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April 18, 2008

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Jon Cermele, Cermele & Associates, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officer James Campbell
C.I. File No. 07-S-305-1; EC 2507

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jon Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer James Campbell. The claim is in the amount of \$298.07 including \$12.07 in disbursements for 2.60 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. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,


GRANT F. LANGLEY
City Attorney


JAN A. SMOKOWICZ
Assistant City Attorney

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Enc.

1032-2007-2313:124771v1

**Milwaukee Police
Department**

Memo

To: Detective James Campbell
From: Deputy Inspector Mary K. Hoerig
Date: 9/24/2007
Re: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of Cermele & Associates, S.C.

Attorney Jon Cermele has made a claim with the City, indicating that you were provided with legal services, outlined in the attached letter and arising out of the following situation:

- An incident which occurred on September 18, 2005
- A Criminal Investigation/Allegations regarding Robert Davis

Is this information correct?

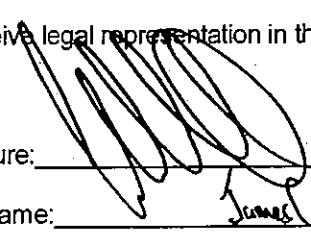
YES NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES NO

Your Signature: _____

Print Your Name: _____



9/25/07

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

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PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE DIVISION
MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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August 23, 2007

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Robert Davis
Against Police Officer James Campbell
Complaint No.: 05-09
Date of Incident: September 18, 2005**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

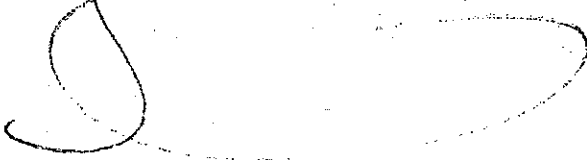
The above-named police officer has retained us to represent him in connection with the above-referenced matter.

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 an arrest of a citizen.

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,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.



Jon Cermele

/kjs
Attachments
CAMPBELL

2007 AUG 28 AM 11:55
MILWAUKEE CITY CLERK

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

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF ROBERT DAVIS
AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS JOSEPH WARREN,
DENNIS DEVALKENAERE, TIMOTHY MCNAIR,
PATRICK ELM AND JAMES CAMPBELL

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

To Officer James Campbell:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Robert Davis, Complaint No. 05-09, filed with the Board on February 28, 2005, is dismissed due to the Complainant's passivity, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

LEONARD J. SOBCZAK, CHAIRMAN

BY:



DAVID L. HEARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JULY 16, 2007.

c: Attorney Martin L. Granitz

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Robert Davis
Against PO James Campbell
FPC No: 05-09
Date of Incident: September 18, 2005
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
12/19/2006 Office conference with PO Campbell; review citizen complaint; open file; correspondence to FPC; Open Records request.	1.20
12/29/2006 Receive and review returned correspondence to complainant.	0.10
1/18/2007 Telephone call from client; CCAP research for status of complainant.	0.40
2/6/2007 CCAP research on case status.	0.20
3/28/2007 Receive and review Open Records response from MPD.	0.30
5/29/2007 Receive and review correspondence from City regarding prior citizen complaints.	0.10
7/20/2007 Receive and review correspondence from City regarding dismissal; correspondence to client regarding same; close file.	0.30
	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	2.60 \$286.00

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Additional charges:

	<u>Amount</u>
3/30/2007 MPD Open Records request	12.07
Total costs	<u>\$12.07</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$298.07</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$298.07</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)