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February 8, 2008

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

Re

Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for legal fees for

Police Officer Claude Osburn C.I. File No. 06-S-257; EC 2366

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Claude Osburn. The claim is in the amount of \$1,364.00 for 12.40 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).

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

September 12, 2006

TO: P.O. CLAUDE OSBURN DISTRICT: FOUR

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of Attorney Laurie Eggert

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:

- 1) An incident occurring on JANUARY 7, 2006
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by DARRYL DOWNEY
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YESX NO_

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES_X_ 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.

MARY K. HOERIG

Deputy Inspector

Professional Performance Division

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August 17, 2006

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

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Claude Osburn

Allegations Regarding Mr. Darryl Downey

Date of Incident: January 7, 2006

Location of Incident: 10422 West Jonen Street

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 checking for a wanted usbject.

The MPD conducted a criminal investigation and investigated the matter as a critical incident. District Attorney E. Michael McCann reviewed the matter and did not issue charges against the officers.

Attached is a copy of District Attorney E. Michael McCann's letter and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

CITY OF MILWAUR
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CITY ATTORNEY

Sincerely,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

JC/kjs Attachment



OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNE

Milwaukee County

E. MICHAEL McCANN . District Attorney

May 26, 2006

The Copy faxed to Cermile.

Chief Nannette Hegerty Milwaukee Police Department 749 W. State St., Room 716 Milwaukee, WI 53233

Critical Incident Involving Officer Claude Osburn and Citizen Darryl Downey оп Јапиагу 7, 2006

Dear Chief Hegerty:

On January 7, 2006, a City of Milwaukee police squad driven by City of Milwaukee Police Officer Claude Osburn ran over Darryl Downey. Downey was handcuffed behind his back and was fleeing officers who had placed him under arrest. Downey sustained injuries as a result of being run over by the squad car. Downcy was transported to Children's Hospital and needed surgery to repair injury to his internal organs.

Consistent with established practice, this office undertook an investigation of the matter. Our investigation included interviews of the police officers involved, including Officer Osburn, who gave a statement in the presence of Attorney Rachel Pings. Osburn denied intentionally using his squad car to run over Downey.

We also interviewed Daryl Downey in the presence of his attorney, Mr. Gordon Aaron. Downey is currently in custody at the Ethan Allen School at Wales, WI. Downey asserts Officer Osburn intentionally ran him over "with all four tires" as he attempted to surrender to pursuing officers. Downey further asserts Osburn intentionally caused the rear wheels of the squad to "spin on top of him" causing "road rash" to his body. Downey lacks some

In the early afternoon of January 7, 2006, Downey was arrested and handcuffed behind his back at 10422 W. Jonen and was about to be placed in a squad car when he broke free and ran at first southward and then generally eastward through the yards. In an attempt to contain Downey, Osburn headed eastward in his car and rounded the corner of West Jonen and 103rd Court going southbound. At that time Osburn saw Downey running eastbound "like he's going to dart into traffic." Osburn stated he thought the best way to avoid striking Downey was to cut hard to the right presuming that Downey would continue eastward and would pass in front of him, crossing N. 103rd Court without being struck by

Chief Hegerty May 26, 2006 Page 2

the car. Downey in a statement to Investigator Weiss said he determined at that time he had nowhere to go and attempted to transition from running to stopping. In so doing, Downey, with his hands cuffed behind him, slipped onto his back. The car being operated by Officer Osburn at least in part (rear wheels and possibly front wheels as well) passed over Downey. Downey then got up and ran and was thereafter apprehended by Osburn.

Officer Osburn clearly had a right to pursue Mr. Downey. Osburn stated that he rounded the corner of Jonen and N. 103rd Court "in a hurry." Downey stated his belief that Osburn was going between 50 and 60 m.p.h. The most objective observer, a citizen named Ginger Rich, who saw at least part of the incident, believed that the car being operated by Osburn was "not going slow but was not fast."

I have determined that there is no substantial evidence that Osburn intended to or recklessly harmed Downey and accordingly find no crime was committed by Osburn when this unfortunate incident unfolded.

Sincerely,

E. Michael McCann District Attorney

cc: Atty. Jon Cermele

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August 18, 2006

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

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation regarding injury to Darryl Downey

Regarding: PO Claude Osburn Date of Incident: January 7, 2005

Location of Incident: 10422 W. Jonen St.

Professional services

		Hours
1/7/2006	Various telephone calls to and from MPD officers regarding potential "critical incident"; travel to PAB; interview PO's Claude Osburn and Gary Thundercloud; represent same regarding statements to CIB and DA McCann; return travel; open file; memo to file.	7.20
1/13/2006	Telephone call from and to client; memo to file.	0.30
1/24/2006	Telephone call from client.	0.10
2/8/2006	Conference with Balcerzak; e-mail to DA Investigator Weiss regarding status of investigation; receive and review several e-mails regarding same; print and file all correspondence.	0.30
2/9/2006	Receive and review e-mail from DA Investigator; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.30
	Receive and review e-mail from DA Investigator Weiss; respond to same; print and file.	0.30

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	Hours
3/3/2006 E-mail to DA Investigator Weiss.	0.20
3/9/2006 Telephone call from client regarding status.	0.10
3/22/2006 Review file; telephone call to DA Investigator Weiss.	0.20
3/23/2006 Telephone call from client; memo to file.	0.20
4/6/2006 Review file; correspondence to DA Investigator Weiss.	0.10
4/10/2006 Telephone call from client.	0.10
4/11/2006 Telephone call to DA Investigator Weiss; memo to file.	0.20
4/24/2006 Telephone call from client.	0.10
5/8/2006 Review file; telephone call to DA McCann.	0.10
5/10/2006 Telephone call from client.	0.10
5/24/2006 Telephone call from client (message); telephone call to and from McCann; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.30
6/21/2006 Telephone call to McCann; telephone call to client; travel to and attend PI-21; receive and review Fax from McCann clearing client of criminal charges; close file.	2.00
7/11/2006 Correspondence to clients; close file.	0.20
	Amount
For professional services rendered 12.40	51,364.00
Balance due	\$1,364.00