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September 11, 2007

To the Honorable Common Council  
of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 - City Hall

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert,  
Eggert Law Office, S.C. for legal fees for Police Officer Tommy Wilson  
C.I. File No. 04-S-457 EC 2132

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Tommy Wilson. The claim is in the amount of \$4,819.90 including \$89.90 in disbursements for 43.00 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 per hour. We ask that this matter be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation.

We have reviewed this claim and advise that in our opinion, the time spent was reasonable. Legal representation was occasioned by a criminal investigation. No criminal charges were brought against the Police Officer on whose behalf this claim was filed.

As we have advised you under similar circumstances in the past, the Common Council has discretion to reject this claim or to pay it in whole or in part. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

  
GRANT F. LANGLEY  
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Enc.

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

January 24, 2005

TO: P.O. TOMMY WILSON  
DISTRICT: TWO

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of  
Attorney

Attorney Laurie Eggert has made a claim with the City, indicating the attached was provided with legal services arising out of one of the following situations:

- 1) An incident occurring on SEPTEMBER 6, 2004
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by MICHAEL S. BLUCHER
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct? YES X NO       

Did you receive legal representation in this matter? YES   o   NO       

Your signature: *Tommy L. Wilson*

Print your name: Tommy L. Wilson

Upon completion, please return this memorandum to the Professional Performance Division at the Police Academy (Room 325) as soon as possible.

*Mary K. Hoerig*  
 MARY K. HOERIG  
 Captain of Police  
 Professional Performance Division

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December 23, 2004

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt  
Milwaukee City Clerk  
800 City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Tommy Wilson  
Allegations Regarding Mr. Michael S. Blucher  
Date of Incident: September 6, 2004  
Location of Incident: 3264 South 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
EC No.: 2132**

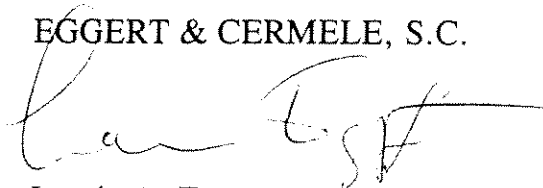
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officers have retained us to represent them in connection with the above-referenced matter. Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent them, and as they were performing the duties of their office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, the claim is hereby made on their behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a shooting.

The MPD conducted a criminal investigation and investigated the matter as a critical incident. Later, DA McCann concluded that no charges will be issued. Attached is a copy of DA McCann's letter and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.



Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

LAE/ldl  
attachment  
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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Michael S. Blucher shooting  
Regarding: PO Tommy Wilson  
Date of Incident: September 6, 2004  
Location of Incident: 3264 South 8th Street  
Professional services

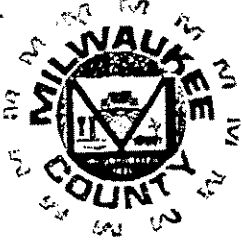
	<u>Hours</u>
9/6/2004 Telephone call from client; open file; conference with client; statements at Detective Bureau; memo to file; travel.	4.20
9/7/2004 Telephone call from DA's office; memo to file; telephone call to client.	0.30
9/16/2004 Telephone call from and to client; telephone call to McCann and Benkley; memo to file.	0.60
10/1/2004 Telephone call from client; review of correspondence from DA; memo to file.	0.30
10/4/2004 Preparation for and appearance at inquest scheduling conference; travel; conference with Medical Examiner's office; telephone call to and from client; memo to file.	2.30
10/19/2004 Telephone call from Deputy Chief; telephone call to Medical Examiner.	0.10
10/21/2004 Review autopsy reports; memo to file.	0.70
10/27/2004 Telephone call to Benkley, McCann; memo to file.	0.60
11/1/2004 Telephone call from and to DA; memo to file.	0.20

	<u>Hours</u>		
11/9/2004	Review toxicology report.	0.10	
11/12/2004	Review of file; telephone call to McCann; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.80	
11/17/2004	Telephone call to DA; conference with client; memo to file.	1.80	
11/21/2004	Review of file.	0.50	
11/22/2004	Preparation for and appearance at inquest; conference with client; memo to file; travel.	9.70	
11/23/2004	Conference with client; witness preparation with McCann; travel; attend inquest; telephone call to client; memo to file; conference with investigators and DA.	8.90	
11/24/2004	Conference with DA regarding jury instructions; attend inquest; telephone call to client.	10.50	
11/26/2004	Correspondence to Deputy DA Martin.	0.20	
11/30/2004	Telephone call from DA; review Fax from DA; correspondence to client.	0.50	
12/3/2004	Telephone call from client; correspondence to MPD Open Records; correspondence to client; review documents from DA; close file.	0.70	
			<u>Amount</u>
	For professional services rendered	43.00	\$4,730.00
	Additional charges:		
10/4/2004	Parking		4.00
10/22/2004	Medical Examiner Report		14.50
11/22/2004	Parking		9.00

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	<u>Amount</u>
11/23/2004 Parking	15.00
11/24/2004 Parking	17.00
12/3/2004 Jury reports	30.40
Total costs	<u>\$89.90</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$4,819.90</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$4,819.90</u></u>



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November 29, 2004

Chief Nannette Hegerty  
 Milwaukee Police Department  
 749 W. State St., Rm. 705A  
 Milwaukee, WI 53233

RE: Police Officer Tommy Wilson and the Death of Michael J. Blucher

Dear Chief Hegerty:

In the evening hours of September 5, 2004, City of Milwaukee Police Officer Tommy Wilson was dispatched to a battery-cutting at 3264 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon arriving, he saw a bloodied young girl in the front lawn area of the dwelling and was advised that the assailant was in the rear portion of the dwelling.

Moments later, Michael J. Blucher with a steak knife in each of his hands confronted Officer Wilson within six to eight feet in the cramped kitchen of the dwelling. The encounter was witnessed by an adult Dale Meyers who resided in the dwelling and was recorded by the police department as it was still in the process of receiving Meyers' 911 call.

The call records Meyers warning Wilson that Blucher has two knives and the officer's three time repeated direction to "put it down." As the officer initiated a radio call for a taser, the officer interrupted the call once more to direct Blucher to "don't move" and then fired a shot when Blucher took several steps toward the officer. The shot staggered Blucher who then started approaching the officer again. The officer again stated "put it down" and then fired two shots when Blucher continued at the officer. Blucher died very shortly after the shooting.

A Milwaukee County inquest jury heard this matter on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Officer Wilson testified on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in a professional and capable manner. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, the jury reached a verdict that Officer Wilson's conduct was privileged under the law of self-defense.

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I participated in the presentation to the inquest jury and am thoroughly familiar with the facts of the case. I believe that Officer Wilson had no choice to do other than what he did. I agree with the jury verdict that the officer acted in self-defense and no charge will be brought against Officer Tommy Wilson.

Sincerely yours,



E. Michael McCann  
District Attorney

EMM/lmh

Cc: Attorney Laurie Eggert