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May 19, 2008

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Jonathan Cermele, Cermele & Associates,  
S.C. for legal fees for Police Officer Danilo Cardenas  
C.I. File No. 07-S-243-1; EC 2480

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jonathan Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Danilo Cardenas. The claim is in the amount of \$429.00 for 3.90 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110 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 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  
City Attorney

  
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Assistant City Attorney

JAS:amp  
Enc.

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**Milwaukee Police Department**

# Memo

07 AUG 17 AM 8:08  
MILWAUKEE POLICE  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
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**To:** Police Officer Danilo Cardenas  
**From:** Deputy Inspector Mary K. Hoerig  
**Date:** 8/10/2007  
**Re:** Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of Cermele & Associates, S.C.

Attorney Jon Cermele has made a claim with the City, indicating that you were provided with legal services, outlined in the attached letter and arising out of the following situation:

- An incident which occurred on August 14, 2006
- A Criminal Investigation/Allegations regarding Mr. Kevin Pittman

Is this information correct? YES X NO     

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

Your Signature: Danilo Cardenas

Print Your Name: DANILO CARDENAS

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

# CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

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June 29, 2007

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

OFFICE OF MILWAUKEE  
CITY CLERK  
2007 JUL -5 PM 2:54  
RONALD D. LEONHARDT

**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Danilo Cardenas  
Allegations Regarding Mr. Kevin Pittman  
Date of Incident: August 14, 2006  
Location of Incident: 3600 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officer has retained us to represent him in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent him and, as he was performing the duties of his office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, this claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a foot pursuit and arrest.

According to correspondence from Deputy Inspector Hoerig, the allegation is unfounded. As such, no charges were issued against the officer. Attached is a copy of the letter along with status of the CIS Investigatory file, and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

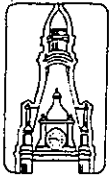
Sincerely,

~~CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.~~

Jon Cermele

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Police Department

Nannette H. Hegerty  
Chief of Police

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Rachel L. Pings  
Attorney At Law  
6310 West Bluemound Road  
Suite 200  
Milwaukee, WI 53213

Dear Ms. PINGS:

This letter is in response to your inquiries regarding the status of CIS Investigatory Files.

Attached please find the requested information. If further assistance is needed Lieutenant of Detectives Karen Dubis can be contacted at 935-3540.

Sincerely,

MARY K. HOERIG  
DEPUTY INSPECTOR OF POLICE

CIS FILE NO.	PPD FILE NO.	COMPLAINANT	ALLEGATION	DISPOSITION
1. 07-027	07-0089	DHEMBI, SORIAN	THEFT	TBD
2. 06-121	06-0691	PITTMAN, KEVIN	BATTERY	UNFOUNDED
3. 06-177	06-1025	CITY OF MILWAUKEE DISTRICT 3 REGISTER	THEFT	TBD
4. 06-043	06-0209	CRISS SMITH CITY OF MILWAUKEE DISTRICT 7	THEFT	SUSPENDED-PEND NEW INFO
5. 06-123	06-0696	MC VICKER, DAVON	BATTERY	WARRANT REFUSED
6. 06-063		ELLWART, HORST	PHYSICAL ABUSE TO CHILD	UNFOUNDED
7. 06-175	06-1024	YOUNG, KHADIJAH	BATTERY	WARRANT REFUSED
8. 06-039	06-0310	RAMIREZ, LIDIO	BATTERY	UNFOUNDED
9. 06-040	06-0310	RAMIREZ, GABRIEL	BATTERY	UNFOUNDED
10. 06-178	06-1090	SPEARS, DERICK	FAILURE TO PROTECT PRISONER	TBD
11. 06-110	06-0617	MCKINNEY, DEONTA	BATTERY/THEFT	BASELESS
12. 06-099	06-0559	HERRON, CEDRICK	BATTERY	BASELESS
13. 05-108	05-0485	CROOKS, RICKY	THEFT/CDTP	SUSPENDED PEND NEW INFO
14. 07-005	07-0032	FERREIRA, ANGELO	PHYSICAL ABUSE TO A CHILD	WARRANT REFUSED
15. 07-040	07-0146	CHAMPION, CEDRIC	PHYSICAL ABUSE TO A CHILD	WARRANT REFUSED

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Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
11/30/2006 Telephone call from and to PO Cardenas; open file; telephone call to partner; memo to file regarding same; telephone call to and from PPD; telephone call to client; schedule and calendar statement.	0.70
12/1/2006 Telephone call from PPD canceling statement; telephone call to client regarding same.	0.10
12/7/2006 Several telephone call to and from PPD regarding scheduling statement.	0.30
12/18/2006 Telephone call from and to PPD; telephone call to client.	0.20
12/27/2006 Telephone call from PPD.	0.10
1/2/2007 Telephone call to client regarding availability for statement.	0.10
1/9/2007 Telephone call from and to client; telephone call to PPD; schedule and calendar statement.	0.30

	<u>Hours</u>
1/11/2007 Travel to Academy; attend client's statement to PPD; return travel.	1.00
3/19/2007 Review file; telephone call to PPD regarding status; case determined "unfounded"; correspondence to PPD requesting confirmation of same.	0.30
5/7/2007 Follow-up correspondence to PPD requesting written confirmation of cleared case.	0.30
6/21/2007 Review file; correspondence to PPD requesting confirmation of clearance; telephone call to PPD to determine correct CIS file no. and name of complainant; telephone call to and from PPD confirming case cleared; correspondence to client; close file.	0.50

	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	3.90      \$429.00
Balance due	<u>\$429.00</u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)