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## ‘Jack Will Not Be Back’

*Judge orders self-described pedophile to stay away from children for the next three years*

A Superior Court judge Friday ordered self-described pedophile Jack McClellan to stay away from children for the next three years, issuing a permanent injunction sought by two local attorneys after McClellan had visited the Santa Clarita Valley to watch little girls.

The judge issued a permanent injunction narrowing his initial order earlier this month and also issued a three-year-restraining order that was given to all law enforcement agencies in the state.

“We will not be seeing him again,” Rick Patterson, one of two lawyers who sought the injunction, said following Superior Court Judge Melvin Sandvig’s ruling. “Jack will not be back to the Santa Clarita Valley.”

As he left the hearing in Chatsworth, McClellan told reporters, “I don’t know what I’m going to do now.”

“We now have a three-year restraining order against Jack McClellan,” a jubilant Patterson said following the court hearing. The order prohibits McClellan from “following, stalking, photographing (or) Internetting” children.

“He can’t get information about children through third parties, get addresses or disseminate addresses. He cannot go within 10 yards of where children gather or congregate, including schools, parks or day care centers.”

Sandvig modified his initial court order Friday after prosecutors dropped criminal charges against McClellan earlier this week, prompting his release from jail Tuesday. The charges had accused McClellan of violating the judge’s earlier order.

Prosecutors had said the earlier order was invalid because the judge failed to schedule and give McClellan proper notice of a hearing required to argue its merits.

McClellan was arrested Aug. 13 for investigation of violating the order when

he was found near a child care center at the University of California, Los Angeles. He had a camera with him, but he said there was no film in it.

Patterson and Anthony Zinnanti sought an initial restraining order and the permanent injunction after The Signal reported that McClellan had been in the Santa Clarita Valley in June, watching little girls at a local bowling alley and at the San Fernando Valley Fair, held at Saugus Speedway.

McClellan was virtually run out of Washington state when he created a Web site where he posted pictures of little girls taken in public places and, in some cases, at family gatherings. The site invited other pedophiles to look at the pictures and posted locations that McClellan said were good places to go to find little girls to watch.

As Friday’s hearing began, McClellan was represented by American Civil Liberties Union attorney Robert J. Wilson. But Wilson was handed a note part-way through the proceedings and declared he was off the case.

“So Mr. McClellan is going to represent himself,” Wilson said.

“I can’t advise Mr. McClellan properly,” Wilson said. “It’s not the type of case that I would take on because I’m certainly not a criminal defense lawyer. ... I’m not qualified to do it.”

Patterson said the judge allowed him and Zinnanti to talk to McClellan after the hearing. “We explained to Mr. McClellan that we wish him no harm” and urged him to get psychological help, the attorney said.

“I hope he gets some help and assistance,” Patterson told The Signal. “He got his car out of impound yesterday. ... He was clean and shaven and looked like he had eaten.”

Patterson said the Santa Clarita Valley

attorneys were allowed to enter into the court record statements from several Southern California residents who had allegedly seen McClellan at locations where children congregated, despite the initial court order.

“One lady saw him in the changing room of the girls’ dance group over in Northridge,” he said. “Another gentleman saw him ... going backstage at another location for another group of dancing girls.”

But he said he and Zinnanti made it clear that the Santa Clarita Valley would be off limits.

He said McClellan listened to their explanation of the injunction and appeared to understand it, but then he asked one question:

“Does this apply to the Orange County Fair?”