

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

JANE DOE, et al.,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.) **Civil Action No.: 2016-900433**
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 JEREMY JOSEPH NELSON, et al.,)
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 Defendants.)

JANE SMITH, et al.,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.) **Civil Action No.: 2016-900449**
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 JEREMY JOSEPH NELSON, et al.,)
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 Defendants.)

REPORT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Comes now the Undersigned, appointed Guardian ad Litem for the minors involved in this matter, and files this report:

1. I was appointed as the Guardian ad Litem by this Court on January 17, 2019.
2. As part of my duties as Guardian ad Litem, I have reviewed various pleadings, including the Complaint; the Motion for Summary Judgment; and the Reply to the Motion for Summary Judgment. I have also reviewed the deposition testimony of Jeremy Joseph Nelson; James Starkey; and Cpl. Thomas Whitten. Further, I reviewed the case law that was cited by both parties in support of their arguments in the Motion and Reply for Summary Judgment.
3. I also spoke at length with the attorney for the class who has advised of the facts of the case; the procedural history of the case; arguments made at mediation and in the motions filed by both parties; and the details of the proposed settlement.
4. It is my understanding that the majority of the minor plaintiffs involved in this incident are unaware of what happened; therefore, none of the minor plaintiffs were contacted to discuss said incident for fear of educating them on what happened or causing those who

knew to go over the matter again. This decision was made by me acting in the best interests of the minors involved.

5. Having reviewed the foregoing, I have determined that the proposed settlement is in the conservative best interest of the minor plaintiffs and have recommended to the attorney for the plaintiffs to accept the proposed offer of settlement. I have also advised the Court of my opinion.

/s/ Ellen Melson
Ellen Melson (MEL017)
Guardian ad Litem

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