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September 5, 2001

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

*Separated from
MPD -
3/11/00*

RE: Citizen Complaint of Daniel L. Karceski
Against POs Rodney Casarez and Craig Wachowiak
Complaint No.: 99-15
Date of Incident: March 4-5, 1999
ELO No.: 1670

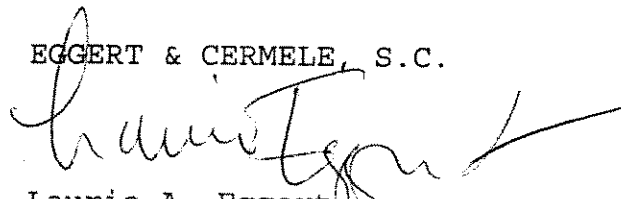
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

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, the claim is hereby made on their behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved an arrest for drunk driving. 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 & CERMELE, S.C.



Laurie A. Eggert
Attorney at Law

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FAX

TO: Jan Smokowicz
FROM: Laurie Eggert
RE: EC 1670
DATE: February 27, 2004

Dear Mr. Smokowicz

You inquired about whether former Milwaukee Police Officer Rodney Casarez left his employment because he had a pending citizen complaint. Rodney Casarez did not leave because of the pending citizen complaint, and left Wisconsin to take other employment outside the state.

If you have any other questions, please contact me.

Laurie Eggert



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Re: Citizen Complaint of Daniel L. Karceski
EC No. 1670

Dear Ms. Eggert:

With regard to the above-noted claim, a copy of which accompanies this letter, please indicate to me whether Officer Casarez' separation from the Milwaukee Police Department on March 11, 2000 was connected to the citizen complaint or the incident giving rise to the citizen complaint.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan A. Smokowicz', written over a horizontal line.

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ
Assistant City Attorney

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Enc.

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Daniel Karseski
Against PO Rodney Casarez and Craid Wachowiak
FPC No: 99-15
Date of Incident: March 4, 1999
Location of Incident: District #6

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
06/24/99 Review FAX from PO Casarez; telephone call to PO Casarez; open file.	0.60
06/25/99 Review file.	0.30
06/30/99 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
07/07/99 Telephone call from PO Casarez.	0.10
11/17/99 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to PO Casarez.	0.20
05/31/00 Telephone call from FPC.	0.10
06/01/00 Telephone call to PO Casarez; telephone call to FPC; telephone call from Heard; memo to file.	0.60
06/02/00 Telephone call FPC.	0.20

	<u>Hours</u>
06/05/00 Telephone call and FAX to FPC.	0.30
07/12/00 Review dismissal notice regarding Casarez.	0.10
07/14/00 Telephone call to and from Wachowiak; memo to file; review of file; telephone call to Heard; correspondence to MPD Open Records; correspondence to FPC.	0.80
07/25/00 Telephone call from FPC.	0.30
09/11/00 Telephone call from Heard.	0.10
09/12/00 Review of file; telephone call to FPC.	0.10
10/05/00 Telephone call from FPC.	0.10
10/06/00 Telephone call to FPC.	0.10
10/12/00 Telephone call to FPC.	0.20
02/06/01 Telephone call from FPC (2); memo to file.	0.20
02/07/01 Telephone call from FPC; review of file; telephone call to clients.	0.30
02/13/01 Intra-office conference.	0.50
02/14/01 Review of file; review closed criminal file on same incident demonstrating PO Wachowiak was improperly named; draft letter to FPC regarding PO Wachowiak's dismissal from complaint.	1.70
02/15/01 Review of file; correspondence to FPC requesting dismissal; correspondence to clients.	0.70

	<u>Hours</u>	
03/30/01 Telephone call to FPC.	0.20	
04/27/01 Telephone call to and from FPC.	0.20	
05/07/01 Telephone call to FPC.	0.20	
05/14/01 Telephone call to and from FPC.	0.20	
05/17/01 Discussion with FPC.	0.20	
05/24/01 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to clients; close file.	0.40	
		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	9.10	\$1,001.00
Additional charges:		
10/02/00 MPD Open Records request		2.05
Total costs		<u>\$2.05</u>
Total amount of this bill		<u>\$1,003.05</u>
Balance due		<u><u>\$1,003.05</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

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

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF DANIEL L. KARCESKI
AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS RODNEY
CASAREZ AND CRAIG WACHOWIAK

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

To Officer Rodney Casarez:

WHEREAS, accused Police Department member Rodney Casarez has resigned from the Milwaukee Police Department effective March 11, 2000, and is therefore no longer under the jurisdiction of the Fire and Police Commission,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Complaint of Daniel L. Karceski, Complaint No. 99-15, filed with the Board on May 17, 1999, is dismissed only against Officer Rodney Casarez, with the Complaint against all other accused member(s) remaining in full force and effect, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST G. ERDMANN,
CHAIRMAN

BY:



JOSEPH J. CZARNEZKI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JULY 10, 2000.

c: Attorney Jonathan Cermele ✓

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

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF DANIEL L. KARCESKI
AGAINST POLICE OFFICER CRAIG WACHOWIAK

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

To Officer Craig Wachowiak:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Daniel L. Karceski, Complaint No. 99-15, filed with the Board on May 17, 1999, is dismissed against Police Officer Craig Wachowiak due to misidentification, with the Complaint itself remaining in full force and effect pending possible identification of further accused **for a period not to exceed 30 days**, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS

WOODY WELCH,
CHAIRMAN

BY:



JOSEPH J. CZARNECKI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, MAY 21, 2001

c: Attorney Jonathan Cermele ✓

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

TO: P.O. CRAIG WACHOWIAK
DISTRICT SIX

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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 MARCH 4-5, 1999
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by DANIEL KARCESKI ✓
- 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: _____

Craig Wachowiak

Print your name: _____

CRAIG WACHOWIAK

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

STEVEN SETTINGSGAARD
POLICE COMMANDER
Internal Affairs Division

DTS:dnp