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### **Montanans for Justice Questions AG's Claims in Barry Beach Case**

Montana's for Justice expressed dismay today after reading comments by Montana's Attorney General regarding the Barry Beach innocence claim. "It's incredible the AG's office will spend so much time and energy trying to prevent a wrongly convicted person from proving their innocence." Stated Bob Kolar, spokesman for Montanans for Justice. "I would hope that innocence is more important in this state than proper procedure and exact timing." Continued Mr. Kolar. "I read their statement and they are concerned about the petition being "time-barred and procedurally barred. Since when should innocence be time barred? They also talk about the Board of Pardons saying the new evidence was "double and triple hearsay" which is also bogus since the only witness who could have supported the supposed hearsay statements did not even show up for the hearing after talking to the Attorney General's Office." Said Mr. Kolar. "The Board of Pardons and Parole didn't even reprimand the AG's office for not disclosing the witness whom had called them to ask if they should show up". Mr. Kolar also stated, "We only want the truth to be told, not hid behind a bunch of procedural delays. If people really want the truth they should check out the Montana's for Justice website, ([www.montanansforjustice.com](http://www.montanansforjustice.com)) and make sure they watch the NBC Special Friday March 21st, at 8:00pm." No one in this country should be deprived of justice just because the AG's office can claim they are procedurally barred."