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CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY OF KERN

(Government Code §§ 910, 910.2 & 910.4)

This claim must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 1115 Truxtun Ave., 5th Floor, Bakersfield, California 93301. If it is a claim for death, injury to person, injury to personal property or injury to growing crops, it must be filed within six months after the accident or event giving rise to the claim. If it is a claim for any other cause of action, it must be filed within one year after the event(s) giving rise to the claim. You must complete both sides and sign the claim form for the claim to be valid. Complete information must be provided. If the space provided is inadequate, please use additional paper and identify information by paragraph number. Do not attach medical records or other confidential records to your claim. ANY COMPLETED CLAIM AND ALL ATTACHMENTS WILL BE TREATED AS A PUBLIC RECORD AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING BY THE PUBLIC ON THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE.

1. State the name and mailing address of claimant:
Decedent Theron Meek and Julie Meek as successor-in-interest to decedent Theron Meek.
6507 Desmond Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308

2. State the mailing address to which claimant desires notices from the County to be sent:
6507 Desmond Court, Bakersfield, CA

3. State the date, place and other circumstances of the accident or event(s) giving rise to the claim.
See Attachment A.

This is an Amended Claim to the previously filed claim on April 25, 2023, amending Attachment A, fixing the incorrect date of Subject Incident from April 27, 2023 to October 27, 2023 and adding the date of death of decedent Theron Meek as November 6, 2023.

4. Provide a general description of the injury, damage or loss incurred so far as it may be known:
See Attachment A.

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5. Provide the name or names of the public employee or employees causing the injury, damage or loss, if known:

Unknown at this time; County of Kern

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6. Regarding the amount claimed (including estimated amount of any prospective injury, damage or loss known as of the time the claim is filed):

If less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), state the amount: \$ _____.

If more than ten thousand dollars, would the claim be a limited civil case (less than \$25,000)? (Circle one)

Yes

No

7. Please state any additional information which may be helpful in considering this claim:

See Attachment A.

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Claimant must date and sign below.

Signed this 29 day of April, 2024.

Julie Meek
CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE

Code No _____

BY ORDER OF THE BD/SWRV

Referred To County Counsel
3 pages

transmitted on 4/29/2024

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KATHLEEN KRAUSE

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Michelle Frazier

WARNING! IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO FILE A FALSE CLAIM (Penal Code §72)

ATTACHMENT A

On information and belief, decedent Theron Meek, who was the husband of Julie Meek and father of Ryan Meek, on October 27, 2023, was riding his motorcycle westbound on Roberts Lane, approximately 235 feet East of Plymouth Ave, in Bakersfield, CA 93308 when he collided into the raised curb/island median on Roberts Lane, which was negligently installed ('SUBJECT INCIDENT'). As result of the SUBJECT INCIDENT, Theron Meek sustained serious injuries resulting in his death on November 6, 2023. Claimant contends that the condition of the area where the SUBJECT INCIDENT occurred, including the raised curb/island median and the surrounding area caused the SUBJECT INCIDENT. Claimant further contends that the County of Kern, its employees, agents and contractors improperly and negligently controlled, designed, constructed, repaired, and maintained the location where the SUBJECT INCIDENT occurred, including the subject raised curb/island median and the area surrounding the location of where the SUBJECT INCIDENT occurred. This failure to properly control, design, construct, repair, and maintain the area of the SUBJECT INCIDENT, including the surrounding area and said raised curb/island median, led to the existence of dangerous conditions for individuals such as the Claimant using the roadway with due care and in a reasonably foreseeable manner. These defects, negligence and improper actions, included but were not limited to, dangerous road conditions, lack of lighting, lack of roadway markings, signage, warnings, and other traffic safety devices. Claimant also contends that the County of Kern, and/or its contractors, were aware and had notice that said roadway was dangerous and in a defective condition and failed to do anything to improve and remedy said dangerous conditions, or to warn those using the roadway of such dangers. In failing to do the aforementioned, the County of Kern created a hazardous circumstance that endangered persons and property.

As a direct result of the SUBJECT INCIDENT, the claimant incurred damages, which included but was not limited to the loss of decedent's love, companionship, comfort, care, assistance, protection, affection, society, moral support, training, guidance, gifts, financial support and household services; and medical expenses, loss of earnings, general damages, and funeral costs. The combined damages are in excess of \$30,000,000.00