

Phillip Garrido's attorney wants documents sealed

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Phillip Garrido's lawyer filed papers Wednesday opposing the release of sealed court documents involving kidnap victim Jaycee Lee Dugard, saying that opening up the documents would doom her client's chances of ever receiving a fair trial.

"This court should keep these documents under seal," El Dorado County public defender Susan Gellman wrote in documents filed Wednesday. "There is an 'overriding interest' here; that of a fair trial."

The Bee and other media agencies are seeking the release of numerous documents that have been sealed in the case against Garrido and his wife, Nancy, who are accused of kidnapping Dugard in 1991 when she was 11.

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