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John R. Miller
John Ryan Miller
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c/o Richard Lambert, Esq. (Utah Bar No. 3971)

Dear Miller Family,

On November 19, 2021, you filed the Notice of Claim with the Utah Attorney General's Office pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-7-401. That Notice of Claim provided specific allegations about misinformation being deliberately provided by employees of the Utah Department of Public Safety (hereinafter DPS) in and around May 1990 regarding an internal investigation of a complaint lodged by Valarie Clark Miller and John R. Miller (her husband) with DPS. Since filing your Notice of Claim, you have provided substantial additional evidence regarding your claim.

Because of the seriousness of the matter, I directed my office, the Utah Department of Public Safety, in cooperation with the Utah Attorney General's Office, to undertake a thorough investigation into your allegations. My Department has interviewed scores of witnesses over several months. Based on that thorough investigation, I have concluded that the factual allegations you raise in your Notice of Claim and subsequent communications about DPS actions in 1990 rest on a foundation of extensive and disturbing evidence.

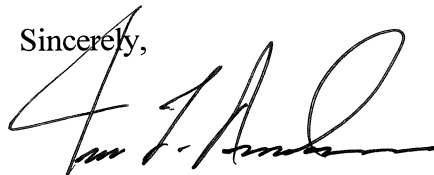
While it unfortunately appears that there is no legal recourse that I can take to right the wrong that was done to Mr. and Mrs. Miller more than three decades ago, the least I can do is to express my deep regret to John R. Miller and family members of Valarie Clark Miller (now deceased) for the emotional distress suffered by Mrs. Miller, Mr. Miller, and the family as a result of the actions described in your Notice of Claim.

The Department's internal investigation policies are very different now than they were over 30 years ago. In an effort to avoid a repetition of an event like this from ever occurring

and further strengthen current Department policies, my Department will utilize an appropriate outside organization (such as Lexipol) to undertake a thorough review of current policies and procedures in place for reviewing allegations of this type and make any appropriate recommendations for strengthening those policies.

I want you to understand that I have taken your complaint seriously. I have agonized over the events you described and the generational impact on your family. Thank you for making me aware and for the opportunity to address your concerns. I sincerely hope that you and your family are able to find closure in our efforts to address your pain and frustrations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jess L. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "A".

Jess L. Anderson
Commissioner
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