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March 12, 2003

Milwaukee City Clerk  
200 East Wells Street  
Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: C.I. File No: 02-S-420

To Whom It May Concern,

I hereby request a hearing to appeal your decision concerning the investigation into the loss of my property, which occurred on September 13, 2002. In addition, I would request a copy of the documents obtained during your investigation, to be submitted to me prior to the date of the hearing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Russell Lepak

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December 10, 2002

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Russell Lepak. I am a mechanic for the Milwaukee Fire Department in the repair garage. On September 13, 2002, I was asked by my supervisor to make repairs on Engine - 52 (E-52). Due to tight space between vehicles, as I set up my tools to work on E-52, I placed my open tool box on Ladder - 21 (L-21) which was parked directly across from E-52 in the repair shop. As I started to work on E-52, I discovered that I did not have all the parts necessary to complete the repair. I checked with my supervisor and was told to get the necessary parts from the local vendor.

While I was gone picking up parts, Dave, another mechanic at the repair shop, who had been working on L-21 drove it to another location. Although the policy of the Fire Department is to walk around a vehicle before moving it to check for items left on it, open compartments or cab doors, etc., Dave did not perform this inspection before moving L-21. As a result, he did not notice that my tools and toolbox were on the truck until he saw them fly off the truck and scatter all over the street on 1<sup>st</sup> and Florida. Seeing what had happened, he drove around the block to go back and retrieve the tools. By the time he got back around the block to pick up my tools, a man had already stopped and was picking them up for himself. The man left when Dave told him that they were his tools, and Dave proceeded to pick up all of the tools he could find. The following tools are missing, in addition to my toolbox, which is now unusable:

- 1- 3/8 allen socket (\$6.49)
- 1- 5/16 socket 1/4" drive Snap-On (\$7.10)
- 1- 7/16 open-end box wrench Snap-On (\$21.00)
- 1 - 16 oz. Ball peen hammer Craftsman (\$15.99)
- 1 - 22" Knipex pliers Sears (\$87.67)
- 1 - 11/16 socket 3/8" driver Snap-On (\$9.00)
- 1 - 2-drawer toolbox Craftsman (\$34.99)
- 1 - 1/4" socket driver (\$9.99)
- 1 - 1/4" T-20 torx bit (\$5.49)
- 1 - 6" screwdriver (\$3.99)

Total (inc. tax).....\$213.00

I am seeking reimbursement for the tools that were lost, as well as for my toolbox. Replacement of these tools is necessary, as these tools are required for me to perform my job.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my claim. I look forward to hearing from someone regarding this matter. I can be reached at the Fire Department Repair Shop (286-8976), or at my home (281-9462).

Sincerely,  
*Russell Lepak*

Russell Lepak  
5602 S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

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6261 S. 27th St. Greenfield, WI 53221

12/9/02

Tool estimate

1- 2 drawer Craftsman Toolbox	—	34.99
1- 16oz. Ballpeen hammer Craftsman	—	15.99
1- 6" Craftsman screwdriver	—	3.99
1- 22" Knipex pliers	—	87.67
1- 1/4" driver	—	9.99
1- 1/4" T-20 Torx bit	—	5.49
1- 3/8 allen socket	—	6.49

Now there's a Craftsman in your Neighborhood!

SALE DATE 09/19/2002

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AUTHORIZED DEALER :

WILLIAM G. QUIMET  
4922 N CUMBERLAND BLVD

WHITEFISH BAY, WI  
53217-  
TELEPHONE : 414-305-8699  
FAXER :

NON-TAXABLE SALE  
EXEMPTION=

SOLD TO :

MILW. FIRE DEPARTMENT 1- 1- 0  
118 W. VIRGINIA ST

MILWAUKEE, WI  
53204-  
TELEPHONE : 414-286-8976

P.O. # =  
SALE TYPE = REVOLVING ACCOUNT

INVOICE NO. = 113599

QTY.	PRODUCT NO.	DESCRIPTION	EACH	COMMENTS	LC LINE	TOTAL
1)	1 TMD10	SOCKET	7.10			7.10
2)	1 FS221	SOCKET	9.00			9.00
3)	1 DEX140B	WRENCH	21.00			21.00
					SUB TOTAL	37.10
					TAX APPLIED	0.00
					TOTAL PRICE INCLUDING TAX	37.10

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 \*\*\*\*\* USE THE RIGHT TOOL \*\*\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\*\* USE THE TOOL PROPERLY \*\*\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\*\* MAINTAIN THE TOOL REGULARLY \*\*\*\*\*

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 OF LOW PRICE IS FORGOTTEN !!! GEORGE J. HEIM