

NOTICE OF CLAIM (Wis. Stat. § 893.80)

To:

City Clerk's Office – Room 205
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

From:

Sovaja Knox
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Milwaukee, WI 53203
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Date: November 3, 2025

Subject: Notice of Claim – Wrongful Arrest and Police Misconduct (MPD)

Dear City Clerk:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 893.80(1d), this letter provides written notice of a claim against the City of Milwaukee, including the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) and Officer Mark Bell.

Claimant: Sovaja Knox, resident of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

Date, Time, and Place of Event:

On September 14, 2025, at approximately [insert time], in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I was wrongfully arrested by Officer Mark Bell of the Milwaukee Police Department.

Circumstances of the Claim:

I was wrongfully arrested in connection with an alleged domestic violence incident despite clear evidence showing I was not the aggressor. Officer Mark Bell omitted exculpatory evidence, failed to include my statements and physical injuries in the report, and ignored key witness information that contradicted the complainant's account. The officer's investigation was incomplete, biased, and failed to meet the standards of probable cause. The arrest resulted in harm to my reputation, emotional distress, fi... **Wrongdoing Alleged:**

- Arrest without probable cause / wrongful arrest
- Negligent and incomplete investigation
- Omission of exculpatory evidence and false reporting
- Violation of rights under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments
- Failure to properly document injuries and preserve evidence

Amount of Claim:

I hereby demand monetary damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) to compensate for emotional distress, reputational harm, lost wages, attorney fees, and other damages suffered as a direct result of this unlawful arrest and negligent conduct.

Parties:

City of Milwaukee; Milwaukee Police Department; Officer Mark Bell, in his official capacity.

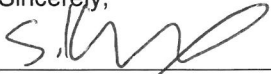
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Demand and Next Steps:

This serves as formal notice under § 893.80. Please acknowledge receipt of this Notice of Claim. If not resolved within the statutory period, I intend to pursue litigation for damages.

Sincerely,



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Exhibit A – Supporting Evidence

(Attach copies if available)

- Police report showing Officer Mark Bell as arresting officer
- Photographs of injuries/torn clothing
- Witness statements or texts showing omitted evidence
- Court or CCAP documentation
- Any body-cam or other footage references

Preservation / Litigation Hold Notice

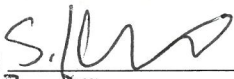
To: City Attorney, City of Milwaukee, 800 City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202
CC: MPD Open Records Custodian

Please preserve all body-worn camera footage, reports, radio logs, CAD data, emails, and communications related to the arrest of Sovaja Knox on September 14, 2025, by Officer Mark Bell.

Certificate of Delivery

I, Sovaja Knox, certify that on **November 3, 2025**, I delivered this Notice of Claim to the City Clerk, City Hall, Room 205, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202, by:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person delivery (received-stamped copy attached)
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified mail (receipt no. [insert number] attached)

Signature: 
Date: 11-3-25