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City Response to Social Media Posts

Michigan City -- On November 2, 2018, Mayor Meer’s Office initiated a 911 call to LaPorte County based upon a direct verbal threat of gun violence made to Mayor Meer by Rodney McCormick within City Hall. Given the threat of gun violence, Mayor Meer took the threat directed to him, with the potential of afflicting City employees and members of the public conducting business within City Hall, seriously. Over the last few years, gun violence has plagued our country, and unfortunately, there are numerous and profound examples throughout our society of the effects that gun violence has on public buildings, churches, schools, and within the workplace and the unnecessary loss of life. In the past when violence has been threatened in City Hall, 911 has been called. In addition, just a few weeks prior, on October 21, 2018, two (2) LaPorte County security guards were physically and brutally attacked at the Michigan City Courthouse.

During the 911 call, Mayor Meer informed the 911 dispatchers that although a verbal threat of gun violence was made, the Mayor did not witness Mr. McCormick with a gun, rather, Mr. McCormick’s hands were in his pockets. Mr. McCormick was subsequently arrested as a result of his verbal threat, however, LaPorte Superior Court #4 found the probable cause insufficient and the matter was transferred to a special prosecutor, who failed to act on the matter. The matter has reverted back to the LaPorte County Prosecutor, John Lake.

Recently, there has been a release of misinformation surrounding the November 2 incident on social media criticizing the Mayor and his administration of his decision to contact 911. As a sworn elected official, Mayor Meer has an obligation to protect the safety of employees and citizens. Mayor Meer took the November 2 threat of gun violence seriously and any future threats will be treated just as serious.