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6	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF	Case No.	
7) I	NOTICE AND MOTION UNDER	
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13	TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF	COUNTY:	
14 15	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the da	te and time indicated	
16	above the Defendant will move the court pursuant to		
17	Evidence Code § 782 to admit the testimony of (Insert name		
18	of witness). Said motion will be based upon the attached		
19	Memorandum of Points and Authorities and the attached		
20	Declaration of (Insert name of declarant).		
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Set forth brief summary of your facts

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

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GENERAL RULES ON ADMISSIBILITY OF
SEXUAL HISTORY TO ATTACK CREDIBILITY

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THE SECTION 782 WRITTEN DECLARATION

Attached to this motion, and incorporated by reference, is the Declaration of (Insert name of declarant). This declaration, based on information and belief, is an offer of proof, in compliance with Evidence Code section 782(a)(2), by which the defendant seeks a hearing and ruling on the admissibility of the prior sexual conduct of the complaining witness. The offer of proof is specific in that it describes the purpose of the testimony, the name of the witness(es) and the precise content of the testimony to be elicited. (See Semsch v. Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital (1985) 171 CA3d 162, 167; People v. Schmies (1996) 44 CA4th 38, 53.) *If appropriate add a sentence or two to

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the effect that it includes corroborating notes by the CPS worker and/or police reports, depending on your case.**

Certain other pleadings, such as a petition for writ of mandate and affidavits in support thereof in the <u>civil</u> context, must be based on personal knowledge. <u>Star Motor</u> Imports, Inc. v. Superior Court (1979) 88 CA3d 201, 204.

However, a declaration in support of a Evidence Code section 782 motion need only be made upon "information and belief." The reasoning is that (1) there is a longstanding judicial acceptance that motions in support of "probable admit discover evidence cause" to or require information and belief; and (2) the statute controlling the motion does not demand a higher standard of proof. (City of Santa Cruz v. Municipal Court (1990) 49 C3d 74, 86-88, Jalilie v. Superior Court (1988) 195 CA3d 487, 489-490; People v. Memro (1985) 38 C3d 658, 676.) The above-cited involved "Pitchess" motions under Evidence Code cases section 1043(b). Each attorney for the defendant sought an order to inspect an arresting officer's personnel file for evidence of citizen complaints and excessive force. All three cases held that good cause for discovery and a judicial in camera inspection (which is nearly identical to

the section 782 procedure at issue here) can be established upon a written declaration based on information and belief, provided that the requested evidence is shown to be relevant and material.

As stated in <u>City of Santa Cruz</u>, <u>supra</u>:

"Of course, it is true that an affidavit is normally presumed to state matters personally known to the affiant and lacks evidentiary value, in a variety of civil contexts, when based on information and belief or hearsay.

[Citations omitted.]

It is decidedly not true, however, that an an affidavit upon information and belief is an anomaly in the law, bereft of legal significance. On the contrary, as the United States Supreme Court has stated, "the value of averments on information and belief in the procedure of the law is recognized." [Citation omitted.] Indeed, there are numerous exceptions to the general rule prohibiting affidavits on information and belief either where the facts to be established are incapable of positive averment, or where expressly prohibited by statute. [Citations omitted.]

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Thus, courts have long held that affidavits on information and belief may be sufficient in a variety of contexts where the facts would otherwise be difficult or impossible to establish. (49 C3d at p. 87.)

The City of Santa Cruz court went on to list these situations, which include: disqualification of a trial judge, change of venue, quashing service, and issuance of a search warrant. In the context of supporting evidence for petitions for writ of habeas corpus, our state high court has similarly held, "where access to critical information is denied to one party, where it is unreasonable to expect a party to obtain information at the pleading stage. . .the general rule requiring pleading of facts should not be enforced in a draconian fashion to defeat the ends justice." (People v. Duvall (1995) 9 C4th 464, 485.) the instant case, at this stage, it is impossible for Defendant to establish the facts set forth in counsel's declaration in any other manner. **State why, e.g., the information is contained in a police report or CPS report, the authors of which have refused to sign declarations **

No specific standard of proof was required by the drafters of the so-called "rape shield" law in section 782, which simply requires that the written motion called for be supported by an affidavit containing "an offer of proof". The court should decline to redraft the statute to impose a more burdensome requirement of "personal knowledge", where the Legislature has conspicuously failed to do so. (Id., at p. 88.) Had the legislature "intended to abrogate the use of affidavits on information and belief and to require affidavits based on personal knowledge, it is reasonable to assume that it would have done so explicitly." (Id., at p. 88.)

