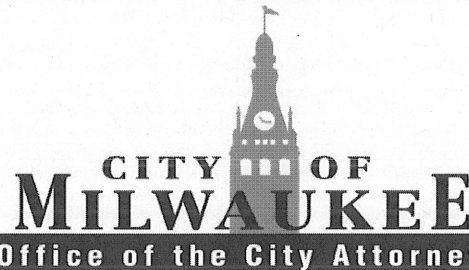


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To the Honorable Common Council
of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Communication from Crystal Harrell
C.I. File No. 1032-2019-1975

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

On June 9, 2019, Ms. Crystal Harrell was a passenger on the Milwaukee County Transit System bus, Route 60, when it was sideswiped by a Milwaukee Police Department van. Ms. Harrell alleges that as a result of the impact between the bus and the police van, she incurred injuries to her neck, resulting in her seeking medical treatment. As a result of her injuries, Ms. Harrell has filed a claim against the City for \$5,000.00.

According to the Milwaukee County Transit System Risk Management, a spot mirror costing \$6.50 to replace was damaged from the police van striking the bus. There were no reported injuries or accident reports submitted by the Milwaukee County Transit System Risk Management, or the Milwaukee Police Department. Milwaukee County Transit System Risk Management supplied a video of the passengers sitting inside the bus at the time of the incident. The review of the video shows no awkward bodily motions of the passengers on the bus, which includes Ms. Harrell, during the time of impact between the bus and police van, that would suggest probable neck injury as alleged by Ms. Harrell.

Our investigation of this matter concluded that the injuries of the neck being claimed by Ms. Harrell did not result from the June 9, 2019 incident involving a Milwaukee County Transit System bus and a Milwaukee Police Department van. We recommend that Ms. Harrell's claim be denied.




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Very truly yours,



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