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May 9, 2001

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

Re: **Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert, Eggert Law Office, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officers Chris Blaszak and Gilbert Carrasco
C.I. File No. 00-S-419/ELO 1540**

Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Chris Blaszak and Gilbert Carrasco. The claim is in the amount of \$491.20 including \$18.20 in disbursements for 4.30 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 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 Police Officers 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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,


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November 16, 2000

Commander Dale Schunk
Milwaukee Police Department
Internal Affairs Division
6680 North Teutonia Avenue, Rm 325
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Re: C.I. File No. 00-S-419
Communication from EGGERT LAW OFFICE

Dear Commander Schunk:

Enclosed please find a claim filed by attorney Laurie A. Eggert for Attorney's fees incurred during her representation of officers Amberg, Anderer/Rodriguez, Anderson, Bartlett/Jack, Blaszak/Carrasco, Boswell/Heaney/Pruitt, Chu/Scanlan, Curtis, et al., Farina, Goldberg, Heim/Pierce, Kronschnabel, Lutz, Miscichoski, Novak, Rozga and Tabaska.

Please determine whether these officers were in fact involved in the matter described in Ms. Eggert's claim, and have these officers verify Ms. Eggert's representation. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ
Assistant City Attorney

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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November 7, 2000

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

**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of POs Chris Blaszak and
Gilbert Carrasco
Allegations Regarding Mrs. Loggin for Gregory Loggin
Date of Incident: July 11, 2000
Location of Incident: 23rd and Maple
ELO No.: 1540**

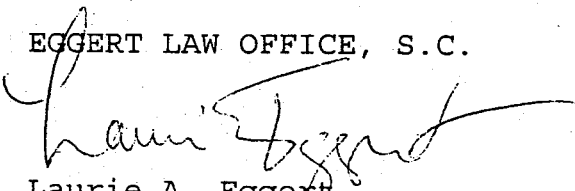
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

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 attempt to stop a fight between citizens. Charges will not be issued against the officers. Attached is a copy of the clearance report and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.


Laurie A. Eggert
Attorney at Law

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation
Regarding: POs Chris Blaszak and Gilbert Carrasco
Date of Incident: July 11, 2000
Location of Incident: 23rd and Maple

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
8/10/00 Telephone call to and from PO Blaszak; open file.	0.40
8/11/00 Telephone call from PO Blasak.	0.30
8/14/00 Office conference with POs Corrasco and Blaszak; memo to file.	2.10
8/23/00 Telephone call to IAD; telephone call to clients; correspondence to clients; correspondence to MPD Open Records requesting audio tape.	0.50
8/24/00 Correspondence to MPD Open Records requesting closed criminal file; correspondence to clients.	0.30
9/8/00 Review of audio tape from MPD Open Records; correspondence to clients.	0.20
10/25/00 Review of correspondence from MPD Open Records; correspondence to clients; close file.	0.50

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	4.30	\$473.00
Additional charges:		
9/8/00 MPD Open Records request - audio tape		11.71
10/23/00 MPD Open Records request		6.49
Total costs		<u>\$18.20</u>
Total amount of this bill		<u>\$491.20</u>
Balance due		<u><u>\$491.20</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

CONCLUSION:

On July 11, 2000, Police Officers Gilbert CARRASCO and Christopher BLASZAK came upon two juvenile boys fighting in the street. A crowd of about 20 to 30 people gathered to watch. The officers used their squad loud speaker to order the crowd to disburse, but the boys kept wrestling in the street. The officers ordered the juveniles to stop fighting, attempted to separate them and then struck them several times with their batons to stop the fight. These blows were observed by numerous citizens and the crowd became hostile, causing the officers to flee with the two #6

LOGGIN was treated at St. Luke's Hospital for a contusion to the elbow and recommended Tylenol for pain.

On Thursday, August 17, 2000, this case was reviewed in the District Attorney's office by Deputy District Attorney Jon REDDIN. In reviewing the case Deputy District Attorney REDDIN declined to issue criminal charges against the officers because it appeared that the officers used objectively reasonable use of force in separating the two juveniles. Therefore, this case is cleared as warrant refused.

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Referred	<i>Revised/signed</i>
By	<i>Carl Nelson</i>

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Respectfully submitted:

Hattie Nichols

Hattie NICHOLS
Police Detective
CIU/IAD, Early Shift

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

JANUARY 3, 2001

TO: PO GILBERT CARRASCO
DISTRICT SIX

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 JULY 11, 2000
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on

Is this information correct?

YES NO

Did you receive legal representation
in this matter?

YES NO

Your signature: *Gilbert Carrasco*

Print your name: GILBERT CARRASCO

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

Dale T. Schunk

DALE T. SCHUNK *JS*
Commander of Police
Internal Affairs Division

DTS:dnp

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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TO: PO CHRIS BLASZAK
DISTRICT SIX

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PO. Chris Blaszak

Print your name: _____

PO. CHRIS BLASZAK

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Commander of Police
Internal Affairs Division

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