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December 29, 2008

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Jonathan Cermele, Cermele & Associates,
S.C. for legal fees for Police Officer Kimberly Crist
C.I. File No. 07-S-149-1; EC No. 2454

Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jonathan Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Kimberly Crist. The claim is in the amount of \$385.00 for 3.50 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. A criminal investigation was initiated against the police officer on whose behalf this claim was filed, but they were ultimately not charged.

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. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,


GRANT F. LANGLEY
City Attorney


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April 23, 2007

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
Milwaukee City Clerk
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

CITY OF MILWAUKEE
2007 APR 25 PM 3:00
RONALD D. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Kimberly Crist
Allegations of Kevin Carson
Date of Incident: December 18, 2006
Location of Incident: 400 West Meineke / 520 West Garfield**

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, this claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a traffic stop.

According to correspondence from Captain Hoerig, the warrant was refused. As such, no charges were issued against the officer. Attached is a copy of the letter along with status of the CIS Investigatory file and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

JC/kjs
Attachments
CRIST

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Physical Abuse of a child
Regarding: PO Kimberly Crist
Date of Incident: December 18, 2006
Location of Incident: 400 West Meineke; 520 West Garfield
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
1/18/2007 Initial conference with PO Crist; open file; memo to file; telephone call to IAD; schedule and calendar statement; telephone call to client regarding same.	1.00
1/23/2007 Telephone call to client canceling statement.	0.10
1/31/2007 Telephone call to IAD; schedule and calendar statement; telephone call to client.	0.30
2/6/2007 Telephone call to client; travel to and attend statement to IAD; return travel; memo to file.	1.50
3/19/2007 Review file; telephone call to IAD regarding case being reviewed by DA Simpson and "no processed"; correspondence to IAD requesting confirmation of same.	0.30
3/26/2007 Receive and review correspondence from IAD confirming DA's office refused to issue charges; correspondence to client; close file.	0.30

	<u>Amount</u>	
For professional services rendered	3.50	\$385.00

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Additional charges:

	<u>Amount</u>
2/6/2007 Mileage	12.61
Total costs	<u>\$12.61</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$397.61</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$397.61</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)



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CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Nannette H. Hegerty
Chief of Police

Police Department

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Rachel L. Pings
Attorney At Law
6310 West Bluemound Road
Suite 200
Milwaukee, WI 53213

Dear Ms. PINGS:

This letter is in response to your inquiries of January 5, 2007, February 7, 2007, and March 19, 2007 regarding the status of CIS Investigatory Files.

Attached please find the requested information. If further assistance is needed Lieutenant of Detectives Karen Dubis can be contacted at 935-3540.

Sincerely,
Mary K. Hoerig

MARY K. HOERIG
DEPUTY INSPECTOR OF POLICE

CIS FILE NO.	PPD FILE NO.	COMPLAINANT	ALLEGATION	DISPOSITION
1. 06-159	06-0920	RELIFORD, Charles	BATTERY	UNFOUNDED
2. 06-113	06-0668	SIMPSON, Christopher	BATTERY	WARRANT REFUSED
3. 06-188	06-1088	CRIST, Kimberly	PHYSICAL ABUSE OF CHILD	WARRANT REFUSED

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

MAY 2, 2007

TO: P.O. KIMBERLY CRIST
DISTRICT: TACTICAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney Jonathan Cermele

Attorney Jonathan Cermele 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 18, 2006
- 2) A citizen complaint made by Kevin CARSON
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

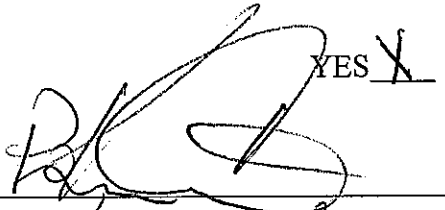
Is this information correct?

YES NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES NO

Your signature:



Print your name:

KIMBERLY M. CRIST

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



MARY K. HOERIG
Deputy Inspector
Professional Performance Division

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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