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Montanans for Justice expressed dismay today after reading the denial issued by 15th District Court Judge David Cybulski regarding a petition for post conviction relief for Barry Beach. Judge Cybulski summarily denied an evidentiary hearing on the new evidence without even receiving Centurion Ministries' response to the Attorney General. Judge Cybulski provided no detailed reasoning in his one page decision which only tersely stated, "*Beach's petition is procedurally and time barred. ...the cumulative evidence proffered by Beach does not warrant a finding of actual innocence in support of the fundamental miscarriage of justice exemption to the time requirements*". Stated Bob Kolar, spokesman for Montanans for Justice, "Anyone can see with their own eyes that the cumulative evidence overwhelmingly supports a finding of actual innocence. Since when should innocence be time barred?" Mr. Kolar continued, "We would hope that innocence is more important in this state than procedure. We only want the truth in this matter to be brought to light, not hid behind clever legal roadblocks and catch-22s. Anyone interested in the truth can learn the facts by going to Montanans for Justice website, (www.montanansforjustice.com) **and watch the two-hour NBC Dateline special feature this Friday, April 4th at 8:00pm.** No one in Montana should be deprived of justice just because the Attorney General's office can claim they are procedurally and time barred."