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May 19, 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 Jeffrey Buckson
C.I. File No. 07-S-149; EC 2453

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jonathan Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Jeffrey Buckson. The claim is in the amount of \$473.00 for 4.30 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. No criminal charges were brought against the officer on whose behalf this claim was filed.

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
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Enc.

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

MAY 2, 2007

TO: P.O. JEFFREY BUCKSON
DISTRICT: THREE

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 in August 2006
- 2) A citizen complaint made by Christopher SIMPSON
- 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.O. Jeffrey Buckson

Print your name: P.O. Jeffrey Buckson

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

MKH: lrc

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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

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

**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Jeffrey Buckson
Allegations of Mr. Christopher Simpson
Date of Incident: August 2006
Location of Incident: 40th Street and Center Street**

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.

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

/kjs
Attachments
BUCKSON

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Battery Complaint
Regarding: PO Jeffrey Buckson
Date of Incident: August 8 or 9, 2006
Location of Incident: 40th and Center
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
8/17/2006 Telephone call from and to PO Buckson; open file; memo to file.	0.50
9/6/2006 Telephone call to other officers involved in incident; telephone call from PO Buckson; memo to file.	0.30
9/14/2006 Conference with client.	0.30
9/18/2006 Travel to Academy for statement to IAD.	1.50
9/20/2006 Telephone call from client; memo to file; intra-office conference with Cermele; telephone call to other officer involved; memo to file; intra-office conference with MPD regarding same.	0.50
11/15/2006 Telephone call to client.	0.10
2/6/2007 Telephone call to IAD; conference with same; memo to file.	0.20
2/7/2007 Correspondence to IAD regarding clearance; telephone call to and from client regarding same.	0.30

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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	<u>Hours</u>
3/19/2007 Review file; telephone call to IAD regarding status of confirmation request; memo to file.	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	4.30 \$473.00
Balance due	<u>\$473.00</u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)



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MAR 26 2007

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Police Department

Nannette H. Hegerty
Chief of Police

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
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