



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Employee and Public Services Department

DATE: February 26, 2004

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 16, 2004

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: *MW* Mary Welch, Director of Employee and Public Services
Priscilla H. Morse, Risk Manager

SUBJECT: Disposition of *DM* Claims Filed Against County

Recommendation

Deny the claims listed below.

Background

Under authority of Resolution No. 35006 and Ordinance No. 2321, the Board directed the Director to process claims filed against the County. Further investigation may indicate justification for payment by the County. If so, payment will be made under the authority of the Risk Manager or will be brought back to the Board.

Discussion basis for excuse

The Risk Management Division has reviewed these claims and recommends that you take the following action:

<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Claimant</u>	<u>Recommended Board Action and Basis</u>	
	Claims recommended for denial:		
G03-070	Boruta, Maria	9/30/03	Non-culpable
	Claimant alleges the Department of Public Works placed a bridge across the Arroyo de en Medio to connect the two stretches of Mirada Road, but in a position different from the one in the plans blocking access from her property onto Mirada Road.		
G03-073	Cousin, Alan	9/9/03	Non-culpable
	Claimant alleges he suffered a fractured bone in his left foot as a result of a fall from the top bunk of the jail cell.		

<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Claimant</u>	<u>Recommended Board Action and Basis</u>
M03-019	<p>Claims recommended for denial:</p> <p>Dunn, Ann Verna</p> <p>Claimant alleges lost personal property upon her discharge from the Psychiatric Unit of the San Mateo County Medical Center.</p>	<p>8/19/03-9/1/03</p> <p>Non-culpable</p>
G03-074	<p>Malveaux, Billie and James and Kowan McClure Jr.</p> <p>Claimants allege with a series of wrongful and harmful acts, a Santa Clara County employee testified in juvenile proceedings in San Mateo County interfering with and preventing them from obtaining legal guardianship and adoption of their grand child, Kowan McClure Jr., a minor.</p>	<p>9/15/03</p> <p>Non-culpable</p>
M03-018	<p>Martin, Carey</p> <p>Claimant, a former employee, alleges mental anguish, defamation of character, lost reputation, constructive termination, lost wages and invasion of privacy when her disciplinary letter was emailed via attachment out over the countywide email system to seven non-management personnel.</p>	<p>8/30/03</p> <p>Non-culpable</p>
G03-076	<p>McKnight, Erica</p> <p>Claimant alleges lost personal property upon release from the Women's Jail.</p>	<p>2/24/04</p> <p>Non-culpable</p>
G03-069	<p>MSI Insurance/Joseph and Denise Klein</p> <p>Claimants allege a large Eucalyptus tree owned by the County of San Mateo fell, damaging their real property at 2165 Santa Cruz in Menlo Park.</p>	<p>1/2/04</p> <p>Non-culpable</p>
G03-071	<p>Simmons, Ingrid</p> <p>Claimant alleges her son, Ian Simmons, a minor, lost personal property while serving time at the Camp Glenwood Boys Ranch in La Honda.</p>	<p>10/03</p> <p>Non-culpable</p>

RECOMMENDED

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J. Mathis

COUNTY MANAGER

Vision Alignment

This item keeps the commitment of responsive, effective and collaborative government through goal number 20: Government decisions are based on careful consideration of future impact, rather than temporary relief or immediate gain.