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9 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF FRESNO
10 CENTRAL DIVISION

11 In the Matter of
12 LINDA K. ADANALIAN,
13
14 Deceased.

Case No.: **652295-7**

PETITION FOR ORDER TO
EXHUME REMAINS

[Govt §27491]

DATE: May 24, 2000
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
DEPT.: 72

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18 Petitioner, Fresno County Coroner, respectfully states as follows:

19 1. Petitioner is the Coroner for the County of Fresno and is
20 charged with the duty to inquire into the cause and manner of all violent,
21 sudden or unusual deaths pursuant to Government Code §27491. The
22 Coroner is also empowered to exhume remains to accomplish the goals of
23 his inquiry.

24 2. Linda K. Adanalian, born June 9, 1962, died of unknown
25 causes on February 11, 2000. To determine the cause of death an autopsy
26 was performed on February 12, 2000. Later that day, the remains were
27 released by the Coroner's department for burial. Burial was held on
28 February 17, 2000.

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1 3. The specimens gathered at the autopsy have been tested and
2 the test results reviewed. Because of the young age and health of Ms.
3 Anadalian, numerous toxicological screens as well as other tests were
4 employed to determine the cause of death.

5 4. To date, no determination as to cause of death has been made.

6 5. Coroner David M. Hadden, M.D., reviewed the autopsy findings
7 with Venu Gopal, M.D., Senior Forensic Pathologist, and Todd Glasver,
8 M.D., Forensic Pathologist, of the County Coroner's department. Dr.
9 Hadden concluded that additional tests need to be performed in an effort to
10 establish the cause of death.

11 6. Due to the numerous tests performed and the fact that some
12 samples were contaminated and produced unusable test results, the
13 Coroner has run out of specimens to continue testing. To complete the
14 inquiry into Ms Adanalian's death, more specimens, especially hair, are
15 required.

16 7. To obtain additional specimens, the remains of Ms. Adanalian
17 will have to be exhumed and taken for further autopsy to the County
18 Coroner's facility.

19 8. Because the Coroner had already released the remains for
20 burial, Petitioner now seeks a court order to exhume the remains to retrieve
21 additional specimens for further testing.

22 **WHEREFORE**, Petitioner requests that this Court issue an order
23 authorizing the Fresno County Coroner to have the remains of Linda K.
24 Adanalian exhumed and taken to the Fresno County Coroner's facility for
25 additional autopsy and gathering of test specimens

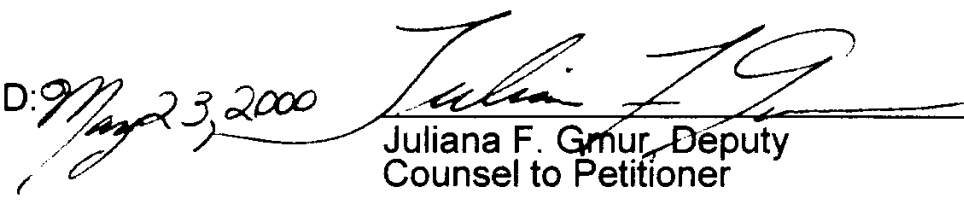
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David Hadden, M.D.
Fresno County Coroner

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PHILLIP S. CRONIN
Fresno County Counsel

DATED: *May 23, 2000*

Juliana F. Gmur, Deputy
Counsel to Petitioner

VERIFICATION

I, David M. Hadden, M.D., am the Coroner for the County of Fresno and Petitioner in the above entitled proceeding. I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof. The same is true of my own knowledge, except as those matters which are therein stated on information and belief, and to those matters, I believe them to be true.

DATED: 
David M. Hadden, M.D.
Fresno County Coroner