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April 30, 2007

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

Re:

Communication from Laurie Eggert, Eggert & Cermele, S.C. for legal fees for Police Officers Michael Dederich and Jeffrey Timmerman; C.I. File No. 04-S-376; EC No. 2071

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Michael Dederich and Jeffrey Timmerman. The claim is in the amount of \$955.00 for 8.60 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 officers 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,

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ Assistant City Attorney

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October 8, 2004

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

MPD Criminal Investigation of POs Michael Dederich and Jeffrey

Timmerman

Allegations Regarding Mr. Willie Ed Stephens

Date of Incident: June 27, 2004

Location of Incident: 5153 North Teutonia Avenue

EC No.: 2071

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 involved an investigation of shots fired.

The MPD conducted a criminal investigation and investigated the matter as a critical incident. Later the DDA concluded that the Officers' conduct was privileged. Attached is a copy of DDA Kenney's letter and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Mr. Willie Ed Stephens Regarding: POs Michael Dederich and Jeffrey Timmerman

Date of Incident: June 27, 2004

Location of Incident: 5153 North Teutonia Avenue

Professional services

		<u>Hours</u>	
6/27/2004	Telephone call from clients; travel; conference with clients; memo to file; attend statement to CIB and District Attorney; open file.	6.60	
6/28/2004	Review of file.	0.40	
. 7/6/2004	Telephone call to and from client; memo to file; telephone call to District Attorney; telephone call from District Attorney.	0.60	
7/9/2004	Telephone call from and to client; review of file.	0.20	
7/13/2004	Review of correspondence from DDA Kenney; telephone call to client; correspondence to client; telephone call from client; close file.	0.80	
			Amount
	For professional services rendered	8.60	\$946.00

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt

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Additional charges:

6/27/2004 Parking

	Amount
Total costs	\$9.00
Total amount of this bill	\$955.00
Balance due	\$955.00



July 9, 2004

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Milwaukee County

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LIGERT & CERMELE, S.U.

Chief Nanette Hegerty City of Milwaukee Police Department 749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

RE: Officer-Involved Shooting of Willie Stephens

Dear Chief Hegerly:

As you know, Milwaukee Police Department policy requires a review by this office of police shootings where injury or death occur as a result of police action. This letter is to notify you of our review of the shooting of Willie Stephens.

Our office conducted an on-scene investigation after the shooting, interviewing officers and citizen witnesses. Additionally, Mr. Stephens was interviewed at Froedtert Hospital. Our investigation revealed the following facts:

On June 27, 2004, Police Officer Michael J. Dederich shot and injured Willie Stephens in the 5100 block of North Teutonia Avenue in the City of Milwaukee. Prior to the shooting, Officer Dederich and his partner, Police Officer Jeffrey Timmerman, were dispatched to 5151 North Teutonia Avenue regarding a "M-O/Suicidal Subject" armed with a gun and "shots fired". Shortly after Police Officers Dederich and Timmerman's arrival at this location, Mr. Stephens exited the front door of his residence carrying a rifle. Mr. Stephens appeared to be very distraught, exhibiting mentally unbalanced behavior. A large crowd of individuals had gathered near the residence, including many of Mr. Stephens' relatives. Mr. Stephens ignored numerous police commands to put down his weapon and sat on a bench located in front of the residence. At that time, Officer Dederich observed Mr. Stephens move the barrel of the weapon toward Mr. Stephens' head and his right hand appeared to be manipulating the trigger area. Fearing that Mr. Stephens was about to fire the rifle, Officer Dederich fired his service revolver three times at Mr. Stephens' legs, wounding Mr. Stephens.

Our office has concluded that the conduct of Officer Dederich was privileged by either the privilege of defense of others or self-defense in that Officer Dederich had a reasonable belief that Willie Stephens posed an imminent threat of great bodily harm or death to the safety of all citizens who were present.

Thank you for your department's cooperation in this matter. Captain Eric Moore, Lt. Steven Spingola, Lt. Christopher Domogowski, and Police Officer Michael Dederich were very helpful to our office during the course of this investigation. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Kenney

DDA - CCC

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cc: DA I

DA E. Michael McCann DDA Robert Donohoo Atty. Laurie Eggert

Chief Investigator, David Budde Investigator Heidi Bisswurm

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October 28, 2004

TO: P.O. MICHAEL DEDERICH DISTRICT: SEVEN

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 JUNE 27, 2004
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by WILLIE ED STEPHENS
- 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: P.C. M.

Print your name: Michael J. Dederic

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

MARY K. HOERIG

Captain of Police

Professional Performance Division

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF WED

MEMORANDUM

04 NOV -9 AM 9:44 October 28, 2004

TO: P.O. JEFFREY TIMMERMAN

DISTRICT: ONE

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Attorney

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Is this information correct?

YES X NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES 🗡

NO

Your signature:

Print vour name:

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MARY K. HOERIG

Captain of Police

Professional Performance Division

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