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To the Honorable Common Council
Of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205, City Hall

Re: Communication from Mrs. Willie Sanders
Tow Number 1110994
Our File No. 01-L-86

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 and Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant, Mrs. Willie Sanders, 133 East Concordia Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212 alleges that her grandson's vehicle, a 1994 Chevrolet, was towed to the tow lot and then destroyed without proper notice. Mrs. Sanders states that her grandson was murdered on December 17, 2001 and the car was towed to the Police Administration Garage for evidence. The Milwaukee Police Department released the car on December 19, 2001 and it was then towed to the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot. The towing and storage fees were released by the City Attorney's Office on March 7, 2002. Ms. Sanders states her daughter, Mellissa then called the tow lot and was told the vehicle had been sold on March 4, 2002.

Our investigation reveals that on December 19, 2001, the vehicle was released from evidence by the Milwaukee Police Department and towed to the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot. On December 20, 2001 a letter was sent to Mr. Sanders address at 133 East Concordia, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, his address of record with the Department of

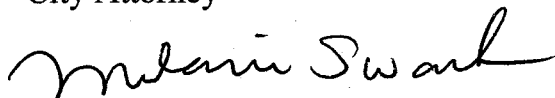
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Transportation, and also Mrs. Willie Sanders' address, indicating that they had 15 days to reclaim the vehicle. The vehicle was not retrieved and a second letter was sent certified mail, to the same address, on January 14, 2002. The certified letter was signed by Peggy Carter on January 14, 2002. Ms. Sanders did not file a Complaint and Investigation Form at the tow lot, and did not retrieve the vehicle; therefore, it was sold on March 4, 2002. Because notice was properly given, we recommend denial of this claim.

Very truly yours,



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