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April 21, 2009

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

Re: Communication from Attorney D. Michael Guerin, for legal fees
for Police Officer Joel Susler

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney D. Michael Guerin for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Joel Susler. The claim is in the amount of \$957.00 for 8.70 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
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Enc.

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

January 5, 2009

TO: P.O. JOEL SUSLER
DISTRICT: DISTRICT THREE

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney Michael Guerin

Attorney Michael Guerin 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 in: February 2007
- 2) A citizen complaint made by: N/A
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring at: N/A

Is this information correct?

YES NO

Did you receive legal representation
in this matter?

YES NO

Your signature: _____

Print your name: _____

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

DENITA R. BALL
Deputy Inspector of Police
Professional Performance Division

DRB: kjs



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September 18, 2008

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
Attn: Marian Hartner
Milwaukee City Clerk
800 City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Re: *P.O.* Sergeant Joel Susler
Criminal Investigation at Church on 27th & Vliet in February 2007

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CITY ATTORNEY
2008 SEP 23 PM 3:44
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Dear Ms. Hartner:

Joel Susler a Milwaukee Police Sergeant retained our firm to represent him in connection with an incident which took place in February 2007 regarding the above matter.

Consistent with its ethical obligation and the policy, the City Attorney's office was unable to represent Sergeant Susler in this matter.

I am enclosing the printout of time at the hourly rate of \$110.00 an hour for services rendered regarding Sergeant Susler.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
D. MICHAEL GUERIN

DMG/ker
Enclosure
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August 31, 2008
ACCOUNT NO. 200705602M
STATEMENT NO: 1

Criminal - Joel Susler

Our invoices for services are due and payable within 60 days from the invoice date. Failure to pay charges within that time will result in an interest charge of 1-1/2% on the unpaid balance per month thereafter.

	HOURS
02/01/07 DMG Telephone conference with Attorney Rachel Ping at Attorney Cermele's office refer Joel to us; discuss conflict; telephone conference with client set up appointment.	0.50
02/02/07 DMG Office conference with Joel regarding incident; discuss incident and options.	1.30
02/05/07 DMG Conference with Assistant District Attorney John Reddin regarding how to conduct interview.	1.30
02/27/07 DMG Telephone conference with client; advise him I will meet with District Attorney Simpson before his meeting.	0.40
03/02/07 DMG Attend meeting with district attorney.	1.00
03/08/07 DMG Review file; office conference with client.	0.80
03/13/07 DMG Telephone conference with client regarding district attorney's new conference.	0.30
04/09/07 DMG Telephone conference with client; telephone call left message.	0.20

Criminal - Joel Susler

	HOURS	
04/10/07		
DMG Telephone conference with client regarding giving statement; he has been asked by defense to give statement advised wait for attorney to be present.	0.40	
04/11/07		
DMG Telephone conference with client regarding request for statement; telephone conference with Dennis Murphy regarding taking Joel's statement.	0.70	
06/14/07		
DMG Telephone call left message for client.	0.30	
12/12/07		
DMG Telephone conference with client; travel to courthouse; confer with client regarding witness in criminal trial.	1.50	
	<u>8.70</u>	<u>957.00</u>
FOR CURRENT SERVICES RENDERED		

RECAPITULATION			
<u>TIMEKEEPER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
D. M. Guerin	8.70	\$110.00	\$957.00
TOTAL CURRENT WORK			957.00
BALANCE DUE			<u><u>\$957.00</u></u>

PLEASE RETURN ONE COPY OF THIS STATEMENT WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

THANK YOU!