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July 15, 2016

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Steven C. McGaver, Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin  
Brown, for legal fees for Police Sergeant Shannon Taylor

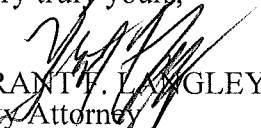
Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Steven C. McGaver for attorney's fees for representing Police Sergeant Shannon Taylor. The claim is in the amount of \$575.00 for 2.30 hours of service billed at the rate of \$250 per hour, but should be in the amount of \$402.50, billed at the previously-set rate of \$175 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 he was 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 as this matter did not result in "criminal proceedings." Wis. Stat. § 895.35(2)(a)1., *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

  
GRANT F. LANGLEY  
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Enc.  
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April 12, 2016

Jim Owczarski, City Clerk  
Milwaukee City Hall  
200 East Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

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Re: *Sergeant Shannon Taylor*  
Criminal Investigation on August 24, 2015, District 5

Dear Mr. Owczarski:

I hereby am submitting my bill for legal services in representing a City of Milwaukee employee Milwaukee Police Sergeant Shannon Taylor, in a criminal investigation.

On August 24, 2015, there was an incident at #5 District Police Station at 4<sup>th</sup> and Locust. A prisoner in custody with the Milwaukee Police Department attempted to hang himself in a cell. It appeared the prisoner would die.

Pursuant to the recently enacted section 175.47, *Stats.*, the Milwaukee Police Department immediately contacted the Department of Criminal Investigation ("DCI") to conduct an independent investigation considering what they define as a critical incident. John Culver, Jr. from DCI and Richard Tijerino from DCI, together with an intern, Kevin Harris began conducting interviews of the personnel and advised it was a criminal investigation.

Considering it was a criminal investigation, the City of Milwaukee could not, consistent with their obligation represent the individual sergeant. I was retained by Sergeant Shannon Taylor to represent his interests.

Ultimately, after conducting investigations and interviews we determined it was appropriate to submit to further questioning and review of the circumstances. The interviews began at approximately 6:00 p.m. and concluded at 11:00 p.m. on August 24, 2015.

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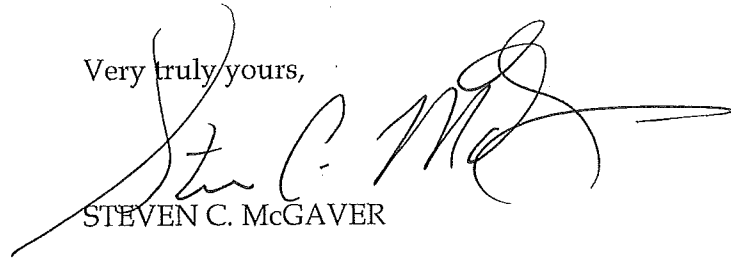


As a footnote the subject of the original complaint was a person by the name of Dexter Carter and it was DCI Case No. 154749. Mr. Carter did not die and was transported to the hospital, and several days later came back to the Police Department and thanked the police officers for their very professional and quick response to his then difficult mental state. I should add that their professional actions did, in fact, save Mr. Carter's life.

My published rate for representation in criminal matters is \$300.00 per hour; however, I submit this at a government rate of \$250.00 an hour.

Thank you for your review.

Very truly yours,



STEVEN C. McGAVER

SCM/ker  
Enclosure  
MPSO/Taylor, Shannon/c/ Owczarski, City Clerk 2016-04-12

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Milwaukee Police Supervisors Organization  
2900 West Forest Home Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Criminal - Sergeant Shannon Taylor

STATEMENT

No Court Appearance.

08/24/15  
SCM

Conference with client; attend interview  
at Wisconsin Department of Justice DCI at District 5.

HOURS

1.20

08/27/15  
SCM

Review file notes; prepare memorandum to file.

1.10

FOR CURRENT SERVICES RENDERED

2.30

RECAPITULATION

<u>TIMEKEEPER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Steven C. McGaver	2.30	\$250.00	\$575.00
TOTAL CURRENT WORK			\$575.00
BALANCE DUE			<u>\$575.00</u>

PLEASE RETURN ONE COPY OF THIS STATEMENT WITH YOUR PAYMENT.  
THANK YOU!

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 9, 2016

TO: SGT. Shannon TAYLOR  
DISTRICT : FIVE

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of  
GIMBEL, REILLY, GUERIN and BROWN, LLP.

Attorney Steven C. McGAVER 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 August 24, 2015
- 2) An incident involving Dexter CARTER

Is this information correct?

YES  NO

Did you receive legal representation  
in this matter?

YES  NO

Your signature:

Sgt. Shannon Taylor

Print your name:

Sgt. Shannon TAYLOR

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

Christopher MARSHALL  
Sergeant of Police  
Civil Investigations Section

CRM