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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 Officer Brent Miscichoski

C.I. File No. 00-S-419/ELO 1557

**Dear Council Members:** 

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Brent Miscichoski. The claim is in the amount of \$351.90, including \$10.90 in disbursements for 3.10 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 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. 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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November 7, 2000

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

> MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Brent Miscichoski RE: Allegations Regarding Mr. Terry Wrencher Date of Incident: June 28, 2000 Location of Incident: 3000 N. 23rd St. ELO No.: 1557

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, the claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved transporting a prisoner to the district station. Charges will not be issued against the officer. Attached is a copy of the clearance report and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGØERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.

Laurie A. Eggert

Attorney at Law

JC/ldl MISCICHOSKI 5/10/2001 0.K. JH3 Letter # 2276

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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

Regarding: PO Brent Miscichoski Date of Incident: June 28, 2000

Location of Incident: 3000 block of N. 23rd St.

# Professional services

		Hours	
8/29/00	Telephone call from client; open file; meeting with client at IAD; attend client's statement to IAD; travel; memo to file.	2.20	
9/6/00	Review of correspondence from DDA Reddin; correspondence to MPD Open Records; correspondence to client.	0.40	
10/26/00	Review of correspondence from MPD Open Records; correspondence to client; close file.	0.50	
			Amount
	For professional services rendered	3.10	\$341.00
	Additional charges:		·
10/26/00	MPD Open Records request		10.90
	Total costs		\$10.90

Mr.	Ronald	D.	Leonhardt

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	Amount
Total amount of this bill	\$351.90
Balance due	\$351.90

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

# MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CIU/Internal Affairs Division

SUMMARY

Friday, September 22, 2000

IN THE MATTER OF:

CIU#00-184 - BATTERY

P.O. BRENT MISCICHOSKI, PR#64284

P.O. KURT LACINA, PR#67350

BOTH OF DISTRICT SEVEN, EARLY SHIFT

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR(S): DET. CHARLES SHEPARD JR.

TO: DALE T. SCHUNK

POLICE COMMANDER

SIR:

This report was dictated by Detective Charles SHEPARD Jr., of the Internal Affairs Division/Criminal Investigation Unit (IAD/CIU), early shift.

# **ALLEGATION:**

The complainant Terry WRENCHER claimed while in police custody and being conveyed in a Milwaukee Police Department squad car in handcuffs, the passenger in the police vehicle, being a police officer, reached through the cage window and struck him with a hard object.

### **INVESTIGATION:**

On Wednesday June 28, 2000, at 8:15 p.m., the victim in this matter had been arrested after being pursued and caught by two officers in a rear yard and placed in handcuffs. The officers who are the focus in this investigation later arrived on the scene and were the conveying officers of the complainant, not the arresting officers. It should be noted that during the arrest of Mr. WRENCHER, he had to be sprayed with O.C. during his arrest due to the fact that he was attempting to continue to flee even though officers physically had him in custody. The victim in this matter was placed into the squad car which was being operated by Officers Brent MISCICHOSKI and Kurt LACINA. The victim was first interviewed by the supervisor on the scene, which was Sgt. Kenneth JOHNSON, who at that time asked if he was okay. At which time he stated, "Yes," and he was advised that his eyes would be washed out

when he was brought into the district station, which was District Seven. While being conveyed into the police station, the victim further related one of the officers asked for his name. Upon doing so, he states the officer who was seated on the passenger side in front reached through the window and struck him with a hard object. The victim stated that the officer then threatened to hit him again unless he gave his true name. The victim stated he did give his true name and that this incident occurred while being conveyed to the district station. He stated that the officer stopped in mid-block, which he believed was the 3000 block of N. 23rd Street. The victim was subsequently brought into the police station where he later made his complaint to Sgt. Kenneth JOHNSON. It should be noted that Sgt. JOHNSON followed the vehicle directly to the station house during the time of this incident and he did not notice the prisoner getting struck by any of the officers while in the vehicle. Both officers were subsequently interviewed regarding this matter, during which time both officers denied having any such contact with the prisoner either by striking him or pushing his face away from the window within the squad car during their conveyance.

## **CONCLUSION:**

This matter was reviewed by Deputy District Attorney Jon REDDIN on Tuesday August 23, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. Also present was myself and Police Commander Dale T. SCHUNK, of the Internal Affairs Division. Deputy DA REDDIN concluded that this act alleged by the victim did not meet the elements of battery, due to the fact that the victim stated he was not injured and later changed his statement to indicate that maybe he was not struck, only pushed away from the window that separates the front compartment from the rear compartment of the squad car. Deputy DA Jon REDDIN decided to make this case a no process and this incident will be cleared as warrant refused.

Respectfully submitted:

Det Charles We try ond

Police Detective

CIU/IAD, Early Shift

#### MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MEMORANDUM** 

**JANUARY 3, 2001** 

TO: PO BRENT MISCICHOSKI

DISTRICT SEVEN

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 JUNE 28, 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:\_<

Biest MISCECHOSKI

Print your name:

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

DALE T. SCHUNK

Commander of Police

Internal Affairs Division

DTS:dnp