GRANT F. LANGLEY

City Attorney

RUDOLPH M. KONRAD LINDA ULISS BURKE VINCENT D. MOSCHELLA Deputy City Attorneys



April 16, 2007

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

Re:

Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert & Cermele for legal fees for Police Officers Jeff Lintonen and Keith Ruplinger

C.I. File No. 04-S-267-3; EC No. 2044

THOMAS O. GARTNER **BRUCE D. SCHRIMPF ROXANE L. CRAWFORD** SUSAN D. BICKERT STUART S. MUKAMAL THOMAS J. BEAMISH **MAURITA F. HOUREN** JOHN J. HEINEN MICHAEL G. TOBIN DAVID J. STANOSZ SUSAN E. LAPPEN JAN A. SMOKOWICZ PATRICIA A. FRICKER **HEIDI WICK SPOERL KURT A. BEHLING GREGG C. HAGOPIAN ELLEN H. TANGEN MELANIE R. SWANK** JAY A. UNORA **DONALD L. SCHRIEFER EDWARD M. EHRLICH LEONARD A. TOKUS** VINCENT J. BOBOT MIRIAM R. HORWITZ **MARYNELL REGAN** G. O'SULLIVAN-CROWLEY KATHRYN M. ZALEWSKI **MEGAN T. CRUMP ELOISA DE LEÓN** ADAM B. STEPHENS **KEVIN P. SULLIVAN BETH CONRADSON CLEARY** THOMAS D. MILLER Assistant City Attorneys

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Jeff Lintonen and Keith Ruplinger. The claim is in the amount of \$418.00 for 3.80 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. A criminal investigation was initiated against the police officers on whose behalf this claim was filed, but they were ultimately not charged.

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,

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City Attorney

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ Assistant City Attorney

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August 5, 2004

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

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of POs Jeff Lintonen and Keith

Ruplinger

Allegations Regarding Mr. Colemon Wright

Date of Incident: September 8, 2003

Location of Incident: 3546 North Teutonia Avenue

EC No.: 2044

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 traffic stop.

The MPD initiated a criminal investigation in which the officers initially declined to give a statement without counsel. When they requested counsel, IAD compelled POs Jeff Lintonen and Keith Ruplinger to give statements concerning the incident after issuing PI-21s. Later, the MPD concluded that no criminal charges would issue. Attached is a copy of a status report from Commander Settingsgaard of IAD, and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

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Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

Laurie A. Eggert Attorney at Law

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Mr. Colemon Wright Regarding: POs Jeff Lintonen and Keith Ruplinger

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Professional services

		Hours	
11/7/2003	Telephone call from PO Lintonen regarding new criminal investigation; open file; memo to file; calendar PI-21.	0.60	
11/17/2003	Review of file; telephone call from PO Ruplinger; memo to file; calendar PI-21.	0.30	
11/19/2003	Review of file; meeting with POs Lintonen and Ruplinger at IAD; attend PO Ruplinger's PI-21 statement; attend PO Lintonen's PI-21 statement; travel; memo to file.	2.00	
12/19/2003	Review of file; Fax to IAD.	0.20	
12/23/2003	Review of correspondence from IAD.	0.10	
3/26/2004	Fax to Commander Settingsgaard.	0.20	
4/15/2004	Receive and review confirmation from Commander Settingsgaard that investigation had been cleared; correspondence to clients regarding same; close file.	0.40	
			Amount
	For professional services rendered	3.80	\$418.00
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Balance due	\$418.00



Police Department

Tuesday, April 13, 2004

Nannette H. Hegerty
Chief of Police

Jonathan Cermele Attorney At Law 1840 North Farwell Avenue Suit 303 Milwaukee, WI 53202

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EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

Dear Mr. CERMELE:

This letter is in response to your inquiry of March 26, 2004, regarding the status of CIU Investigatory Files.

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

Sincerely,

STEVĚN M. SETTINGSGÁARD

INSPECTOR

CIU FILE NO:	IAD FILE NO.	COMPLAINANT	ALLEGATION	DISPOSITION
1. 04-006		ZIOLKOWSKI, IRIS	MISCONDUCT	WARRANT REFUSED
2. 03-286	03-1073	BROWN, DIONNE	BATTERY	PENDING
3. 03-270	03-1032	PEAKE, SAVANNAH	THEFT	UNFOUNDED
4. 03-241	03-0927	WRIGHT, COLEMAN	BATTERY / CDTP	UNFOUNDED
5. 03-216	03-0833	McNEIL, BOBBY	THEFT / CDTP	CLOSED

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 19, 2004

TO: P.O. JEFF LINTONEN DISTRICT: SEVEN

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:

- An incident occurring on SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 1)
- A citizen's complaint made by COLEMON WRIGHT

A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

Your signature:

Print your name:

YES

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

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Inspector of Police

Professional Performance Division

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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