

# CITY OF MILWAUKEE

Form CA-43

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

Re: **Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert, Eggert Law Office, S.C.  
for legal fees for Police Officer Keith Ruiz  
C.I. File No. 00-S-260(I)**

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Keith Ruiz. The claim is in the amount of \$2,443.50 including \$23.50 in disbursements for 22.00 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 the filing of a citizen's complaint against the officer with the Fire and Police Commission. The complaint was dismissed by the Commission.

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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Grant F. Langley in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

GRANT F. LANGLEY  
City Attorney

Handwritten signature of Jan A. Smokowicz in black ink.

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
Assistant City Attorney

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RECEIVED  
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MILWAUKEE POLICE  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
DIVISION

Commander Dale Schunk  
Milwaukee Police Department  
Internal Affairs Division  
6680 North Teutonia Avenue, Rm 325  
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Re: C.I. File No. 00-S-260  
Communication from EGGERT LAW OFFICE

Dear Commander Schunk:

Enclosed please find a claim filed by attorney Laurie A. Eggert for Attorney's fees incurred during her representation of officers:

Baisley/Lugo  
Driebel et al.  
Jones et al.  
Jozwiak/monreal  
Ososki/Newport & Eyre  
Sikora  
Virchow/Klabacheck

Pfau/Johnson  
Pierce  
Ruiz  
Sebestyen  
Sgrignuoli  
Sulluivan/Baldwin

Please determine whether these officers were in fact involved in the matter described in Ms. Eggert's claim, and have these officers verify Ms. Eggert's representation. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan A. Smokowicz".

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
Assistant City Attorney

JAS:beg  
Enclosure

**EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.**

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August 1, 2000

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Willie E. Lewis  
Against PO Keith Ruiz  
Complaint No.: 98-68  
Date of Incident: October 20, 1998  
ELO No.: 1524**

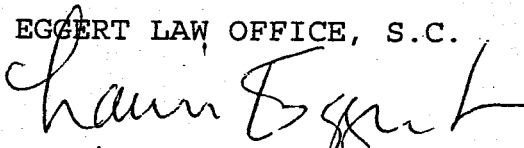
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

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 traffic stop. The Fire and Police Commission dismissed the complaint. Attached is a copy of the dismissal notice and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.

  
Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

JC/LAE/ldl  
RUIZ

4/16/2001  
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Letter # 2295

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Willie E. Lewis  
Against PO Keith Ruiz  
FPC No: 98-68  
Date of Incident: October 20, 1998  
Location of Incident: 4th and Wells

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
12/16/98 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file; open file.	0.40
1/8/99 Telephone call to and from FPC.	0.20
1/14/99 Telephone calls from client (2); telephone call to #1; memo to file.	0.40
1/15/99 Telephone call to and from FPC; conference with client; memo to file; conference with FPC; preparation for and appearance at conciliation; travel; correspondence to FPC; correspondence to client.	4.10
1/25/99 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
1/27/99 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
2/4/99 Review of correspondence from FPC; review of file.	0.60

	<u>Hours</u>
2/5/99 Review complaint; correspondence to client; review of file.	0.70
2/8/99 Telephone call to client; correspondence to client.	0.20
2/11/99 Review of correspondence from MPD Open Records.	0.20
2/19/99 Telephone call to client (2); review of file; memo to file; correspondence to FPC.	0.90
3/24/99 Review of file.	0.30
4/28/99 Telephone call from Fronk; telephone call to client; memo to file; review of file.	0.40
5/25/99 Review of file; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.20
10/22/99 Review of file.	0.10
11/1/99 Review Fax and correspondence from FPC; telephone call to Fronk; review of file; intra-office conference.	0.60
11/4/99 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
12/1/99 Telephone call to FPC.	0.20
2/14/00 Review of file; telephone call to and from client; telephone call to and from FPC; intra-office conference; telephone call from client, witness; memo to file.	1.00
2/15/00 Telephone call from client; telephone call to FPC; correspondence to	2.90

	<u>Hours</u>
complainant re: medical records; review MPD rules, regs and SOPs; discussion with witnesses; telephone call to client; draft witness and exhibit list.	
2/16/00 Research regarding rules and SOPs.	0.70
2/23/00 Review of file; draft witness and exhibit list; correspondence to FPC and complainant.	0.50
2/24/00 Telephone call to client.	0.20
2/25/00 Office conference with client; memo to file.	1.10
3/14/00 Telephone calls from Fronk.	0.20
3/20/00 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
3/28/00 Telephone call to witnesses; deliver subpoena to witness; travel.	0.40
3/29/00 Review Fax from FPC.	0.10
3/31/00 Telephone call to witness; telephone call to client.	0.90
4/3/00 Preparation for and appearance at hearing; conference with client; conference with Fronk; memo to file; travel.	3.20
4/7/00 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.20
5/5/00 Telephone call to and from FPC.	0.20
Telephone call from FPC.	0.10

	<u>Hours</u>	
7/14/00 Telephone call to FPC; review Fax; correspondence to client; close file.	0.40	
		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	22.00	\$2,420.00
Additional charges:		
1/15/99 Parking		3.00
2/10/99 MPD Open Records request		1.50
1/21/00 Department of Justice		13.00
3/28/00 Parking		1.00
4/3/00 Parking		5.00
Total costs		<u>\$23.50</u>
Total amount of this bill		<u>\$2,443.50</u>
Balance due		<u><u>\$2,443.50</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

BOARD OF  
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS : CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

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In Re:  
THE CHARGES OF WILLIE E. LEWIS  
AGAINST POLICE OFFICER KEITH RUIZ

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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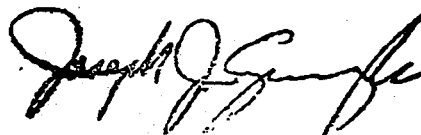
To Officer Keith Ruiz:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Willie E. Lewis, Complaint No. 98-68, filed with the Board on October 21, 1998, is dismissed due to the Complainant's failure to appear at the scheduled trial, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF  
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST G. ERDMANN,  
CHAIRMAN

BY:



JOSEPH J. CZARNEZKI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, MAY 24, 2000.

c: Attorney Laurie Eggert



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 30, 2000

TO: PO KEITH RUIZ  
VICE CONTROL DIVISION

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 OCTOBER 20, 1998
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on

Is this information correct?

YES  NO

Did you receive legal representation  
in this matter?

YES  NO

Your signature: *Keith Ruiz*

Print your name: KEITH RUIZ

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

*Dale T. Schunk*  
DALE T. SCHUNK *JS*  
Commander of Police  
Internal Affairs Division

DTS:dnp