

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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April 6, 2005

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 Officer Dennis Trczinski
C.I. File No. 03-S-382; EC No. 1945

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Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Dennis Trczinski. The claim is in the amount of \$484.00 for 4.40 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. A criminal investigation was initiated against the police officer on whose behalf this claim was filed, but they were ultimately not charged.

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. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Grant F. Langley in black ink.

GRANT F. LANGLEY
City Attorney

Handwritten signature of Jan A. Smokowicz in black ink.

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ
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JAS:enm
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September 24, 2003

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

**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Dennis Trzcinski
Allegations Regarding Mr. Carlos Tejada
Date of Incident: November 2, 2002
Location of Incident: 21st and Scott Streets
EC No.: 1945**

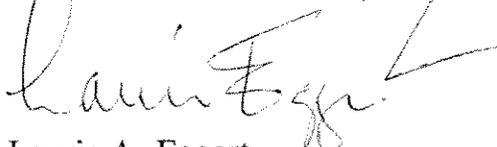
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officer has retained us to represent him in connection with the above-referenced matter. Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent him, and as he was performing the duties of his office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, the claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a foot chase.

The MPD initiated a criminal investigation in which the officer initially declined to give a statement without counsel. When he requested counsel, IAD compelled PO Trzcinski to give a statement concerning the incident after issuing a PI-21. Later, the MPD concluded that the complaint was unfounded. Attached is a copy of a status report from Cmdr. Settingsgaard of IAD, and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.



Laurie A. Eggert
Attorney at Law

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September 23, 2003

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Mr. Carlos Tejada
Regarding: PO Dennis Trzcinski
Date of Incident: November 2, 2002
Location of Incident: 21st and Scott
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>	
2/4/2003 Telephone call from PO Trzcinski regarding new criminal investigation; open file; memo to file.	0.70	
2/5/2003 Telephone call from PO Trzcinski.	0.20	
2/13/2003 Review of file; meeting with PO Trzcinski at IAD; attend PO Trzcinski's statement to IAD; meeting with witness; travel; memo to file.	1.90	
7/9/2003 Discussion with/ PO Trzcinski.	0.30	
7/11/2003 Correspondence to PO Trzcinski.	0.40	
8/15/2003 Review of file; Fax to Cmdr. Settingsgaard.	0.30	
8/26/2003 Fax to IAD.	0.10	
9/3/2003 Receive and review Fax from IAD; correspondence to clients; close file.	0.50	
		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	4.40	\$494.50 484.
Balance due		\$494.50
		<u>484.</u>

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt

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(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)



AUG 27 2003

Police Department

Arthur L. Jones
Chief of Police

August 25, 2003

Attorney Jonathan Cermele
1840 North Farwell Avenue
Suite 303
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mr. Cermele:

Attached is the information you had requested via a fax dated August 15, 2003 regarding Criminal Investigations conducted by our Division.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the Internal Affairs Division at 935-7942.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. JONES
CHIEF OF POLICE

STEVEN M. SETTINGSGAARD
Police Commander
Internal Affairs Division

ALJ:SMS:lj

9. Officer(s): Dennis Trzcinski and Charlie Jones Jr.
Complainant: Carlos Tejada

Handled by: Detective Michele Harrison
CIU #02-304
IAD #02-1243
Dispo: Unfounded – complainant was uncooperative
And out of state.

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

OCTOBER 6, 2003

TO: P.O. DENNIS TRCZINSKI
DISTRICT SIX

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:

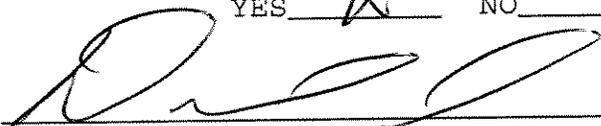
- 1) An incident occurring on NOVEMBER 2, 2002
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by CARLOS TEJEDA
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES X NO _____

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES X NO _____

Your signature: 

Print your name: Dennis Trczinski

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


Steven M. Settingsgaard
Police Commander
Internal Affairs Division

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