by the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2009 to protect the Conservatee and her family. The Co-Conservators further object to the extent the Demand does not seek information that is relevant or reasonably calculated to lead to the discover of admissible evidence.

### ARGUMENT TO COMPEL DEMAND FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2:

# Summary of Argument to Compel

Plaintiff moves to compel production of drug tests administered to Britney Spears during the period October 1, 2007 through March 1, 2008 because Defendants falsely accused Plaintiff of trying to "drug Britney Spears into a coma," and this *scientific* evidence is needed to refute that allegation.

- The drug tests are pertinent to the *libel* cause of action because Defendant Lynne Spears' book published the false and defamatory allegation that Plaintiff admitted he was trying to drug her daughter into a coma.
- The drug tests are pertinent to the *battery* cause of action against James Parnell Spears because he assaulted Plaintiff *twice*, and now asserts affirmative defenses of justification and "defense of a child," based on the false allegation that Plaintiff was trying to drug his daughter into a coma.
- The drug tests are pertinent to the *breach of contract* cause of action because, as Conservator, James Parnell Spears terminated Plaintiff's management of Britney Spears based on the false allegation that Plaintiff was trying to drug Britney into a coma.

### A. Introduction

Plaintiff Sam Lutfi is suing James Parnell Spears ("James Parnell") for battery because said Defendant assaulted Plaintiff on January 28, 2008 and January 29, 2008.<sup>1</sup> In his Answer, James Parnell pleaded the affirmative defenses of "provocation" and "defense of a child" under Civil Code §50, based on the allegation that Plaintiff was trying to drug his daughter, Britney Spears ("Britney"), into a coma.<sup>2</sup>

James Parnell also filed an Answer as Britney's Conservator, responding to Plaintiff's cause of action for breach of the management contract dated October 13, 2007. The Conservators' primary defense is that there was "good cause" to terminate Plaintiff because he was allegedly trying to drug Britney into a coma, cutting her telephone wires, disabling her cell phones and disabling her automobiles.

Although it was Britney who hired Sam Lutfi as her manager, Britney never fired Mr. Lutfi. Rather, it was James Parnell, acting as her Conservator, who breached the contract, and the breach took place as follows:

On January 31, 2008, after Britney refused to take anti-psychotic medication, her psychiatrist, Deborah Nadel, M.D., ordered a 72-hour Welfare & Institutions Code §5150 hold. Against her will, Britney was transported to the UCLA Medical Center by the LAPD.<sup>3</sup> James Parnell immediately sought appointment as Britney's Conservator, and his first act was to terminate Plaintiff as Britney's manager.

Declaration of Plaintiff Sam Lutfi, ¶2

Answer of Defendant James Parnell Spears to First Amended Complaint at 2:1–23 (First, Second, Third Affirmative Defenses)

Lutfi Dec., ¶2. Defendant Lynne Spears has repeatedly published the falsehood that Plaintiff Lutfi initiated the §5150 hold. Actually, Mr. Lutfi attempted to *dissuade* Dr. Nadel from ordering the hold. *Id.*, n.2

As Court-appointed, Conservator, Mr. Spears could have terminated Plaintiff as manager with a *telephone call*.

However, Defendant knew that his daughter did not want her manager terminated, so he sought a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO), in effect using Court process to serve as Mr. Lutfi's "pink slip."

In his ex parte application for a TRO, James Parnell alleged that "Mr. Lutfi drugged Britney. He has cut Britney's home phone lines and removed her cell phone chargers."

All of these allegations were false, but the application was *ex parte*, without notice and therefore unopposed. The sole "evidence" filed in support was a Declaration of Lynne Spears, which stated:

"Sam [Lutfi] told Jackie and me that he grinds up Britney's pills, which were on the counter and included Risperdol and Seroquel. He told us that he puts them in her food and that that was the reason she had been quiet for the last three days (she had been sleeping). He told us that the doctor who is treating her now is trying to get her into a sleep-induced coma so that they could then give her drugs to heal her brain."

As attested to by Mr. Lutfi in the declaration filed concurrently herewith, Lynne Spears' declaration constituted *naked perjury*.<sup>6</sup>

Moreover, four third-party witnesses have stepped forward and filed declarations refuting Lynne Spears' scandalous allegations, including Robin Johnson, the chief "baby monitor" who was stationed in the residence to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Exhibit 15 at p.6

Exhibit 15 at p.11, ¶13 (emphasis added)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Lutfi Dec., ¶2

observe Britney's drug and alcohol use and mothering behavior.7

James Parnell, as Conservator, refused to pay Mr. Lutfi's management fees, which is the basis for the breach of contract cause of action. The issue of whether the refusal to pay constitutes a breach is clearly going to hinge on the truth or falsity of the allegations made in the TRO application and Lynne Spears' declaration, including the amazing claim that Plaintiff was not just trying to drug Britney Spears into a coma – he supposedly admitted it to her mother.

