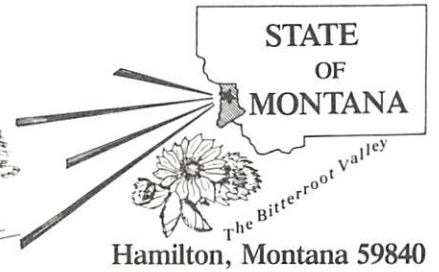


COUNTY OF RAVALLI



January 30, 2020

Tyson A. McLean
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Re: *Claim by J. Porter JR and his minor son*

Dear Mr. McLean:

We provide the following response to your letter dated September 27, 2019, in which you demanded a combined total of \$1.5 million from the Town of Darby and Ravalli County for alleged damages to your clients, the Porters, arising from their encounter with law enforcement on or about December 18, 2018.

Be advised that we find no wrongdoing on the part of Ravalli County Sheriff's Lieutenant Moles and Corporal Mendonca in connection with the alleged incident described in your letter. Moreover, Ravalli County Sheriff's officers' involvement in the alleged incident arose from their response to a request for assistance from the Town of Darby Police Department. Under Montana's Mutual Assistance statutes, the law enforcement agency requesting assistance must,

indemnify the assisting peace officer, the officer's legal representative in case of death, or the furnishing law enforcement entity for any liability or obligation to indemnify created by 2-9-305 that may result from the assistance furnished.

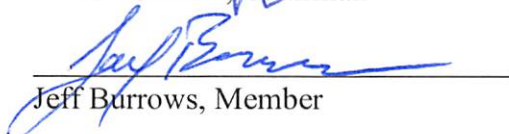
Mont. Code Ann. § 44-11-102. Consequently, Ravalli County and its deputies are not liable to the Porters for damages, if any, arising from the alleged incident.

The Ravalli County Board of Commissioners hereby rejects your claims and the demand set forth in your September 27, 2019 letter.

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