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2010 Toyota Sequoia 4X4 5DR Platinum

The standard features of the Toyota Sequoia Platinum 5.7L V8 comes with I-FORCE 5.7L V-8 381HP engine, 6-speed automatic transmission with overdrive, 4-wheel anti-lock brakes (ABS), navigation system, side seat mounted airbags, curtain 1st, 2nd and 3rd row overhead airbag, driver and passenger knee airbag, airbag occupancy sensor, automatic, 20" alloy wheels, cruise control, distance pacing, and an ABS and driveline traction control.

The Sequoia's chassis provides a comfortable highway ride along with adequate back-road agility, while a relatively tight 39-foot turning circle makes the big truck easy to maneuver and great for road trips. Growing families will also appreciate the Sequoia's versatile second-row seats, available as either a 40/20/40-split bench or captain's chairs. These seats feature plenty of fore-aft adjustment, allowing them to be positioned to optimize legroom or cargo room as needs dictate. The Sequoia has an independent rear suspension, which allows the roomy 60/40-split third-row seat to fold flat. Stowing the second- and third-row seats opens up a cavernous



Vehicle Specifications: IForce 5.7L V8 DOHC 32V w/Dual Ind VVT4 engine; 6 speed auto ECT -I 4WD w Locking Center Differential transmission; 13 City MPG, 18 Highway MPG; MSRP \$58,805 Test Vehicle Price \$60,390.

121 cubic feet of cargo space for more serious hauling.

The top-of-the-line Sequoia Platinum adds load-leveling rear air springs, adaptive shock absorbers, a power lift gate, a sunroof, heated and cooled front seats, heated second-row captain's chairs make this a seven

passenger vehicle, power-folding and -reclining rear seats, a navigation system, a back-up camera and a power tilt-and-telescoping steering wheel. Bluetooth (with audio streaming) and an eight-speaker CD stereo with satellite radio, auxiliary audio and USB audio jacks

also the Platinum includes 20-inch wheels, running boards, leather upholstery, upgraded instrumentation, a back-up camera integrated into the rearview mirror and an upgraded 14-speaker JBL sound system with a six-CD changer.

For the most part, the 2010

Toyota Sequoia drives like the large SUV it is. While the ride is comfortable and supportive, the Sequoia can still be tippy in turns.

The 2010 Toyota Sequoia reigns at the top among SUV's in the same class. The Sequoia has great maneuverability and comfortable ride.

Jackson's Doctor Hires Attorney



Dr. Conrad Murray

said Friday he was hired last week to join Houston attorney Edward Chernoff in representing Murray.

The news comes as The Associated Press learned that prosecutors plan to pursue an involuntary manslaughter indictment against the doctor.

Jackson died at his Los Angeles home in June while under Murray's care. The powerful anesthetic propofol was found in the singer's system.

Flanagan says he handled a case involving propofol several years ago. He also is familiar with the media spotlight, having represented Britney Spears when she was charged with hit and run.

Dr. Conrad Murray has hired a California criminal defense attorney as the investigation into his alleged role in Michael Jackson's death nears completion.

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