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August 7, 2006

Robert Wahlgren
9020 West Lawrence Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53225

RE: Robert Wahlgren
C.I. File No: 06-S-126

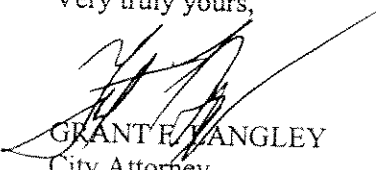
Dear Mr. Wahlgren:


We have received your claim in the amount of \$126.96, relating to damage done by the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) on April 14, 2006 when they made forced entry into your property at 8922 West Villard Avenue, #1.

Our investigation reveals that the MPD executed a lawful Search Warrant which necessitated the use of forced entry. This use of force is authorized by §968.14 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Our office spoke with Detective Michael Zimmerman and one of the police supervisors on scene during the service of the Search Warrant. The MPD was in possession of the keys for said apartment, but there was difficulty using them. Since this was slowing the MPD entry team down and its safety was in danger, the decision was made to force entry into the premises. Since the MPD's use of force was authorized and they were acting within their sphere of responsibility the City cannot accept liability, as such, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,


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