Adjudged against the offer of proof held sufficient to have required the trial court to hold an Evidence Code §782 hearing in People v. Daggett (1990) 225 CA3d 751, the offer of proof in this case triggers such a hearing as well. In Daggett, the defendant made an offer of proof that the victim had been molested at age five by two older children and that he had pending juvenile charges against him. In finding the trial court had erred in refusing to hold a hearing based on such an offer, the reviewing court stated:

"Here Daggett's offer of proof was that he

learned from an inspection of the prosecutor's file Daryl told a mental health worker and Doctor Slaughter that he had been molested by two older children, ages eleven and eight, when he was five years old. This should have been sufficient for the court to have ordered a hearing to determine whether the acts of prior molestation were sufficiently similar to the acts alleged here. The court erred when it failed to do so." (Id., at p. 757.)

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Inferentially, such an offer of proof could only have been based on the information and belief of defense counsel who could not possibly have had any personal knowledge of what Daryl had told a mental worker. Thus, based on Daggett and City of Santa Cruz, the offer of proof herein which states on counsel's information and belief that **give a brief summary of the offer of proof** is sufficient to warrant an Evidence Code § 782 hearing.

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EVIDENCE OF CHARACTER UNDER EVIDENCE CODE SECTION 1101

The prior sexual conduct of the complaining witness, which is evidence of a person's character or trait of character, is admissible under Evidence Code §1101(c) to support or attack his or her credibility. The prohibition stated in subsection (a) applies to character evidence only when it is offered to prove the conduct of a complaining witness on a specified occasion.

In our case, the defense seeks to attack the alleged victim's credibility, and is thus entitled under section 1101(c) to employ evidence of her prior sexual conduct, her prior acts of deceit, her prior false allegations and her prior lying as evidence to attack her credibility. **Use what is appropriate**

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EVIDENCE CODE SECTION 1103(c) DOES NOT BAR ADMISSION OF THE ALLEGED VICTIM'S PRIOR SEXUAL CONDUCT BECAUSE SUCH EVIDENCE WILL NOT BE OFFERED TO PROVE HER CONSENT.

Evidence Code §1103(c)(1) states, as a general proposition, that "opinion evidence, reputation evidence, and evidence of specific instances of the complaining witness's sexual conduct ... is not admissible by the defendant in order to prove consent by the complaining

witness." However, Evidence Code §1103 does NOT bar evidence of a victim's sexual conduct (nor cross-examination of her concerning such conduct) when the evidence is offered to attack her credibility. [Evidence Code §1103(c)(3) & (4); People v. Chandler (1997) 56 CA4th 703, 711; People v. Blackburn (1976) 56 CA3d 685, 689-690.)

Once the defendant makes a sworn offer of proof concerning the relevance of the sexual conduct of the complaining witness to attack her credibility, the protections of section 1103 give way to the procedural safeguards of section 782. This is so, even though it is the underlying issue of capacity to consent which is being challenged. People v. Rioz (1984) 161 CA3d 905, 916.

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EVIDENCE CODE SECTION 352

Generally, cross examination to test the credibility of a prosecution witness should be given wide latitude.

(People v. Belmontes (1988) 45 Cal.3d 744, 780.)

"'[C]ross-examination is the principle means by which the believability of a witness and the truth of his testimony are tested.'" (Farrell L. v. Superior Court (1988) 203 CA3d 521, 526.)

"In sex cases, broad cross-examination of the

prosecuting witness on prior sexual experiences, fabrication and sexual fantasy should be allowed." (People v. Francis (1970) 5 CA3d 414, 417.)

