

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 A. Eggert, Eggert Law Office, S.C. for legal fees
for Police Officers Carmello Patti, Craig Nowatka, Paul Vento and Thomas Sund
C.I. File No. 01-S-311; ELO No. 1681

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Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Carmello Patti, Craig Nowatka, Paul Vento and Thomas Sund. The claim is in the amount of \$619.30 including \$3.30 in disbursements for 5.60 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 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. No criminal charges were brought against the Police Officers on whose behalf this claim was filed.

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 Carmello Patti,
Craig Nowatka, Paul Vento and Thomas Sund
Allegations Regarding Mr. George Groves
Date of Incident: March 13, 2001
Location of Incident: 3730 North 7th Street
ELO No.: 1681

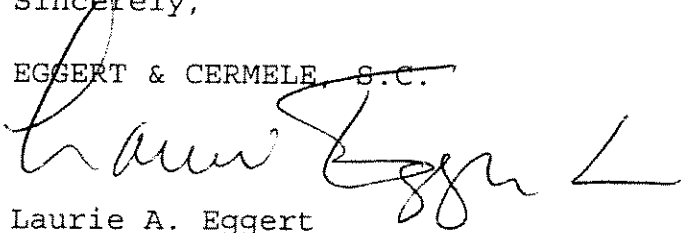
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

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 investigation of "men with guns." The MPD did not create a clearance report regarding the officers, but cleared the complaint as baseless. 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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September 5, 2001

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Mr. George Groves
Regarding: POs Carmello Patti, Craig Nowatka,
Paul Vento and Thomas Sund
Date of Incident: April 13, 2001
Location of Incident: 3730 North 7th Street

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>	
04/13/01 Telephone call from PO Patti regarding new criminal investigation; open file; several telephone calls to and from IAD; meeting with POs Patti, Vento, Nowatka and Sohn at District #5; meeting with IAD; attend separate statements from each officer to IAD Detective; travel; memos to file.	4.50	
04/19/01 Review file; telephone call to and from IAD; correspondence to clients; correspondence to MPD Open Records.	0.60	
07/02/01 Review of correspondence from MPD Open Records; correspondence to clients; close file.	0.50	
		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	5.60	\$616.00

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt

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Additional charges:

	<u>Amount</u>
07/02/01 MPD Open Records request	3.30
Total costs	<u>\$3.30</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$619.30</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$619.30</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

TO: P.O. PAUL VENTO
DISTRICT FIVE

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 MARCH 13, 2001
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by GEORGE GROVES
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on

Is this information correct? YES X NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter? YES X NO

Your signature: P.O. Paul S. Vento

Print your name: P.O. PAUL S. VENTO PC#68502

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

STEVEN SETTINGSGAARD
POLICE COMMANDER
Internal Affairs Division

DTS:dnp

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

TO: P.O. CARMELLO PATTI
DISTRICT FIVE

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Did you receive legal representation in this matter? YES X NO _____

Your signature: P.O. Carmello Patti

Print your name: P.O. Carmello PATTI

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

STEVEN SETTINGSGAARD
POLICE COMMANDER
Internal Affairs Division

5:51 PM 11/13/01
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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

TO: P.O. THOMAS SUND
DISTRICT THREE

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

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Your signature: Thomas E. Sund

Print your name: Thomas E. Sund

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STEVEN SETTINGSGAARD
POLICE COMMANDER
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