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Police Department

May 7, 2001

*Tony*  
Arthur L. Jones  
Chief of Police

Hon. Marvin E. Pratt  
President, Common Council  
200 E. Wells St., Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Public Passenger Vehicle License Ordinance 100-54-2-h and h-3

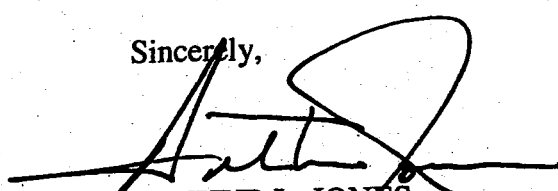
Dear Mr. Pratt:

On April 4, 2001, I wrote a letter to Mr. Ronald Leonhardt requesting the revocation of a Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's license issued to Angrej Singh (license #10855) for locking a female passenger inside his taxi and then masturbating his exposed penis while he grabbed her by the wrist with his other hand. I have attached a copy of my letter to Mr. Leonhardt concerning this event which occurred on March 9, 2001 at 4215 W. Spaulding Place. Mr. Singh was arrested and charged by the District Attorney with Lewd and Lascivious Behavior.

However, in an April 17, 2001, letter from City Attorneys Langley and Schrimpf to Mr. Leonhardt, it was pointed out that under the current City ordinances Mr. Singh's taxicab license could only be revoked upon his conviction for the above offense. (A copy of this letter is also attached for your review.) Mr. Singh's license is thus still valid.

Inasmuch as the City ordinances permit Mr. Singh to continue operating as a licensed taxicab driver until his conviction in circuit court, I submit that any female passengers entering Mr. Singh's conveyance are at risk. Hence, I request that you review this matter to determine if the public safety is better served by permitting the revocation of public passenger vehicle operator's licenses not only upon conviction for certain offenses but also for engaging in prohibited conduct. Hence, the revocation of this license could be predicated upon the conduct of the licensee and not solely upon a conviction in court. Commander Collins of my staff has discussed this matter with Assistant City Attorney Schrimpf who concurred that an amended revocation ordinance focusing on the licensee's conduct would withstand legal scrutiny.

Sincerely,

  
ARTHUR L. JONES  
CHIEF OF POLICE

cc: Messrs. Schrimpf, Leonhardt  
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Arthur L. Jones  
Chief of Police

April 4, 2001

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt  
City Clerk  
200 E. Wells St., Room 208  
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3653

Re: Request for Revocation of the Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's License of  
Angrej Singh (PPV 0010855)

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

I wish to bring to your attention a recent incident involving the above named individual who was arrested for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior and False Imprisonment while operating a taxi licensed by the City of Milwaukee.

On Friday, March 9, 2001, at about 1:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to a complaint of indecent exposure at 4215 W. Spaulding Pl. At that location officers interviewed the complainant, a 22-year-old female. She related that she called for a taxi to convey her from her residence several blocks away to the W. Spaulding Pl. address. Upon arriving at her desired location, the driver of the taxi locked the doors to the vehicle. She paid the driver and asked for change at which time the driver asked her several times to get in the front seat with her. Only after several requests for her change did the driver unlock the doors allowing her to exit the vehicle.

Upon exiting the taxi, the victim opened the front passenger door to the taxi in order to get her change. Upon doing so she observed the driver had her change in his right hand and with his left hand he began rubbing his groin over his pants. The driver then stated to her "I'm hard, see it's hard". The driver then exposed his erect penis and began to masturbate in front of the victim, at one point grabbing her by the hand when he handed her the change. The victim fled the taxi and called the taxi company, Yellow Cab Co, and spoke with the night shift supervisor who instructed her to call the police, which she did.

The driver of the taxi, Angrej Singh, was taken into custody at the scene. He denies exposing himself. However, his supervisor informed investigating officers that this driver has been the subject of two previous, similar incidents. On both occasions the complainants were advised to call the police but apparently declined to do so. Angrej Singh was charged with Lewd and Lascivious Behavior by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. His case is pending before the court at a future date. He has no known police record other than this incident.

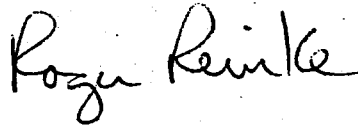
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Despite the fact that this individual has been the subject of two previous, similar incidents, he remains licensed and employed as an operator of public passenger vehicles. As long as he retains his Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's License, he may drive a taxi and also operate vehicles other than taxi's where the passengers may be vulnerable due to physical or mental disability.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's License of Angrej Singh, license # 10855, expiring on October 31, 2001, be revoked pursuant to City Ordinance 100-68.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. JONES  
CHIEF OF POLICE

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger Reinke".

ROGER REINKE  
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

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