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VIA EMAIL

Honorable John Larson
District Court Judge
Montana's Fourth Judicial District Court
200 W. Broadway
Missoula, MT 59802
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RE: Youth Treatment Court

Honorable Judge Larson:

Thank you for visiting with me yesterday regarding Youth Treatment Court. I wanted to reiterate our office's appreciation for your deep passion for juvenile justice issues and your experience in balancing the challenges of young people that need accountability and assistance. However, as we discussed, due to resource issues and differences in opinions on certain aspects of the current Youth Treatment Court structure, we believe it is in our mutual best interests for the County Attorney to withdraw from participation in Youth Treatment Court effective immediately. We will no longer appear at the treatment team staffing, treatment court sessions, or individual appearances with Youth that are solely related to their participation in Treatment Court. As always, I am available to discuss further at any time.

Sincerely,

Matt Jennings

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Missoula County Attorney