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

Re: Proposed Settlement Regarding Claim of Fredrick Stinson

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and fiscal impact statement authorizing payment of the claim of Fredrick Stinson in the amount of \$15,000.00. Please introduce the resolution and refer it to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation for both a closed and open session. We offer the following background and recommendation.

Mr. Stinson claims that on September 3, 2011 he was improperly stopped by former Milwaukee Police Officer Michael Vagnini and other officers, and taken to District 5 where Officer Vagnini subjected him to an illegal body cavity search in the booking room. He also claims that in February 2012 he was illegally stopped and searched on the street by Officer Vagnini and other officers. Mr. Stinson's claim was not included in the group settlement of such claims recently approved in File No. 151339 due to his not having retained counsel at an earlier time, although there is a record of his having contacted the Internal Affairs Division of the Milwaukee Police Department concerning his claim in March 2012 and the IAD then attempted to investigate the matter further. Mr. Stinson has not filed suit; however, the claims he could assert are within the applicable limitation period. The City Attorney recommends this settlement as in the best interests of the City at this time.

Very truly yours,

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