In <u>People</u> v. <u>Reeder</u> (1978) 82 CA3d 543, 550 the court held that "in criminal cases, any evidence that tends to support or rebut the presumptions of innocence is relevant", since "it is fundamental in our system of jurisprudence that all of a defendant's pertinent evidence should be considered by the trier of fact." (<u>Id</u>., at p. 552.) The court found that defendant had the right to show he believed what others had told him about the co-defendant and the proffered evidence supported his defense of such intense dislike for his co-defendant as to preclude him from engaging in a criminal conspiracy with him (<u>Reeder</u>, <u>supra</u>, at p. 550) and stated:

"Evidence Code Section 352 must bow to the due process right of a defendant to a fair trial and to his right to present all relevant evidence of significant probative value to his defense. In Chambers vs. Mississippi (1973) 410 U.S. 284, 93 S.Ct. 1038, 35 L.Ed.2d 297, it was held that the exclusion of evidence, vital to a

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defendant's defense, constituted a denial of a fair trial in violation of constitutional due-process requirements." (<u>Id</u>., at p. 553.)

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CASES ADMITTING SEXUAL HISTORY

The following cases permitted a defendant to delve into the prior sexual conduct of the alleged victim.

People v. Hernandez (1964) 61 CA2d 529, 535 involved the crime of statutory rape and a trial court which prevented the defendant from developing an offer of proof as to a reasonable belief that the prosecutrix had reached the age of legal consent. The appellate court spoke about the relationship between the defense of "honest and reasonable mistake of fact," and Penal Code section 20, which requires the joint operation of act and intent before a crime can be committed. The court held that the accused was permitted to present evidence as to why he held a good faith belief that the complainant appeared to be over 18 years of age. Presumably, such evidence would have included the prior sexual conduct of the complainant.

People v. Dolly (1966) 239 CA2d 143, 146, involved a rape charge where the complainant allegedly a lacked mental

competency. The court acknowledged that the accused may present evidence of his non-criminal intent based on an honest and reasonable belief that the victim did not lack capacity to give consent. The defendant's evidence would presumably have included the prior sexual conduct of the complainant—however the defendant in Dolly declined to testify and presented no defense before the trial court.

People v. Varona (1983) 143 CA3d 566, 569, involved charges of rape and oral copulation. The trial court committed reversible error by not admitting evidence of the complaining witness's prior sexual conduct. There, the disputed evidence was that the alleged victim was on probation for prostitution and typically plied her trade in the area where the crimes were supposedly committed. Such evidence should have been admitted to prove consent on the part of the complainant.

In <u>People</u> v. <u>Rioz</u> (1984) 161 CA3d 905, one of the defendants testified that he was told by the victim that the cost for the sex act would be a certain sum. He agreed to pay her at a later time. At trial he wanted to admit her statements to him about the request for payment, as bearing on his belief that the sex act was consensual. The

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reviewing court made a clear distinction between the evidence that the victim was a prostitute to impeach her credibility and evidence that she had made statements of price for certain acts. The first was viewed as impermissible character evidence, the second was viewed as permissible impeachment of the complaining witness denial The court said: of consent.

> "We emphasize again the necessity that a defendant advancing a defense of consent bears the burden of affirmatively offering to prove, under oath, the relevance of the complaining witness' sexual conduct to attack her credibility in some way other than by deprecating her character. not enough that a defendant alleges the complaining witness is a prostitute, has been convicted of prostitution, or engages in any particularized aspects of that profession unless the complaining witness has testified she did not consent to sex with that defendant and the defendant had presented evidence by his own testimony or otherwise which directly challenges the complaining witness' denial of consent and

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the defendant offers to prove, by sworn affidavit, that her prior sexual conduct is sufficient to attack her credibility as distinguished from her character." (Id., at p. 918.)

In Daggett, supra, as noted above, the appellate court reversed the defendant's conviction due to the trial court's failure to allow him to present evidence that the victim had been molested by older children when he was five. The court held:

"A child's testimony in a molestation case involving

> oral copulation and sodomy can be given an aura of veracity by his accurate description of the This is because knowledge of such acts may be unexpected in a child who had not been

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to them. In such a case it is relevant for the defendant to show that the complaining witness had been subjected to similar acts by others in order to cast doubt upon the conclusion that the child must have learned of these acts through the defendant. Thus, if the acts involved in the prior molestation are similar to the acts of which

(56 CA4th at p. 711.)

the defendant stands accused, evidence of the prior molestation is relevant to the credibility of the complaining witness and should be admitted." (225 CA3d at p. 757.)

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Finally, in Chandler, supra, the reviewing court found error in the trial court's ruling disallowing an attack on the victim's credibility with the testimony of two witnesses who testified at the Evidence Code §782 hearing that they had previously traded drugs for sex with her.

