



Jermaine Jackson and Katherine Jackson arrive for the preliminary hearing Tuesday for Dr. Conrad Murray in Los Angeles.

## Witness: Jackson Kids Watched Fight to Save Dad

### Hearing opens involuntary manslaughter case

(AP) — A choreographer who worked with Michael Jackson told a judge Tuesday he clashed with Jackson's doctor and others over the superstar's health six days before he died.

Kenny Ortega, who was the last person to work with Jackson, testified that he was summoned to Jackson's home a day after letting the superstar skip rehearsal because he seemed sick.

Dr. Conrad Murray and others suggested Jackson should not have been sent home because he was physically and emotionally fine, Ortega testified, adding he was told not to try to be Jackson's doctor or psychiatrist.

The testimony came during a preliminary hearing to determine if Murray, the singer's personal physician, will be tried on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Authorities contend Murray gave Jackson a lethal dose of the powerful anesthetic propofol and other sedatives in the bedroom of his rented mansion before he died on June 25, 2009.

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren said in his opening statement that Jackson was already dead when Murray summoned help and tried to conceal his administering of propofol to the pop star, ordering a bodyguard to collect items before paramedics were called.

Another witness, Jackson's personal assistant Michael Amir Williams, described Murray calling him on the day the superstar died and



Dr. Conrad Murray

frantically asking him to get help from bodyguards for Jackson, who was in a bedroom.

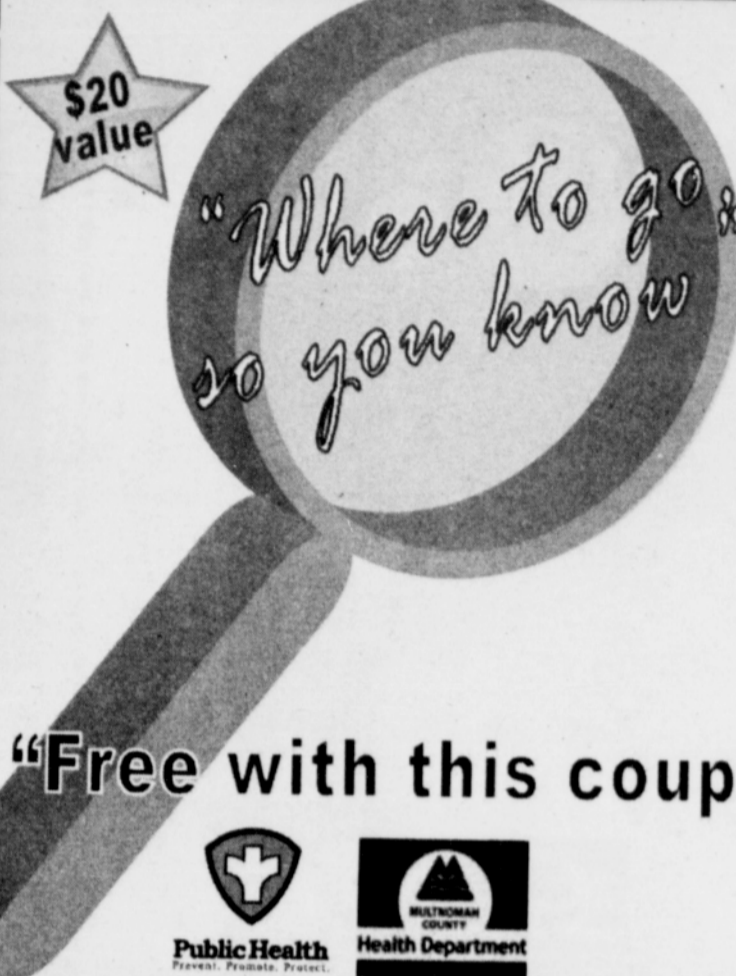
Williams described the chaotic scene at the mansion and hospital and recalled the heartbreaking moment when DiLeo told Jackson's children their father was dead. Williams said he and Murray and everyone else were crying.

Faheem Muhammad, one of Jackson's bodyguards, testified that two of the pop star's children, Prince, then 11, and Paris, who was 10, watched as Murray frantically attempted to revive him in the bedroom of his rented mansion.

Muhammad eventually escorted the children from the room. Paris was on the ground crying, and "I realized we needed to get them out of the situation," he said.

Jackson's mother Katherine, his sister LaToya and his brother Jackie attended the hearing, where Murray sat taking notes.

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