Shortly after it was filed, the TRO application was disseminated to the news media under the cloak of Civil Code §47 immunity. Within hours, Sam Lutfi was *world famous* as "the guy who drugged Britney Spears."

Lynne Spears completed the destruction of Plaintiff's reputation six months later, when she published her autobiography, *Through the Storm*, in which she blamed Plaintiff for her daughter's breakdown and republished the absurdly false allegation that Mr. Lutfi *admitted* to her that he was trying to drug her daughter into a coma.

Mrs. Spears' libelous book is now the subject of Mr. Lutfi's *defamation* cause of action, and the drug tests and baby monitor reports are sought to demonstrate *falsity*, an element of that cause of action.

# B. Factual Background - Drug Use and Crisis

It is truly ironic that James Parnell and Lynne Spears successfully tarred Plaintiff as "the guy who drugged Britney Spears," since Mr. Lutfi did everything he could to *discourage* Britney from taking drugs, whereas Mr. and

Exhibit 14, Declaration of Robin Johnson. See, also, Declarations of Alli Sims, Adnan Ghalib, and Filipe Texeira, on file herein.

<sup>8</sup> Lutfi Dec., ¶2

Mrs. Spears are the root causes of their daughter's problems:

James Parnell is an alcoholic, and he was chronically drunk and abusive toward his family while Britney was a child. The children of alcohol and substance abusers are far more likely to suffer from the same problem, and that's the example James Parnell set.

Lynne Spears, who has been described as "the ultimate, controlling stage mother," actually *introduced* Britney to the use of "uppers" as a method of *weight control* when Britney was still a teenager. <sup>10</sup> In other words, the addiction to "speed" which ultimately caused Britney's breakdown can be traced right back to the woman who put the blame on Sam Lutfi.

At trial, Mr. Lutfi will present proof (including testimony of witnesses from the company he hired), that one of the first things he did as Britney's manager was to bring *drug-sniffing dogs* into Britney's residence, and with their assistance he scoured the mansion clean of illegal substances. After the drug cache was discovered and removed, he vacuumed, carpet-cleaned and scrubbed to eliminate all drug residues and child-proof the residence for Britney's two infant boys.<sup>11</sup>

For a while, it worked. During the first weeks of Mr. Lutfi's management contract, in October, 2007, Britney's drug tests were "clean." Unfortunately, in November, 2007 she relapsed and began testing positive for amphetamines. Why? Because she was using Adderall (dextroamphetamine), a prescription "upper" which is highly addictive and causes insomnia, agitation and manic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Lutfi Dec., ¶3

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behavior. Plaintiff tried to dissuade Britney from using Adderall, but failed. 12

Britney told Plaintiff that her mother, Lynne Spears, introduced her to Adderall as a means of weight control following an appearance on the 2007 MTV Music Video awards, wherein Britney danced in a skimpy outfit which revealed her post-pregnancy weight gain. <sup>13</sup> Actually, Britney's weight was perfectly healthy for a recent mother, but her costume displayed her maternal figure, and that was inconsistent with her sex-object image. The tabloids savaged her, the critics were merciless, and she was parodied on the National Lampoon television program, which had a fat, middle-aged man wearing a Britney wig and jiggling about, wearing the same skimpy outfit.

To "help" Britney take the weight off after the MTV program, Britney's mother got her daughter hooked on an new amphetamide drug – Adderall.<sup>14</sup>

In the months before Plaintiff became Britney's manager, her nightclubbing, drinking and drug use had caught up with her. After a series of motor vehicle incidents and criminal charges (hit-and-run, driving without a license, driving with her child in her lap), Britney lost legal custody of her infant sons, Jayden and Preston. She retained visitation rights, subject to strict conditions (including the presence of baby monitors), but she suffered increasingly severe separation anxiety whenever she had to return physical custody to her ex-husband.<sup>15</sup>

As mentioned, in October, 2007, during the first weeks of Mr. Lutfi's management term, Plaintiff got Britney completely off drugs, and her drug

Lutfi Dec., ¶4

Lutfi Dec., ¶3

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tests came back "clean." However, in November, 2007, she relapsed and began testing positive for amphetamine. She was taking Adderall, and Mr. Lutfi tried to *persuade her to stop*, but he did not succeed.<sup>16</sup>

