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To the Honorable Common Council
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RE: Communication from William & Hazel Lockett
C.I. File No. 2025-001865

William and Hazel Lockett submitted a claim for damage in the amount of \$22,790.00, for repairs to their doors and windows located at 1927 West Hampton Avenue.

Our investigation determined that on August 6, 2025, Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) responded to a motor vehicle pursuit that concluded in a fatal crash. The vehicle came to rest after it struck a tree, igniting a fire that spread to both the tree and the building at 1927 W. Hampton Avenue.

In response to that emergency (MPD) used forced entry at 1927 W. Hampton Avenue to perform a welfare check and to warn residents of the danger. Officers utilized a ladder to safely evacuate residence from the roof. Following the incident MPD completed a board up of the affected building to secure the premises.

Based on our review, it is determined that (MPD) acted appropriately and responsibly under the circumstances. The city is not negligent and we recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,


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