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November 18, 2002

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 Officers Michael Mead and Aaron Kohlhepp

C.I. File No. 01-S-272-7; ELO No. 1640

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Michael Mead and Aaron Kohlhepp. The claim is in the amount of \$822.18 including \$8.18 in disbursements for 7.40 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 Police 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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

GRANT M. LANGLEY

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August 2, 2001

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

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of POs Michael Mead and

Aaron Kohlhepp

Allegations Regarding Mr. Jerry Brock

Date of Incident: May 29, 2000

Location of Incident: 3048 North Palmer Street

ELO No.: 1640

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officers have retained us 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 a foot chase. Charges will not be issued against the officers. Attached is a copy of the clearance report and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.

Laurie A. Eggert

Attorney at Law

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August 2, 2001

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

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Mr. Jerry Brock Regarding: POs Michael Meade and Aaron Kohlhepp

Date of Incident: May 29, 2000

Location of Incident: 3048 N. Palmer St.

Professional services

		Hours
06/01/00	Office conference with clients; open file; memo to file; telephone call to IAD.	1.10
07/10/00	Review of file; telephone call to IAD.	0.40
08/01/00	Review of file; telephone call to IAD.	0.20
08/03/00	Telephone call from client.	0.10
08/08/00	Telephone call to IAD; telephone call to clients.	0.40
08/10/00	Review of file; telephone call to POs Kohlhepp and Meade; meeting with POs Kohlhepp and Meade at IAD; attend PO Kohlhepp and Meade's separate statements to IAD; travel; memo to file.	2.10
09/26/00	Review of file; telephone call to IAD; memo to file.	0.20

Balance due

\$822.18

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt

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(Rate: \$110.00 per hour through 12/31/1998)

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CIU/Internal Affairs Division

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<u>SUMMARY</u>

Thursday, January 18, 2001

IN THE MATTER OF:

CIU#00-149-BATTERY/ MISCONDUCT IN PUBLIC OFFICE

P.O. MICHAEL MEADE, PR#63610 P.O.CHRISTIAN OSELL, PR#64291 P.O. JOHNNY SANTIAGO, PR#45033 ALL OF DISTRICT FIVE, EARLY SHIFT

TO: DALE T. SCHUNK
POLICE COMMANDER

SIR:

This report was dictated by Detective Louis JOHNSON, of the Criminal Investigation Unit /Internal Affairs Division (CIU/IAD), early shift.

ALLEGATION:

Complainant, Jerry L. BROCK, alleges on May 29, 2000 that he was chased into his house by Officer OSELL. Officer OSELL enters his residence, throws him to the floor and punches the complainant twice to the ribs causing pain. Officers SANTIAGO and MEADE later enter the residence and the complainant alleges Officer SANTIAGO stepped on his arms and that unknown officers later came out of the bathroom with marijuana, which he believes was planted.

INVESTIGATION:

On Monday, May 29, 2000, at 7:15 p.m., Police Officers MEADE and OSELL observed the complainant, Mr. BROCK, shooting dice at the rear of his residence. Upon seeing these officers Mr. BROCK then fled into his residence where Officers MEADE and OSELL gave chase. Mr. BROCK alleges that Officer OSELL upon entering his residence threatened to spray him with O.C. spray if he didn't open the bathroom door. Mr. BROCK states he then opened up the door and Officer OSELL grabbed him by his neck, threw him to the floor and punched him to his ribs twice causing him pain. Mr. BROCK states other officers then came after Officer OSELL had called for a backup and one of the

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It should be noted that Mr. BROCK was charged May 31, 2000 with Possession of Marijuana Second and Subsequent Offense and Resisting/Obstructing an Officer charge was no processed.

