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June 13, 2018

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Steven D. Michael Guerin, Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown, for legal fees for Police Sergeant Delmar Williams

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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,

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

Re:

Sergeant Delmar Williams

Incident of September 15, 2016

Dear Mr. Owczarski:

Delmar Williams is a Milwaukee Police Sergeant who was involved in a shooting wherein a 15 year old girl was shot. As a result of Sergeant Williams' gun discharging. A criminal investigation was initiated to determine if Sergeant Williams engaged in any criminal actions.

The City Attorney had a conflict in representing Sergeant Williams in this matter and Sergeant Williams' requested we handle the matter. Ultimately Sergeant Williams was found not to have any criminal liability. There were issues regarding the Department issued holster which was discussed with all Associations representing Milwaukee Police Officers.

I am enclosing the printout of time at the hourly rate of \$250.00 an hour for services rendered regarding Sergeant Williams. Sergeant Williams has incurred the fees compiled in these printouts as a direct result of his being investigated for actions taken within his official capacity, and in the performance of his duties, in connection with the use of force. None of the "exceptions" to mandatory payment under § 895.35(2) Stats., apply. Therefore this investigation qualifies as a "proceeding" which mandates payment under § 895.35(2) Stats.

All of the services were performed on site of incident or at the Milwaukee Police Department location and not in my office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

D. MICHAEL GUERIN

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Cc: Attorney Jay A. Smokowicz Crim/Crawley, Robert/Owczarski 2017-03-09

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> Page: 1 March 9, 2017 ACCOUNT NO.: 201639811M STATEMENT NO.: 1

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

Criminal - Sergeant Delmar Williams

#### **STATEMENT**

**HOURS** 09/16/16 DMG Conference with Sergeant Williams regarding the circumstances of a shooting of 15 year old girl by and attend the interview process with criminal investigators at the Milwaukee Police Department. Also in attendance were the representatives of The Milwaukee District Attorney's Office. 3.50 10/31/16 DMG Review correspondence from Deputy District Attorney James J. Martin determining no criminal wrongdoing by Sergeant Williams and response to Deputy District Attorney Martin, together with correspondence to the client. 1.20 11/01/16 **DMG** Prepare correspondence to Milwaukee Police Supervisors Organization and client regarding the district attorney's final report including issues with the defective holster. 1.90 FOR CURRENT SERVICES RENDERED 6.60

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## **RECAPITULATION**

TIMEKEEPER	<b>HOURS</b>	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL
D. M. Guerin	6.60	\$250.00*	\$1,650.00
TOTAL CURRENT WORK			\$1,650.00
BALANCE DUE			<u>\$1,650.00</u>

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