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THE DEFENSE MAY INTRODUCE ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATION OF A VICTIM'S SEXUAL KNOWLEDGE WHEN THE PROSECUTION INFERS THE VICTIM MUST HAVE GAINED THAT SEXUAL KNOWLEDGE FROM BEING MOLESTED BY DEFENDANT.

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DUE PROCESS REQUIRE THAT EVIDENCE OF DEFENDANT'S ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATIONS OF THE CHILD'S KNOWLEDGE OF SEX BE ADMITTED BEFORE THE JURY.

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drawn that the victim got his or her knowledge of sex from the defendant while being molested. We learned the hard way in the infamous McMartin case in Los Angeles that this conclusion is not always true. Children can be "taught" such matters by being repeatedly questioned using questions full of information about sexual acts. Children can "learn" such matters in a number of ways although this fact is often overlooked. If no alternative explanation is permitted by the court, juries will automatically presume that the defendant provided the child with knowledge of sex through the alleged illegal acts.

In child molest cases, the conclusion is routinely

As quoted above, in <u>People</u> v. <u>Daggett</u>, <u>supra</u>, the appellate court recognized this presumption and its inherent dangers and found that the defense should have been allowed to elicit the victim's prior sexual history to refute it. The failure to allow the defendant to establish the victim's alternative source of knowledge compelled reversal. (225 CA3d at p. 758.)

add whichever following sections apply to your case

A CHILD WHO WATCHES OR LISTENS TO PORNOGRAPHIC

MATERIAL OUT OF SHEER CURIOSITY IS NOT ENGAGING IN

"SEXUAL CONDUCT" WITHIN THE MEANING OF PENAL CODE §

782, AND THUS THE SOURCE OF THE CHILD'S KNOWLEDGE IS

NOT PRIVILEGED.

Evidence Code § 782 limits the admissibility of a complaining witness's prior sexual conduct. It requires a detailed offer of proof by the defendant as to necessity and relevancy. The Code requires support by a formal affidavit, and provides for an in camera hearing to question the witness with regard to such offer of proof before the jury is permitted to hear the evidence.

Defendant contends that Evidence Code § 782 does not apply, since the prior sexual conduct of the alleged victim is not the subject of his inquiry. He only wants to show that complainants' sexual knowledge came from a source other than the criminal acts the defendant is alleged to have committed with her.

By watching a video, reading a book or listening to phone message services, a person such as the complaining witness is simply engaged in an educational process. The subject matter of those media is irrelevant. If the topic

happens to be sexual, then that person is simply educating him or herself about sex.

Learning is a neutral act which does not become sexual in nature until one turns to physical activity with the intent of arousing the passions of self or others.

As a neutral act, complainant's viewing of a pornographic videos or seeing sexual acts are not "sexual conduct" within the meaning of Evidence Code § 782.

Therefore such evidence is not protected and should be admitted if not otherwise prohibited by objections as to relevancy (Evidence Code § 350) or time consumption and undue prejudice (Evidence Code § 352).

In <u>Rubio</u> v. <u>Superior Court of Orange County</u> (1988) 202 CA3d 1343, 1348 the court ruled that, where a child had watched a videotape of her parents making love prior to allegedly being molested by a third party, the defendant was entitled to in camera viewing of the tape before an admissibility ruling to determine whether his right to due process outweighed the parents' constitutional privacy interests and their marital privilege.

The defendant in <u>Rubio</u> was trying to show the jury that a young child's knowledge of sexual acts and techniques came from a source other than the charged criminal acts.

Rape shield laws such as California's Penal Code § 782 often conflict with a defendant's Due Process and Confrontation Clause rights. Where a rape shield law curtails the defendant's effort to generate doubt as to his participation in the abuse of children, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendment rights should outweigh any competing concerns.

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MOTHER'S OBSESSIVE BEHAVIOR AROUND ISSUE OF MOLESTATION IS ADMISSIBLE TO SHOW ALTERNATE SOURCE OF SEXUAL KNOWLEDGE.

What about the situation where a mother constantly is checking her daughter/son for evidence of molestation.

This could be a beginning of a false accusation or a source of knowledge for the child. This issue was ruled upon in the case of People v. Scholl (1964) 225 CA2d 558, where the court held that it was improper to not allow cross examination on the possible existence of a morbid fear of

sexual acts in the mind of the mother as to make the charge a creature of that morbidity.