On January 3, 2008, after an extended period of insomnia and increasingly manic behavior (almost certainly caused by the Adderall), Britney locked herself into a bathroom with one of her boys and refused to relinquish physical custody. This quasi-hostage situation came to the attention of the authorities, and with an unruly mob of paparazzi photographers and television crews in hot pursuit, Britney was transported to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center under a Welfare & Institutions Code §5150 hold.<sup>17</sup>

After the "hold," the Superior Court suspended Britney's visitation rights. Losing contact with her sons sent Britney on a downward spiral.<sup>18</sup>

Through the bleak days of January, 2008 – traumatized by the loss of all contact with her boys – Britney's manic episodes became increasingly severe, and she began staying awake for days at a time. Mr. Lutfi tried to find out how she was getting her drugs because he wanted to cut off her supply. He also confronted her and tried to convince her to finally stop using Adderall. 19

At that point, Britney's family law attorneys retained a psychiatrist, Deborah Nadel, M.D., who began making *nightly house calls*. After observing Britney's deterioration and escalating mental instability, Dr. Nadel prescribed powerful, anti-psychotic medications. Britney did not want to take them

Lutfi Dec., ¶4

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Lutfi Dec., ¶4

because they made her drowsy, and Plaintiff had little success at getting her to follow Dr. Nadel's prescription. Instead, almost certainly under the influence of Adderall, she was experiencing manic, sleepless episodes which lasted for days at a time.<sup>20</sup>

On the evening of January 28, 2008, Plaintiff was driving Britney back to her residence for her nightly session with her psychiatrist when she impulsively decided she wanted to visit her boyfriend instead. Plaintiff explained that the psychiatric session was essential for her custody case and insisted that she meet with Dr. Nadel. As Plaintiff pulled up to the entrance to Britney's gated community, in the presence of scores of paparazzi photographers and television crews, Britney leapt from Plaintiff's car and began crying hysterically – while the photographers snapped pictures and the video cameras whirred.<sup>21</sup>

Plaintiff tried to get Britney back into his car, but she refused, cried louder, and made a scene for the paparazzi. Plaintiff lost his temper and began arguing with her, and of course the argument was captured by the scores of photographers and video crews who congregate outside Britney's gateway 24 hours a day. Within minutes, the argument was on the news and the internet.<sup>22</sup>

Upon learning about the argument, James Parnell and Lynne rushed to Britney's home. James Parnell had no legal right to be in the residence: Britney had accused her father of being violent, drunken and abusive, she had permanently banned him from her home, and her security

Lutfi Dec., ¶4

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detail was under a standing order not to let him in.<sup>23</sup>

Unfortunately, when Sam Lutfi ordered the gates opened to allow Lynne to enter, James Parnell rushed into the residence alongside his ex-wife – and immediately assaulted Plaintiff.24 (Mr. Lutfi retreated in front of James' balled fists and out-of-control temper. James Parnell is an ex-welder and a powerful man; he was in a rage, and Plaintiff was afraid for his life.<sup>25</sup>)

Later that evening, Britney had her father *ejected* from her home, but the next day, James Parnell managed to gain entrance to the residence again, and this time he delivered a powerful blow to Plaintiff's solar plexus, knocking the wind out of him. James Parnell, who has a long history of violence, then threatened to kill Plaintiff.26

James Parnell's intrusions and violent outbursts could not have come at a worse time, since Britney was experiencing her worst manic episode ever. She was taking Adderall instead of her anti-psychotic medication, and Dr. Nadel warned that Britney would either have to follow the prescription or she was going to order another §5150 hold. Plaintiff could not persuade Britney to take her medication, so Dr. Nadel ordered the "hold" on January 31, 2008.<sup>27</sup>

What followed was a media spectacle: The LAPD ejected the paparazzi

Lynne Spears detailed her ex-husband's drunken, abusive history in her book, Through the Storm. She describes a culminating moment (before the divorce) when she became so frustrated by James Parnell's out-of-control drinking she picked up a shotgun and shot up his liquor supply.

Lutfi, ¶5. A detailed account of this assault is set forth in Lynn Spears' book, Through the Storm. It is clear from her description that she enjoyed watching her ex-husband terrorizing Mr. Lutfi.

