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

RE: Communications from Cornelius Armstrong
C.I. File No. 1032-2025-217

Dear Sir or Madam:

Mr. Armstrong alleges that the City of Milwaukee is responsible for damages he incurred at his property at 2832 North 12th Street when the Milwaukee Police Department assisted the West Allis Police Department with executing a legal search warrant at the location. He claims damages in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Our investigation into this matter revealed that on December 10, 2024 the Milwaukee Police Department responded to a request from the West Allis Police Department to assist with a search warrant at 2832 North 12th Street. After several knock and announce opportunities for voluntary entry were ignored by the subject of this search warrant, the officers forced entry into the residence.

It is our position that the police department acted within the scope of their responsibility, and the action taken in this matter was necessary and appropriate for the circumstances in this case. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

A blue ink signature of Evan C. Goyke, written in a cursive style.

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