

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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December 8, 2003

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert & Cermele, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officers James Campbell and Michael Rohde
C.I. File No. 01-S-311; ELO No. 1667

Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers James Campbell and Michael Rohde. The claim is in the amount of \$759.00 for 6.90 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110 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. Criminal charges were brought against the police officers on whose behalf this claim was filed, but they were ultimately acquitted.

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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September 5, 2001

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

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of POs James Campbell and
Michael Rohde
Allegations Regarding Juvenile arrests
Date of Incident: January 13, 2001
Location of Incident: 818 North 5th Street
ELO No.: 1667

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officers have retained us to represent them in connection with the above-referenced matter.

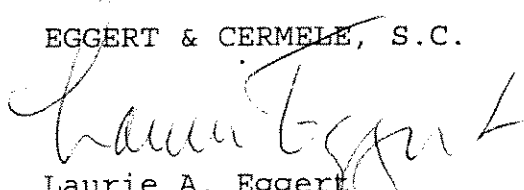
Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent them, and as they were performing the duties of their office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, the claim is hereby made on their behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved the arrest of several juveniles after a squad chase.

The MPD initiated a criminal investigation in which the officers initially declined to give a statement without counsel. When they requested counsel, IAD compelled POs Campbell and Rohde to give statements concerning the incident after issuing PI-21s.

Later, the MPD decided not to issue criminal charges against the officers. Attached is an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.


Laurie A. Eggert
Attorney at Law

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Juvenile Arrests
Regarding: POs James Campbell and Michael Rohde
Date of Incident: January 13, 2001
Location of Incident: 818 North 5th Street

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
01/18/01 Telephone call to and from PO Campbell; telephone call from PO Rohde; open file; memo to file.	1.10
01/19/01 Telephone call to and from PO Rohde; office conference with PO Rohde; office conference with PO Campbell.	1.90
01/24/01 Several telephone calls to and from PO Campbell; telephone call to IAD; review of file; conference with clients; attend PO Rohde's PI-21 statement; attend PO Campbell's PI-21 statement; travel; memo to file.	2.90
02/06/01 Review of file.	0.10
02/27/01 Telephone call to DA.	0.20
02/28/01 Discussion with DA.	0.20

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	<u>Hours</u>	
05/07/01 Telephone call to IAD; correspondence to clients; close file.	0.50	
		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	6.90	\$759.00
Balance due		<u>\$759.00</u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

TO: P.O. MICHAEL ROHDE
DISTRICT SIX

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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 JANUARY 13, 2001
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by JUVENILE ARRESTS
- 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: _____

Michael Rohde

Print your name: _____

Michael Rohde

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

STEVEN SETTINGSGARRD
POLICE COMMANDER
Internal Affairs Division

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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DISTRICT THREE

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Your signature: 

Print your name: James A. Campbell

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STEVEN SETTINGSGARRD
POLICE COMMANDER
Internal Affairs Division

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