

# CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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January 29, 2004

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert, Eggert & Cermele, S.C.  
for legal fees for Police Officer Alvin Hannah  
C.I. File No. 02-S-83; EC No. 1743

Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Alvin Hannah. The claim is in the amount of \$557.07 including \$7.07 in disbursements for 5.00 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 a criminal investigation. No criminal charges were brought against the police officer 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 F. LANGLEY  
City Attorney

  
JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
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February 27, 2002

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

**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Alvin Hannah  
Allegations Regarding Mr. Frederick Cocroft  
Date of Incident: November 16, 2001  
Location of Incident: 3615/17 North 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
EC No.: 1743**

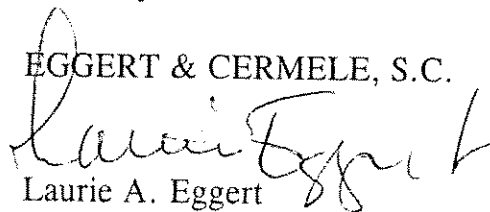
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

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 shooting. Charges will not be issued against the officer. Attached is a copy of DDA Martin's dismissal letter and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.



Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Shooting  
Regarding: PO Alvin Hannah  
Date of Incident: November 16, 2001  
Location of Incident: 3700 Block of North 25th Street

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>	
11/18/01 Open file; memo to file; Telephone call from and to client.	0.60	
11/19/01 Conference with client; preparation for and appearance at statements to DA; memo to file; travel.	2.90	
11/20/01 Telephone call from Schaefer; memo to file; telephone call to client.	0.40	
11/21/01 Review of correspondence from DA; correspondence to client.	0.20	
11/26/01 Telephone call from client; close file.	0.40	
11/27/01 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client.	0.30	
12/14/01 Telephone call to and from client.	0.20	
		<u>Amount</u>
- For professional services rendered	5.00	\$550.00

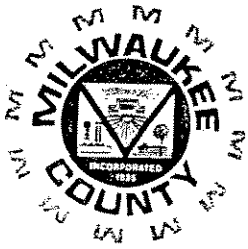
Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt

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Additional charges:

	<u>Amount</u>
11/19/01 Parking	2.07
12/21/01 Parking	5.00
Total costs	<u>\$7.07</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$557.07</u>
Balance due	<u>\$557.07</u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)



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November 19, 2001

Arthur L. Jones, Chief of Police
Milwaukee Police Department
749 West State Street
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EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

Re: Investigation into the Shooting of Frederick Cocroft

Dear Chief Jones:

I conducted an investigation into the shooting of Frederick Cocroft by Milwaukee police officer Alvin Hannah on November 16, 2001, in a gangway between 3615/17 and 3619 North 26th Street in Milwaukee.

I concluded that officer Hannah's wounding of Cocroft was privileged in self-defense pursuant to section 939.48, Stats, and that there was no criminal wrongdoing by officer Hannah.

Thank you for your department's cooperation in the investigation.

Sincerely,

James J. Martin (handwritten signature)

James J. Martin
Deputy District Attorney

cc: Laurie Eggert, Esq.

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 5, 2002

TO: P.O. ALVIN HANNAH  
DISTRICT SEVEN

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 NOVEMBER 16, 2001
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by FREDREICK COCROFT
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES  NO

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES  NO

Your signature: P.O. Alvin Hannah

Print your name: P.O. ALVIN HANNAH

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

*Steven M. Settingsgaard*  
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 Police Commander  
 Internal Affairs Division

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