CONCLUSION:

On October 18, 2000, Mr. BROCK'S complaint of Battery/Misconduct in Public Office was reviewed in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office before Deputy District Attorney Jon REDDIN. Deputy DA REDDIN upon review of this case did no process both charges of Battery and Misconduct in Public Office against said police officers. Deputy DA REDDIN believed that there was not enough credible evidence to convince a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that a battery had occurred and that the physical force used by the police officers involved to take Mr. BROCK into custody, who appeared to be resistant, was necessary. This case will thus be cleared as warrant refused.

Respectfully submitted:

Louis JOHNSON Police Detective

CIU/IAD, Early Shift

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Milwaukee County

E. MICHAEL McCANN . District Attorney

January 4, 2001

Chief Arthur Jones City of Milwaukee Police Department 749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233 JAN 5 2000

Dear Chief Jones:

On May 29, 2000, City of Milwaukee bicycle patrol officer Michael Meade observed Jerry Brock and others gambling on the street. Upon seeing Meade and his partner, Brock said "shit, the police," picked up some of the gambling money and ran. Brock ran to and entered his mother's house, pursued by Meade. At this point Brock pulled out a baggie and ran toward the back of the house, with Meade in pursuit. Brock went into a bathroom, was ordered out and was subsequently arrested. Police found marijuana floating in the toilet.

Brock alleges that as he came out of the bathroom, Meade grabbed him by the neck, threw him on the floor and handcuffed him. Brock further alleges that Meade punched him in the ribs twice, causing pain. He also contends that the police planted the marijuana, although he subsequently pled guilty to possessing it.

Brock's mother stated that as Meade entered the house he knocked over John Young, the caretaker of a disabled man at that address. She says that Meade then pulled Brock out of the bathroom, ramming Brock into the wall as he did so. She further contends that Meade slammed Brock to the floor, handcuffed him, punched him in the jaw and slapped him. She also says that two officers rammed Brock into the refrigerator three times.

John Young says no one knocked him over, and says that he doesn't know if Brock had his head slammed into the floor or if it was just laying there as he was being arrested. He says the police then picked Brock up somewhat roughly and escorted him out of the house. Young says that Brock had been gambling outside of the house, rolling dice as he does every day.

A neighbor saw police bring Brock out of the house, and says that Brock was refusing to walk and so was having his legs dragged. She did not see the events that transpired in the house.

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Chief Jones March 29, 2000 Page 2

Officer Christopher Osell says that no officers beat Brock, but that Brock's mother continued to yell that they were beating him, even though they weren't. He said that at one point officer Johnny Santiago placed Brock against the refrigerator.

Meade says that during his attempts to arrest Brock he told Brock's mother to tell Brock to put Brock's hands behind Brock's back, she did so and Brock complied. Meade denies striking Brock. Santiago and Osell deny striking Brock, and say they did not see any other officers strike him.

Brock's mother's statement is not particularly credible, since it not only contradicts the statements of the three officers, but that of her son and Young. Brock's complaint is that Meade punched him in the ribs twice, causing pain. All of the officers deny that this happened, and neither Young nor Brock's mother corroborates that it did.

There is simply not enough credible evidence to convince a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that a battery occurred, beyond incidental physical force required to arrest a resistant defendant, and for that reason I am declining prosecution.

Very truly yours,

Jon N. Reddin

Deputy District Attorney

JNR:jr

cc/ Jon Cermele

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

SEPTEMBER 18,2001

TO: P.O. MICHAEL MEAD DISTRICT FIVE

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:

An incident occurring on MAY 29, 2000 A citizen's complaint made by JERRY BROCK 2)

A police shooting incident occurring on

Is this information correct?

YES NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES NO

Your signature:

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Print your name:_

P.O.

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

STEVEN M. SETTINGSGAARD

POLICE COMMANDER

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

SEPTEMBER 18,2001

TO: P.O. AARON KOHLHEPP

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- 2) A citizen's complaint made by JERRY BROCK

Your signature:

3) A police shooting incident occurring on

Is this information correct?

YES_____NO____

NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

Print your name: HARVY CHUTER

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STEVEN M. SETTINGSGAARD

POLICE COMMANDER

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