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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 Jon Witkowski
C.I. File No. 07-S-243-15; EC 2494

Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jonathan Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Jon Witkowski. The claim is in the amount of \$660.00 for 6.00 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


JAN A. SMOKOWICZ
Assistant City Attorney

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**Milwaukee Police
Department**

Memo

To: Police Officer Jon Witkowski
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 June 15, 2005
- A Criminal Investigation/Allegations regarding Mr. Ricky Crooks

Is this information correct? YES NO
 Did you receive legal representation in this matter? YES NO

Your Signature: *PO Jon Witkowski*
 Print Your Name: PO. Jon Witkowski

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

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

**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Jon Witkowski
Allegations Regarding Mr. Ricky Crooks
Date of Incident: June 15, 2005
Location of Incident: 17th Street and Fond du Lac Avenue**

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 the search of a residence.

According to correspondence from Deputy Inspector Hoerig, the file has been suspended. 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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Attachments
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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>
7/8/2005 Telephone call from PO Witkowski regarding new criminal investigation; open file; memo to file; telephone call to and from PPD.	0.80
7/12/2005 Telephone call to client.	0.20
7/15/2005 Telephone call to and from numerous witnesses; memos to file for each.	1.40
7/21/2005 Telephone call to PPD.	0.40
7/22/2005 Telephone call from witness; memo to file; telephone call to and from client.	0.80
7/27/2005 Telephone call to client.	0.10
7/28/2005 Telephone call to client.	0.10
7/29/2005 Telephone call to witness; telephone call from client; memos to file.	0.60
12/13/2005 Telephone call to PPD.	0.10

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Hours

12/21/2005 Telephone call to PPD.	0.20
12/28/2005 Correspondence to PPD regarding clearance confirmation.	0.20
5/3/2006 Review file; Fax to PPD.	0.30
6/23/2006 Review file; Fax to PPD.	0.20
5/11/2007 Review file; Fax to PPD.	0.20
6/25/2007 Receive and review confirmation from IAD that criminal investigation was suspended; correspondence to client regarding same; close file.	0.40

	<u>6.00</u>	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	6.00	\$660.00
Balance due		<u>\$660.00</u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)