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Via Facsimile to (860) 515-5185 and FEDEX

Cynthia DeGoursey, Chief Clerk
New Britain Superior Court
20 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

**Re: Request for Immediate Inspection of Redacted Finding in the Matter of In
Re Investigatory Grand Jury, No. 2007-04**

Dear Chief Clerk DeGoursey:

As you may know, on June 29, 2009, the Honorable Dennis G. Eveleigh, in his capacity as the Investigatory Grand Jury ("IGJ") in the above-referenced matter, filed his Finding with the court at the Judicial District of New Britain pursuant to § 54-47g. Section 54-47g(b) instructs that "the finding of the investigation shall be open to public inspection and copying at the court where it has been filed seven calendar days after it has been filed, unless within that period the Chief State's Attorney or a state's attorney with whom the finding was filed files a motion with the investigatory grand jury requesting that a part or all of such finding not be disclosed."

On June 29, 2009, the Chief State's Attorney filed a Motion to Seal the Record and Report of the IGJ. This Motion was opposed by The Hartford Courant (the "Courant"), who had previously been granted intervenor status in the matter.

On July 23, 2009, the IGJ issued a Memorandum and Order (the "Order"), granting the Motion to Seal with respect to all of Part III, the Discussion Section of the Finding, except the signature line, page 20, and continued an order sealing an interim report which was incorporated as part of the Finding. **The remainder of the Motion regarding Parts I and II of the Finding was denied.**

On July 24, 2009, the Courant filed a Petition for Review of the Order with the Connecticut Appellate Court. The Petition, a courtesy copy of which was served on Office of the Clerk for the Judicial District of New Britain, challenges only that part of the Order which granted, in part, the Motion to Seal. The Courant did not appeal from the IGJ's decision to deny the Motion to Seal Parts I and II and the signature line on page 20 of the Finding. Absent a cross appeal, of which I am unaware, **the Order as it relates to Parts I and II and the signature line on page 20 of the Finding has not been stayed** and should be made immediately available for public inspection and copying.

On July 27, 2009, a Courant reporter presented at the Clerk's Office for the Judicial District of New Britain and attempted to inspect and copy the unsealed portions of the Order. He was denied such access.

I hereby request that the redacted Finding be made immediately available to the public for inspection and copying as required by Section 54-47g. Delaying the release of the redacted Finding denies the public its right to access unsealed information on a timely basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WSF/aed', written in a cursive style.

William S. Fish, Jr.

cc: Michele T. Angers, Chief Clerk, Connecticut Supreme Court
David Smith, Deputy Chief Clerk (Criminal), New Britain Superior Court
All counsel of record