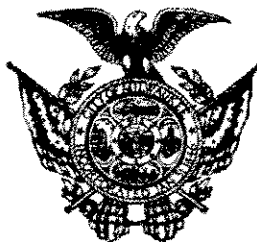


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May 18, 2005

Jack Lechler
1334 1st Street
Kiel, WI 53042-1725

RE: Jack Lechler
C.I. File No: 05-S-17

Dear Mr. Lechler:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$2,706.25, relating to the loss of your vehicle and expenses when your vehicle was stolen, recovered and subsequently towed to the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot.

Our investigation reveals that on August 16, 2004 your son reported to the Milwaukee police that your vehicle had been stolen while located at 2370 North Bremen. He did not authorize a tow if the vehicle was recovered. On August 30, 2004 the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) inspected, wrote an order and placarded your vehicle as a nuisance vehicle at 2365 North Booth Street. The vehicle was inoperable, partially dismantled and all wheels were off. The order was mailed on August 31, 2004 to Kimberly Abernathy, the listed owner of the property, at her last known address of 2365 North Booth Street. A Warning Notice was mailed to you on that day, as the listed owner of the vehicle, informing you of the impending removal of your vehicle. This was sent to 1334 1st Street, Kiel, WI 53042, the address indicated by the Department of Transportation.

On September 2, 2004 the Milwaukee Police were sent to 2437 North 1st Street to investigate a complaint about a stolen automobile. The officers confirmed that the damaged vehicle was stolen. The Tow Desk attempted to contact the owner and was not able to make contact. Your vehicle was then towed as Recovered Stolen. The PT-27 form, completed prior to the tow, and the Vehicle Inventory Form, completed upon arrival at the tow lot, indicated that interior equipment was missing, there was damage to the steering column, left rear area and all 4 wheels were missing. You came to retrieve your vehicle on September 3, 2004. The Ordinance Enforcement Division and tow lot staff appropriately waived the towing and storage fees of

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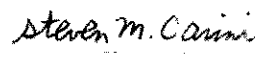
\$115.00. After viewing the vehicle, you decided that you did not want it. You came back approximately one hour later to release the vehicle to a salvage dealer. The damage to your vehicle appears to have happened prior to the DNS order and police tow. The City acted appropriately in this matter and as such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we are denying your claim.

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,



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