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Ms. Henrietta Wertz
9001-B North 91st Street
Milwaukee, WI 53224

Re: Henrietta Wertz
C.I. File No.: 00-S-454

Dear Ms. Wertz:

This office is in receipt of your claim in the amount of \$500.00 relating to lost wages as a result of the actions of the Milwaukee Police Department during the incident that took place on December 1, 2000 at 9001 North 91st Street.

The Milwaukee Police Department records indicate you got involved in a verbal conflict with Frank Etter and subsequently made a verbal threat to Mr. Etter. The reports further note you received a municipal citation in relation to this verbal threat. Since there is no evidence to support your belief that the police department caused your loss, the City cannot accept liability. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

Grant F. Langley
City Attorney

Robert M. Overholt
Investigator/Adjuster

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I wish to appeal this decision.
Henrietta Wertz 3-23-01

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On December 01, 2000 I heard a loud noise outside my door. I told my foster son Christopher to look and see what was going on. He said it was the next door neighbor "Frank". He "Christopher" went to close the screen door because it was wide open. Frank had a broom in his hand, with the broom; he hit the door very hard and the door hit Chris on the head. Frank responded, "I hate you people! You put this snow here". I called the police. The police came and took a statement from me, than they went to Frank's house to get a statement from him. Upon returning, officer Gordy and the female officer said "I was wrong and he was an elderly man with high blood pressure"; as if Chris and I did something wrong. As I was trying to respond - officer Gordy

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stated that he would lock me up and put my foster kids in another home, if I didn't drop charges. He said, "he means what he said". At this time I started screaming and crying and walked down to my kitchen. My foster kids were screaming and crying - telling the officers, "don't lock my grand mother up". Officer Gordy told them to shut up. While Officer Gordy was in the kitchen with me, the other officer took my grandson, Alonzo (age 14) and foster daughter (Jamika - age 8) up stairs in a bedroom and told them to tell the truth about what happened. If they didn't tell the truth, they were going to go to jail with me. I picked up my phone to call the sergeant; officer Gordy took the phone from me. After wards my grand daughter called - when I picked up the phone I was still crying, she asked "What was wrong?" Again, officer

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Gordy took the phone out of my hand and told my granddaughter everything was ok and that she don't need to call any one else. Being scared at how the officer was acting on the phone, she called my neighbors the Dypson's. When they came in they asked, "what was going on?" As everyone was trying to tell what happened, Officer Gordy responded "she will be getting a ticket", because Frank said, I pulled a knife on him. Mr Dypson said, "why is she getting a ticket; when Frank is the one who assaulted a kid". Gordy said, it was her word against his and that there were no witnesses who saw what happened, and that we both were getting tickets for disorderly conduct. Mr Dypson said, the evidence was on Christopher head and how the screen was torn from the broom coming through the screen. Officer Gordy responded to Chris "your dc now aren't you

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Chris"? The fact is officer Gordy was looking over what Frank did to my foster child and was trying to make a big deal about me pulling a knife on Frank, which, I did not do. I was stating I wanted to press charges, he said (Gordy) if you press charges, Frank will press charges. I told him I didn't care if I did, because this is serious of him (Frank) assaulting a minor. I kept trying to tell the officers that I always have problems with Frank and I always called the police or North meadows security officers. I was so shaken up from what was going on, I told him my blood pressure ~~was~~ feels like it's up, he (Gordy) said, it's probably not from what's going on now. Tickets were issued to me.

I was nervous and shaken from how Gordy was talked to me, because I thought the police was to protect and serve; Gordy did not make me feel that way. I did nothing wrong.

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care, because of what went on. I lost
2 wks of pay totaling \$ 500.00

Thank you

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