Since this does not entail sexual conduct of the minor, it does not have to comply with Evidence Code § 782.

III

EVIDENCE OF PRIOR FALSE ALLEGATIONS IS ADMISSIBLE TO IMPEACH COMPLAINANT.

It has been repeatedly held that a victim's prior false charges of sexual assault are admissible on the issue of his/her credibility.

See People v. Wall (1979) 95 CA3d 978, 987-989
[reversible error to exclude testimony of victim's exboyfriend that she had threatened to make a false accusation of rape against him where her credibility was the sole issue for the jury to determine]; People v. Randle
(1982) 130 CA3d 286, 294 [error in denial of motion for new trial based on newly discovered evidence that on two prior occasions at same location as charged offense, alleged victim had falsely claimed to be the victim of purse snatch and kidnap]; People v. Varona (1983) 143 CA3d 566, 569-570 [reversible error in rape and oral copulation prosecution where trial court excluded evidence that victim was on

probation for prostitution]; <u>People v. Adams</u> (1988) 198

CA3d 10, 18 [error to exclude evidence that rape victim falsely accused others of rape]; <u>People v. Burrell-Hart</u> (1987) 192 CA3d 593, 597-599 [same]; <u>People v. Franklin</u>, supra, 25 CA4th at p. 335 [same].

IV

THE USE OF VICTIM'S UNCHARGED ALLEGATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPEACHMENT IS AN ISSUE OF WEIGHT, NOT ADMISSIBILITY.

The People may question whether the prior allegations made by complainant are false, and whether can they be introduced until so proven. In Andrews v. City and County of San Francisco (1988) 205 CA3d 938, the plaintiff sued the city because he was beaten up by an Officer Ramirez. During the trial the officer testified that he was a patient man and performed his duties in a calm and straight forward manner. The defense knew of four instances involving persons in custody whose testimony about their specific instance would reasonably and logically tend to disprove Officer Ramirez's characterization of himself.

The trial court excluded the evidence. It was concerned about a series of "mini trials" that would have

to be conducted in order to establish that each and every one of the incidents were true. The Court of Appeal held that, while it appreciated the trial judge's time-pressure concerns, it did not perceive them as "...constituting sufficient justification for keeping out all of the misconduct incidents." (<u>Id</u>., at p. 947.) The court further stated:

"In every case where prior similar misconduct is admitted, the defendant may be expected to bring forth a contrary version of the events. However, the fact that the jury must resolve conflicting versions cannot justify the exclusion of all such evidence on this ground alone." Id., at 987.

The Court of Appeal recognized that whether they were true or false, complaints of police brutality were a question for the jury. Similarly, in the case at bar, it is not for the trial court to determine whether a prior allegation of sexual misconduct is true or false. That is a jury question.

In <u>People</u> v. <u>Lankford</u> (1989) 210 CA3d 227, 233-234 the State was permitted to introduce evidence that the

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defendant had a pending trial for robbery. This evidence tended in reason to impeach the defendant's statement that he had not had any "incidents" since his release from parole.

If the pending charge was false, then the defendant's statement about having no "incidents" was true. If there were to past incidents, such evidence would not be relevant because it could not impeach his testimony. However, if the pending charge was true, then the defendant's claim about having no "incidents" was false. In that case, such evidence would be relevant because it could directly impeach his testimony. It is not for purpose of showing propensity to commit a crime, just impeachment.

Although the veracity of the pending charge was still in litigation, the fact that it existed was admitted into evidence by the Lankford court. It was for the jury to resolve whether or not the defendant was impeached by it.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, no section of the Evidence Code is a bar to the admissibility of the complaining witness's sexual conduct for the purposes requested.

[The defendant has the right to prove an alternative source of knowledge of sexual matter to rebut an inference that the child must have been molested, how else could the child have known about these types of matters.]

[The defendant has a right to show that the mother's fears of molestation are a possible source of the allegation and a possible source of the child's knowledge concerning molestation.]

[The defendant has the right to prove, by use of specific instances, a trait or character trait of making false accusations about being sexually abused.]

[The issue of whether the prior allegations are true or false is a jury issue.] **Use appropriate conclusion**

Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for Defendant

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1. I am the attorney of record for the Defendant in the above captioned case.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct, except as to those matters based upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true. Executed at Walnut Creek, California on