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JET SERVICE OWNER TO PAY MILLIONS IN JACKSON TAPING

A Los Angeles Superior Court Judge awarded \$20.25 million in punitive damages to the attorneys representing pop star Michael Jackson, according to a March 2008 article by the Los Angeles Times. The award came after a two-week bench trial in which the owners of XtraJet were alleged to have secretly videotaped Jackson and his lawyers, Mark Geragos and an associate during a 2003 flight. "The question in this case was whether it's worth it to violate people's privacy," said Brian Kabateck, the Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP attorney representing Geragos. "The court sent a clear message that the cost far outweighs the benefit."