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April 17, 2002

Mr. Matthew Long  
3540A North 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206

**Re: Claims of Matthew Long**  
**Tow Nos. 1076535, 1102834 and 00076688**  
**Our File No. 02-S-67**

Dear Mr. Cervera:

Our office has received your claim relating to the towing of 3 of your cars. You indicate that your vehicles were towed on various dates and that you were never notified and the vehicles were subsequently destroyed.

Regarding tow number 1076535, your 1987 Dodge, Vehicle Identification Number 2B4FK413XHR319618, our investigation reveals that this vehicle was towed for being illegally parked on December 5, 2000. According to the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot, a letter was sent to you on December 5, 2000 at 2825A North Richards Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, your address of record with the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles, advising you that the car had been towed, that you had 22 days from the day it was towed to pick it up, and indicating where you could pick it up. The car was not retrieved and a second letter was sent to you on December 12, 2000, indicating that if the car was not retrieved, it would be recycled. The vehicle remained on the tow lot for 46 days. You did not retrieve your vehicle and it was sold on J-Bid on January 20, 2001. Notice was properly given and therefore we are denying your claim regarding your 1987 Dodge.

In regard to tow number 1102834, a 1989 Chevrolet, Vehicle Identification Number 1G1LV14W3KE256358, our investigation reveals that this vehicle was towed on September 20, 2001, as abandoned and in total disrepair. According to the PT-27, which is filled out prior to the tow, this vehicle had a cracked windshield, engine parts were missing, tires and hubcaps were missing, the right front quarter-panel was missing, and a mirror was broken. According to the

City of Milwaukee Tow Lot, a letter was sent to you on September 21, 2001 at 2660 North 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206, your address of record with the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles at this time, advising you that the car had been towed, that you had 22 days from the day it was towed to pick it up, and indicating where you could pick it up. The car was not retrieved and a second letter was sent to you on September 28, 2001, indicating that if the car was not retrieved, it would be recycled. According to the tow lot, you called on October 10, 2001, and asked that a "hold" be placed on the vehicle until October 20, 2001, which the tow lot agreed to do. You did not retrieve your vehicle and it was recycled on November 2, 2001. Notice was properly given and therefore we are denying your claim regarding your 1989 Chevrolet.

On April 12, 2002, our office received a second letter from you and in that letter you reference a 1986 Cadillac, Vehicle Identification Number 1G6EL5782GU613927. Our records indicate that you filed a claim with our office on December 8, 1998 regarding this vehicle. On February 18, 1999, this claim was denied. Please see the attached letter. Our records further indicate that you appeared before the Judiciary and Legislative Committee on March 15, 1999 and your claim was once again denied.

If you wish to appeal the decisions of tow numbers 1076535 or 1102834, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

Very truly yours,

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