

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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December 10, 2003

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert & Cermele, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officer Bruce Payne
C.I. File No. 01-S-311; ELO No. 1682

Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Bruce Payne. The claim is in the amount of \$1,015.59, including \$3.59 in disbursements for 9.20 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 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 the filing of a citizen's complaint against the officer with the Fire and Police Commission. The complaint was dismissed by the Commission.

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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,


GRANT F. LANGLEY
City Attorney


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September 5, 2001

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
Milwaukee City Clerk
800 City Hall
200 East Wells Street
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**RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Karen Underwood
Against PO Bruce Payne
Complaint No.: 01-13
Date of Incident: December 27, 2000
ELO No.: 1682**

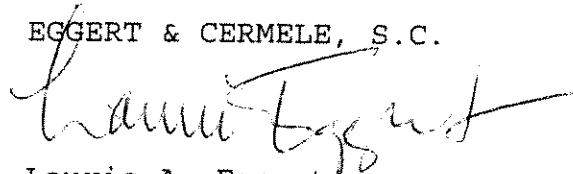
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

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, the claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a traffic stop. The Fire and Police Commission dismissed the complaint. Attached is a copy of the dismissal notice and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.



Laurie A. Eggert
Attorney at Law

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Karen Underwood
Against PO Bruce Payne
FPC No: 01-13
Date of Incident: December 27, 2000
Location of Incident: 51st and Hampton

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
03/06/01 Telephone call from and to client; open file; memo to file.	0.60
03/13/01 Conference with client; review documents; correspondence to municipal court; memo to file; correspondence to FPC, MPD Open Records; telephone call to and from city attorney.	1.60
03/20/01 Review of file; telephone call from municipal court; memo to file; review of correspondence from FPC.	0.60
03/28/01 Review of file; telephone call from FPC.	0.40
03/29/01 Telephone call from municipal court; review of correspondence from MPD Open Records; telephone call from FPC; memo to file.	0.60

	<u>Hours</u>	
04/02/01 Review of file.	0.10	
04/03/01 Obtain and review municipal court records.	0.80	
04/09/01 Telephone call from and to Heard; review of file; research; correspondence to client; review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; telephone call to #7.	1.80	
04/26/01 Telephone call from client; review of file.	0.60	
04/27/01 Conference with Heard; memo to file.	0.30	
05/06/01 Review message from Heard.	0.10	
05/11/01 Preparation for and appearance at conciliation; conference with client; memo to file; travel.	1.10	
06/08/01 Telephone call to FPC; review of file; review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; close file.	0.60	
		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	9.20	\$1,012.00
Additional charges:		
03/29/01 MPD Open Records request		0.59
05/11/01 Parking		3.00
Total costs		<u>\$3.59</u>
Total amount of this bill		<u>\$1,015.59</u>

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Amount

Balance due

\$1,015.59

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

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JUN 13 2001

ERT & CERMELE, S.C.

BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS : CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF KAREN D. UNDERWOOD
AGAINST POLICE OFFICER BRUCE PAYNE

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

To Officer Bruce Payne:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Karen D. Underwood, Complaint No. 2001-13, filed with the Board on February 12, 2001, is dismissed because the Complaint has been successfully conciliated, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS

WOODY WELCH,
CHAIRMAN

BY:



JOSEPH J. CZARNEZKI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JUNE 5, 2001.

c: Attorney Laurie Eggert ✓

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF KAREN UNDERWOOD
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File No. 2001-13

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE

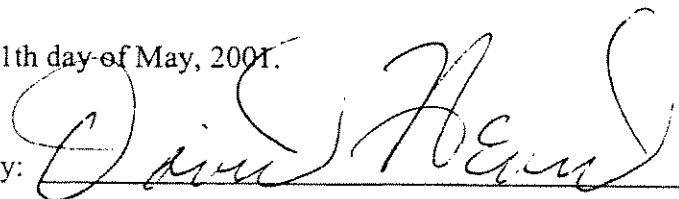
I, Karen Underwood, have had the opportunity to discuss the circumstances of my complaint with Officer Bruce Payne. I am satisfied with the result of such discussion and do not wish to pursue this complaint further. I would hereby request that the matter be dismissed, and I understand that I may not reissue this complaint in the future.


KAREN UNDERWOOD


BRUCE PAYNE

Dated this 11th day of May, 2001.

Witnessed by:



SABLY

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

TO: P.O. BRUCE PAYNE
DISTRICT FIVE

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney

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 DECEMBER 27, 2000
- ② A citizen's complaint made by KAREN UNDERWOOD
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on

Is this information correct? YES X NO _____

Did you receive legal representation in this matter? YES X NO _____

Your signature: Bruce Payne

Print your name: Bruce PAYNE

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

STEVEN SETTINGSGAARD
POLICE COMMANDER
Internal Affairs Division

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