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February 25, 2008

To the Honorable Common Council  
of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 - City Hall

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for legal fees for  
Police Officers Jeffrey Buckson and Ray Harris  
C.I. File No. 06-S-371-3; EC 2389

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Jeffrey Buckson and Ray Harris. The claim is in the amount of \$1,466.00 including \$14.00 in disbursements for 13.20 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 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. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

  
GRANT F. LANGLEY  
City Attorney

  
JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
Assistant City Attorney

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Enc.

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2007

TO: P.O. JEFFREY BUCKSON  
DISTRICT: THREE

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of  
Attorney Jonathan Cermele

Attorney Jonathan Cermele 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 May 3, 2006
- 2) A criminal complaint made by Esteban Reyes
- 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: Jeffrey Buckson  
 Print your name: Jeffrey Buckson

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

Mary K. Hoerig  
 MARY K. HOERIG  
 Deputy Inspector  
 Professional Performance Division

MILWAUKEE POLICE  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
DIVISION

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2007

TO: P.O. RAY HARRIS  
DISTRICT: COURT ADMINISTRATION

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in this matter?

YES  NO

Your signature:

*PO Ray Harris*

Print your name:

PO RAY HARRIS

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*Mary K. Hoerig*  
MARY K. HOERIG  
Deputy Inspector  
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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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November 27, 2006

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

CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
2006 DEC -1 PM 12:08  
JONATHAN CERMELE  
CITY CLERK

**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO's Jeffrey Buckson and Ray Harris  
Allegations Regarding Mr. Esteban Reyes  
Date of Incident: May 3, 2006  
Location of Incident: 35<sup>th</sup> Street and State Street**

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, this claim is hereby made on their behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a traffic stop.

Deputy District Attorney Reddin reviewed the matter and did not issue charges against the officers. Attached is a copy of Deputy District Attorney Reddin's letter and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

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2006 DEC -1 PM 1:11  
JONATHAN CERMELE  
CITY CLERK

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BUCKSON and HARRIS



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August 24, 2006

Chief Nannette Hegerty
City of Milwaukee Police Department
749 N. 9th Street
7th Floor
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Re: Jeffrey Buckson & Ray Harris

Dear Chief Hegerty:

On May 3, 2006, City of Milwaukee Police Officers Ray Harris and Jeffrey Buckson made a traffic stop of Esteban Reyes because he had tinted windows and was playing loud music in his car. After searching his car and lecturing him, the officers let Reyes go with a warning.

Reyes contends that Harris and Buckson stole \$500 from him during the stop. He has some corroboration that he had that amount of cash on him, and he reported the theft immediately.

Both Buckson and Harris deny taking money from Reyes. Neither officer has a criminal record. Reyes, on the other hand, has a fairly lengthy criminal record, mostly for drug offenses. This substantially lessens his credibility.

Because it is unlikely that a jury would believe a convicted felon over two police officers, this case cannot be proved and will not be issued.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Jon N. Reddin
Deputy District Attorney

JNR:jr

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Mr. Esteban Reyes  
Regarding: PO's Jeff Buckson and Ray Harris  
Date of Incident: May 3, 2006  
Location of Incident: 35th and State  
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
5/4/2006 Telephone call from PO Harris; open file; memo to file; several telephone calls to and from PO Buckson; several memos to file.	0.90
5/5/2006 Telephone call to IAD.	0.40
5/11/2006 Review file; telephone call to and from IAD; telephone call to PO Harris and PO Buckson; schedule statement to IAD.	0.60
5/12/2006 Telephone call to and from IAD; telephone call to PO Harris and PO Buckson.	0.20
5/25/2006 Telephone call to and from PO Buckson; memo to file; telephone call to and from PO Harris; memo to file; lengthy telephone call to IAD; memo to file.	1.20
6/7/2006 Discussion with PO Buckson and PO Harris.	0.40
6/15/2006 Telephone call from DDA Reddin; several telephone calls to and from PO Buckson; calendar office conference with client.	0.50
6/16/2006 Review file; office conference with PO Buckson.	1.00
6/19/2006 Telephone call to PO Buckson.	0.10

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Hours

6/20/2006 Discussion with PO Harris.	0.20
6/21/2006 Telephone call from PO Harris regarding office conference.	0.10
6/23/2006 Review file; office conference with PO Harris; telephone call to DDA Reddin.	1.10
6/26/2006 Receive and review Fax from PO Buckson.	0.30
7/5/2006 Telephone call to DDA Reddin.	0.20
7/7/2006 Telephone call to DDA Reddin.	0.10
7/10/2006 Telephone call to DDA Reddin.	0.10
7/11/2006 Telephone call to DDA Reddin.	0.10
8/21/2006 Several telephone calls to and from DDA Reddin scheduling statements; telephone call to PO Harris confirming same; telephone call to and from PO Buckson confirming same.	0.40
8/22/2006 Review file; travel to DA's office; meeting with PO Harris; attend PO Harris' statement to DA; meeting with client; return travel; memo to file.	1.90
8/23/2006 Lengthy telephone call from PO Buckson; review file; travel to DA's office; meeting with PO Buckson; attend PO Buckson's statement to DDA Reddin; meeting with client; return travel; memo to file.	2.20
8/24/2006 Correspondence to DDA Reddin.	0.20
8/30/2006 Telephone call to DDA Reddin; Fax to DDA Reddin requesting confirmation that complaint was No Processed.	0.20
10/4/2006 Review file; Fax to IAD.	0.40
10/20/2006 Telephone call from DDA Reddin; receive and review Fax from DDA Reddin confirming that complaint had been "no processed"; correspondence to clients regarding same.	0.40

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	13.20	\$1,452.00
Costs:		
8/22/2006 Parking		8.00
8/23/2006 Parking		6.00
Total costs		<u>\$14.00</u>
Total amount of this bill		<u>\$1,466.00</u>
Balance due		<u><u>\$1,466.00</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)