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

RE: C.I. File No. 1032-2023-1855
Communications from Clarence Hayes

Dear Sir or Madam:

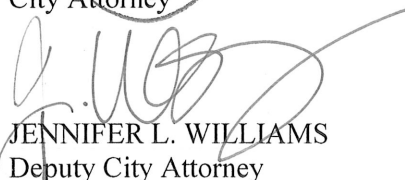
Mr. Clarence Hayes alleges that on October 3, 2023, damages were sustained to the front exterior door of his property located at 2615 N. 49th Street, when Milwaukee Police responded to the subject location for a reported break in. Mr. Hayes submitted an estimate for \$7,022.00, for repairs.

Our investigation reveals that on October 3, 2023, Milwaukee Police Department responded to a call at the subject location regarding a reported break-in. Upon arrival, officers observed a broken window on the front of the lower level unit. Officers proceeded to knock on the doors of both units and announced themselves, while residents of the upper level unit safely vacated the premises. When no one responded in the lower level unit, is when officers used forced entry in order to gain access through the front door, and the suspect found inside was taken into police custody.

It is our view that the Milwaukee Police Department exercised the appropriate action in this forced entry and as such, the City would not be liable. Accordingly, we recommended that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,


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