Malloy, et al. vs. County of Santa Cruz, et al., Case No. 5:16-05135 EJD

I. BASIS FOR MOTION

This case presents claims by Plaintiffs, Ami Malloy, Michael Malloy and their children L.S. and E.S., that the defendants unlawfully arrested them, used excessive force and removed the minor children from their parents.

All defendants have, and still do, contended throughout the litigation that their actions were reasonable and lawful.

The matter proceeded to mediation on August 10, 2017, before Claudia Leed, Esq. and the matter settled for \$9,750.

The defendants do not oppose the proposed distribution set forth herein below, thereby eliminating the need for a hearing.

II. PARTIES

The parties to this settlement are as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff Ami Malloy
- 2. Plaintiff Michael Malloy
- 3. Plaintiff E.S., minor son of Ami and Michael Malloy, by and through his mother and Guardian Ad Litem, Ami Malloy.
- 4. Plaintiff L.S., minor son of Ami and Michael Malloy, by and through his mother and Guardian Ad Litem, Ami Malloy.
- 5. minor son of Ami and Michael Malloy, by and through his mother and Guardian Ad Litem, Ami Malloy.

1	6 COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ and the following employees of the
2	COUNTY:
3	a. CAROLYN STRAGE;
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5	b. WENDELL STAMPS;
6	c. YOONI POMPER;
7 8	d. ERIN BURTON;
9	e. STEPHANIE VICOTTI,
10	f. ANGELICA GLASS;
11	I. ANGELICA GLASS,
12	g. JUDY YOKEL;
13	h. CECILIA ESPINOZA.
14	It should be noted that defendants City of Scotts Valley and Officer
15 16	Michael Birley were dismissed with prejudice by stipulation and order of this court.
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18	III. CURRENT STATUS
19	The plaintiffs have agreed to a monetary settlement with regards to all
20	claims and with regard to all defendants, without any admission of liability by any
21	defendant for the acts complained of, with each side bearing their own fees and
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23	costs. All claims against all defendants are to be dismissed as part of the settlement
24	IV. PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION
25	In settlement of the case, without admitting liability, defendants have
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27	agreed to pay \$9,750 in equal portions to plaintiffs Ami Malloy and Michael

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1	Malloy and E.S. and L.S. Malloy, the minor children of the Malloys, represented by
2	their mother, Ami Malloy as their Guardian Ad Litem. The Court is also asked to
3 4	approve the payment to counsel for plaintiffs of 1/3 of the settlement amount
5	totalling \$3,250. Counsel has waived repayment of costs.
6	Plaintiffs' counsel had no prior relationship with any Plaintiff prior to
7 8	representing them in this case.
9	Plaintiffs' counsel submits that her fees are reasonable and should be
10	awarded in the amount requested.
11	V. CONCLUSION
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15	distribution of the proceeds of the settlement as set forth herein above and the
16	payment of attorney fees, without a hearing.
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20	Dated: August 23, 2017
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22	/s/ Kathleen E. Wells
23	KATHLEEN E. WELLS
24	Attorney for Plaintiffs
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[PROPOSED] ORDER

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR

The court hereby approves the plaintiffs' Request for Compromise of

Claims as set forth in their motion.

Dated: August 24, 2018

U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE EDWARD J. DAVILA