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February 25, 2008

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 Shannon Lewandowski
C.I. File No. 06-S-371-7; EC 2393

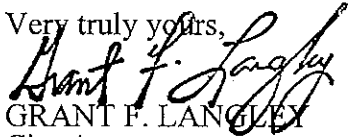
Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Shannon Lewandowski. The claim is in the amount of \$534.33 including \$6.33 in disbursements for 4.80 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 the filing of a citizen's complaint against the officer with the Fire and Police Commission. The complaint was dismissed by the Commission.

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


JAN A. SMOKOWICZ
Assistant City Attorney

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Enc.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2007

TO: DETECTIVE SHANNON LEWANDOWSKI
DISTRICT: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney Jonathan Cermele

Attorney Jonathan Cermele 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 26, 2004
- 2) A citizen complaint made by ARKEISHA BLAND
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES NO

Your signature:

S. Lewandowski

Print your name:

S. LEWANDOWSKI

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
Deputy Inspector
Professional Performance Division

MKH: kjs

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November 27, 2006

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
Milwaukee City Clerk
800 City Hall
200 East Wells Street
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CITY OF MILWAUKEE
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RONALD D. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Arkeisha Bland
Against PO Shannon Lewandowski
Complaint No.: 04-65
Date of Incident: September 26, 2004**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

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

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent her and, as she was performing the duties of her office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, this claim is hereby made on her behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a response to a "shots fired" complaint.

The Fire and Police Commission dismissed the complaint. Attached is a copy of the dismissal notice and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

/kjs
Attachments
LEWANDOWSKI

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CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C

BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS : CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF ARKEISHA BLAND
AGAINST DETECTIVE SHANNON LEWANDOWSKI

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

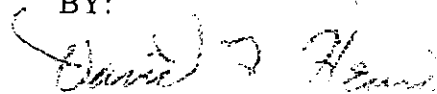
To Det. Shannon Lewandowski:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Arkeisha Bland, Complaint No. 04-65, filed with the Board on October 1, 2004, is dismissed because the Complaint has been successfully conciliated, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

LEONARD J. SOBCHAK, CHAIRMAN

BY:



DAVID L. HEARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, OCTOBER 26, 2006.

c: Attorney Rachel Pings ✓

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF ARKEISHA BLAND
AGAINST DETECTIVE SHANNON LEWANDOWSKI

File No. 04-65


RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE

I, ARKEISHA BLAND, have had the opportunity to discuss the circumstances of my complaint with DETECTIVE LEWANDOWSKI. I am satisfied with the result of such discussion and do not wish to pursue this complaint further. I would hereby request that the matter be dismissed, and I understand that I may not reissue this complaint in the future.


ARKEISHA BLAND


DETECTIVE SHANNON LEWANDOWSKI

Dated this 23rd day of AUGUST, 2006.

Witnessed by: 

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Arkeisha R. Bland
Against PO Shannon Lewandowski
FPC No: 04-65
Date of Incident: September 26, 2004
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
11/30/2004 Review citizen complaint delivered by PO Lewandowski; open file.	0.20
12/1/2004 Telephone call to and from client; memo to file; review CCAP and municipal court history; correspondence to MPD Open Records.	1.50
1/12/2005 Review of file.	0.10
3/15/2005 Review Complaint and Appeal Report regarding status.	0.10
5/3/2005 Receive and review Open Records response; file same.	0.10
5/22/2006 Telephone call from FPC; review file; telephone call to FPC.	0.20
5/25/2006 Telephone call to FPC regarding scheduling conciliation.	0.10
8/8/2006 Telephone call from and to FPC regarding scheduling conciliation; calendar same.	0.20
8/23/2006 Review file as preparation for conciliation; travel to and perform conciliation; return travel.	2.00

	<u>Hours</u>
10/31/2006 Receive and review correspondence from FPC dismissing citizen complaint; correspondence to client; close file.	0.30

	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	4.80
Additional charges:	\$528.00
4/28/2005 MPD Open Records request	4.33
8/23/2006 Parking	2.00
Total costs	<u>\$6.33</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$534.33</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$534.33</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)