Lutfi Dec., ¶5

Lutfi Dec., ¶5

<sup>27</sup> Lutfi Dec., ¶6

from the street outside Britney's gated community; motorcycle officers cleared the route between Britney's home and UCLA; and an LAPD helicopter hovered overhead as the police took Britney to the UCLA Medical Center in a style equivalent to a presidential motorcade. These precautions were intended to keep the media at bay, but of course the paparazzi – who monitor police radio frequencies – were already at UCLA when the motorcade arrived.<sup>28</sup>

During the period when Plaintiff stands accused of trying to "drug Britney into a coma," she was taking frequent *drug tests* in connection with the ongoing custody case. As her manager, Plaintiff coordinated with Britney's attorneys and made certain she complied with the Court's child-visitation orders, including the drug tests.<sup>29</sup> As Plaintiff's manager, Mr. Lutfi also learned the *results* of the drug tests, although he did not always receive a copy.<sup>30</sup>

Plaintiff propounded Demand for Production ("DFP") No. 2 to obtain copies of the drug test reports, because they are relevant to all three causes of action: First, on the cause of action for breach of contract, James Parnell, acting as Conservator, terminated Mr. Lutfi based on the allegation that he was "drugging Britney into a coma," and the drug tests are sought to refute this allegation. Second, James Parnell pleaded the affirmative defenses of "provocation" and "defense of a child" and those defenses pivot on the legal theory that he was privileged to assault Mr. Lutfi because Plaintiff was supposedly trying to drug his daughter into a coma. Once again, the drug tests are sought as scientific evidence to refute the allegation made by James Parnell and they are indisputably discoverable. And finally, the drug tests are

Lutfi Dec., ¶6

Lutfi Dec., ¶7

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relevant to the *libel* cause of action, because Lynne Spears's book published the defamatory allegation that Plaintiff was trying to drug Britney into a coma and the drug tests will prove *falsity*.

Accordingly, the Court should order Defendant to produce the drug tests forthwith.

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### Demand for Production No. 3

Any and all BABY MONITOR REPORTS concerning Britney Spears and/or her children, pertaining to any period between October 1, 2007 and March 1, 2008.

"BABY MONITOR REPORT," as used in these Demands for Production, refers to any DOCUMENT written by or memorializing information supplied by individuals retained to monitor the mothering activities of Britney Spears, the care and custody of Britney Spears' children, and/or conditions or activities taking place in Britney Spears' home.

# James Parnell Spears Response to Demand No. 3:

Objection: This request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

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# James Parnell Spears-as-"Conservator" Response to Demand No. 3:

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this action, thereby precluding a meaningful response. The Co-Conservators further object on the grounds that the Demand invades rights of privacy and/or protections of the Conservatee and/or her children from Plaintiff who is the express subject of a 3-year restraining order issued by the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2009 to protect the Conservatee and her family. The Co-Conservators further object to the extent the Demand does not seek information that is relevant or reasonably calculated to lead to the discover of admissible evidence.

### ARGUMENT TO COMPEL DEMAND FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:

See discussion, above, in argument to compel DFP No. 2. Plaintiff hereby incorporates said argument by reference, as though fully set forth herein.

During the period Plaintiff served as Britney's manager, her child custody lawyers positioned child visitation supervisors ("baby monitors") inside her residence, to supervise visitations with her young children. These professional observers were present to monitor Britney's use of drugs and alcohol and witness her behavior toward her infant sons.<sup>31</sup>

Since Plaintiff was virtually living in Britney's residence during the crisis months, he had extensive interactions with the "baby monitors," who were therefore in an excellent position to observe his conduct and interactions with Britney and her children.

If Plaintiff was trying to drug Britney into a coma, cutting her telephone wires and disabling her cell phones, as Defendants allege, then the baby monitors would have been witnesses to such conduct and their reports would contain detailed descriptions. Plaintiff submits the reason why Defendants will not produce the baby monitor reports is because they know the absence of any report of such events will tend to refute Defendants' scandalous

Lutfi Dec., ¶8

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allegations.

Robin Johnson, who was the supervising baby monitor, has already filed a declaration attesting that Mr. Lutfi was not doing the nefarious things he stands accused of.<sup>32</sup> Among the documents Plaintiff seeks to compel are contemporaneous reports filed by Ms. Johnson, which will corroborate her testimony at trial.

As Britney's manager, Plaintiff was privy to the content of the baby monitor reports,<sup>33</sup> and he knows they do not support the allegations made by James Parnell. Defendant obviously knows that too, which is why he won't produce them. During the "meet and confer," Defendant's counsel stood on her objections and flatly refused to produce the baby monitor reports.34 Accordingly, an order is needed to compel production.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 31, 2011

JOSEPH D. SCHLEIMER ATTORNEY AT LAW

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<sup>32</sup> Declaration of Robin Johnson (Exhibit 14), ¶¶ 2-19

Lutfi Dec., ¶8

<sup>34</sup> Exhibit 12

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### PROOF OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 9401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1250, Beverly Hills, California 90212.

On \*April 1, 2011\* I served the foregoing document described as: \*SEPARATE STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS BY DEFENDANT/CONSERVATOR JAMES PARNELL SPEARS [Motion to Compel and Supporting Declarations Filed Concurrently Herewith] \* on the interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the (State) State of California that the above is true and correct.

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