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March 2, 2007

Leonard Bryant
5510 North 92nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53225

RE: Leonard Bryant
C.I. File No: 07-S-29

Dear Mr. Bryant:


We have received your claim in the amount of \$1,177.44, relating to damage sustained to your vehicle when police officers from the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) were taking a person into custody at or near the 2500 block of North 39th Street on October 25, 2006.

Our investigation reveals that the MPD officers were patrolling in this area, which they knew was known for the sale/distribution of illegal narcotics and searching for this type of activity. The officers observed a male subject make a hand to hand exchange with another individual. The individual was observed to be standing near the passenger tire of your vehicle. They drove up to this subject and ordered him to stop, because they saw him remove a clear plastic baggie from his pants. An officer then grabbed the subject and he began to resist the attempts to arrest him. The police officer and the suspect were engaged in a struggle. During this struggle the officer and the suspect made contact with your vehicle. The suspect was eventually decentralized and taken into custody. Since the MPD action taken in this matter was necessary and appropriate for the circumstances and the person being taken into custody caused your loss, the City would not be liable, as such, we are denying your claim.


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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,



GRANT F. LANGLEY
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