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

Re:

Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert Law Offices, S.C., for legal fees for Police Officers Matthew Bongard and John Amberg C.I. File No. 00-S-109c

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Matthew Bongard and John Amberg. The claim is in the amount of \$924.00 for 8.40 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 Police Officers 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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

City Attorney

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ Assistant City Attorney

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Commander Dale Schunk
Milwaukee Police Department
Internal Affairs Division
6680 North Teutonia Avenue, Rm 325
Milwaukee, WI 09

Re: C.I. File No. 00-S-109

Communication from EGGERT LAW OFFICE

Dear Commander Schunk:

Enclosed please find a claim filed by attorney Laurie A. Eggert for Attorney's fees incurred during her representation of officers Austin & Black, Berken & Lewis, Bongard & Amberg, Bryce, Erkins, Gilbert, Odom & Anderson, Lutz & Koss, Metzen, Murphy & Cappelli, Patti & Braeger, Rehbein, Sarff, Huerta & Lopez, Saxton & Dinkelman, Skoczek & Hankowski, Wesolowski & Lindsey.

Please determine whether these officers were in fact involved in the matter described in Ms. Eggert's claim, and have these officers verify Ms. Eggert's representation. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

very truly yours

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ

Assistant City Attorney

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March 23, 2000

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

> MPD Criminal Investigation of POs Matthew Bongard and RE:

John Amberg

Allegations Regarding Mr. Gary L. Gordon

Date of Incident: October 1, 1999

Location of Incident: 6000 Block of N. 40th St.

ELO No. 1 1389

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officers have retained us to represent them in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent them, and as they were performing the duties of their office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, the claim is hereby made on their behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident occured during a domestic violence investigation. Attached are two letters from the DA concluding that the officer's actions were privileged as self defense. Charges will not be issued against the officers; attached is a copy of the clearance report and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.

Laurie A. Eggert ()

Attorney at Law

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March 23, 2000

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation

Regarding: POs Matthew Bongard and John Amberg

Date of Incident: October 1, 1999

Location of Incident: 6000 Block of North 40th Street

### Professional services

		<u>Hours</u>
10/1/99	Conference with client; statements to criminal investigator, DA, IAD; open file; memo to file; travel.	5.10
10/4/99	Conference with MPD.	0.40
10/5/99	Review of file.	0.20
10/15/99	Review of file; telephone call to client; telephone call to DA; memo to file.	0.40
10/18/99	Telephone call from client; telephone call to DA; memo to file.	0.30
10/22/99	Telephone call to DA; telephone call to client; memo to file. correspondence to client; review FAX from DA; telephone call from DA.	0.80
11/1/99	Review FAX from DA; correspondence to client.	0.20

Mr.	Ronald	D.	Leonhardt
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			Hours	
11/14/99	9 Telephone call	to client; memo to file.	0.20	
11/17/99	Telephone call file.	from client; memo to	0.20	
11/18/99	Telephone call	to DA.	0.10	
11/19/99	Telephone call	to DA; close file.	0.50	•
				Amount
	For professiona	al services rendered	8.40	\$924.00
	Balance due		<u></u>	\$924.00

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)



## OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Robert D. Donohoo Jon N. Reddin Carol Lynn White James J. Martin

# Milwaukee County

E. MICHAEL MCCANN . District Attorney

October 6, 1999

Police Chief Arthur Jones Milwaukee Police Department 749 West State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

Re: The Shooting of Gary L. Gordon by City of Milwaukee Police Officer Matthew D. Bongard

Dear Chief Jones:

On Friday, October 1, 1999, City of Milwaukee Police Officer Matthew D. Bongard shot Gary L. Gordon in the City of Milwaukee.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you and other interested parties of the results of the investigation of that event by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. That investigation included, but was not limited to, an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident, personal interviews of persons who had information concerning the above incident, a review of the official City of Milwaukee Police Department reports relating to this incident, an examination of the area where the incident occurred, and an examination of the physical evidence.

It is the provisional (see the paragraph below) decision of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, based upon the review of the above facts and circumstances, that Officer Matthew D. Bongard will not be charged with violating any provision of the Wisconsin criminal law. That decision is based upon my finding that the acts of Matthew D. Bongard were privileged as a lawful use of force in the exercise of the defense of himself (self-defense) pursuant to sec. 939.40(1), Stats.

The above decision is provisional only because no interview of Gary L. Gordon has taken place at this time

Police Chief Arthur Jones October 5, 1999 Page 2

due to his physical condition. Once Mr. Gordon either gives a statement or is given the opportunity to give a statement and declines, I will make a final decision in this matter.

Sincerely,

ROBERT D. DONOHOO

Deputy District Attorney

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Attorney Laurie Eggert, City of Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission cc:

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OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

## Milwaukee County

E. MICHAEL McCANN . District Attorney

October 29, 1999

Police Chief Arthur Jones Milwaukee Police Department

The Shooting of Gary L. Gordon by City of Milwaukee Police Officer Matthew D. Bongard

Dear Chief Jones:

See my prior letter to you dated october 6, 1999. In that letter I made a provisional ruling that Officer Matthew D. Bongard will not be charged with violating any provision of the Wisconsin criminal law in relation to the shooting of Gary L. Gordon by Officer Bongard.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I have now finished my review of the above matter and my prior provisional decision is now final: Officer Matthew D. Bongard will not be charged with violating any provision of the Wisconsin criminal law in relation to the above incident, based upon my finding that the acts of Officer Bongard were privileged as a lawful use of force in the exercise of the defense of himself (self-defense), pursuant to sec. 339.40(1), Stats.

Sincerely,

RÖBERT D. DONOHOO

Deputy District Attorney

RDD/kl

cc: City of Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission

City Attorney Grant Langley

fax: Attorney Laurie Eggert

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### MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MEMORANDUM** 

April 25, 2000

TO: PO MATTHEW BONGARD

DISTRICT FOUR

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:

An incident occurring on OCTOBER 1, 1999

A citizen's complaint made by

A police shooting incident occurring on

Is this information correct?

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

NO

Your signature: 10 Math Burgen

Print your name: Matthew Bould D

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

DALE T. SCHUNK JU

Commander of Police

Internal Affairs Division

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#### MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MEMORANDUM** 

April 25, 2000

TO: PO JOHN AMBERG DISTRICT ONE

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of Attorney

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Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

Your signature: John Amberg

Print your name: John Anberg

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

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