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GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Agenda August 22, 2000

To: Board of Supervisors

Re: Claim of Steven Argue, No. 001-007

Original document and associated materials are on file at the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

In regard to the above-referenced claim, this is to recommend that the Board take the following action:

- X 1. Reject the claim of Steven Argue, No. 001-007 and refer to County Counsel.
2. Deny the application to file a late claim on behalf of _____ and refer to County Counsel.
3. Grant the application to file a late claim on behalf of _____ and refer to County Counsel.
4. Approve the claim of _____ in the amount of _____ and reject the balance, if any, and refer to County Counsel.
5. Reject the claim of _____ as insufficiently filed and refer to County Counsel.

cc: Mark Tracy, Sheriff-Coroner
Rama Khalsa, Administrator,
Health Services Agency

RISK MANAGEMENT

BY Carol McKinley

COUNTY COUNSEL

By Samuel Torres Jr.

CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
(Pursuant to Section 910 et Seq., Govt. Code)

1. **Claimant's Name:** STEVEN ARGUE

Address: c/o KATE WELLS, 2400 Fresno Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Phone No: (831) 479-4475

2. **Occurrence:** While confined in solitary, I heard one officer say "I'm going to kick your ass" and then three correctional officers attacked me, grabbed me by the hair, repeatedly smashed my head against the cement wall, and then dragged me down the corridor by my hair. They additionally have withheld food from me and even though it is freezing cold, they only give me one thin blanket. This occurred on January 29, 2000, at Santa Cruz County Jail.

3. **Description of Indebtedness:** I suffered severe physical injuries to my wrists, neck and head and suffered severe fear, trauma and emotional distress. I need medical help to treat these injuries and the emotional stress.

4. **Names of public employees causing injury:** Correctional Officers Zamora, Haines and one other unidentified officer.

5. **Amount claimed now**.....\$ 100,000.00
Estimated future loss.....\$ unknown

6. **Basis for Computations:** Severe injuries to wrists and neck, severe emotional distress and punitive damages. Pain and suffering.

7. **Court of Jurisdiction:** Superior Court

CLAIMANT'S ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE

KATE WELLS

