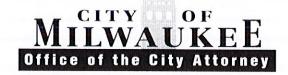
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September 5, 2023

To the Honorable Common Council Of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall

RE: Communications from LASONIA STENNIS

C.I. File No. 1032-2023-790

Dear Sir or Madam:

Ms. Stennis alleges that the 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe, owned by Marko Stennis was sold at auction without her knowledge. Ms. Stennis presented a damage claim for her vehicle and personal items that were not retrievable, for \$9,618.00, which includes the value of the vehicle, tools, speakers, amps, and keys/keypad.

We have completed our investigation with both the Milwaukee Police Department and the City Tow Lot. Our investigation reveals that, on January 20, 2020, Milwaukee Police Department confiscated a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe, owned by Marko Stennis, and placed into evidence because of a homicide investigation.

On October 14, 2021, a notification was sent certified mail from DPW – Operations Tow, to the address at 4349 N. 25th Street, as listed with the Department of Transportation. The letter notified the owner that the vehicle needed to be retrieved, or it would be destroyed. However, records revealed that the letter was returned via United States Postal Service given notice that the forward mail time had expired.

On November 22, 2021, the 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe, was deemed abandoned and sold at auction. Per policy, DPW Tow, does not inventory personal items inside the vehicle.

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On April 3, 2023, Milwaukee Police Department generated a letter to notify Ms. Stennis that property was available for release.

On April 20, 2023, cell phones were released to Ms. Stennis, and Ms. Stennis filed a damage claim.

It is our position that the City is not liable for damages and we recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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