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September 17, 2004

To the Honorable Common Council  
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Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert, Eggert Law Office, S.C.  
for legal fees for Police Officers Jose Luna and Elisco Medina  
C.I. File No. 00-S-57-12; EC No. 1367

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Jose Luna and Elisco Medina. The claim is in the amount of \$916.77 including \$3.77 in disbursements for 8.80 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. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

  
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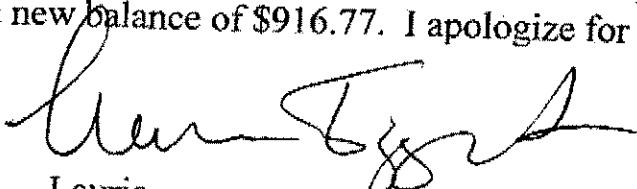
TO: Jan Smokowicz  
FROM: Laurie Eggert  
RE: Claim re Jose Luna ELO 1367  
DATE: September 17, 2004

Our File #  
00-S-57-12

Jan,

The MPD has informed me that the criminal investigation was concluded and that it was "no processed." As a result, no charges were issued against Officer Luna.

You did, however, notice that there was an error on the statement we submitted. It appears that the final entry for January 27, 2000 is a repeat of the entry for January 26, 2000. Please accept this as a modification of the claim, and reduce the amount by \$55.00, for a new balance of \$916.77. I apologize for the error.

  
Laurie

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February 18, 2000

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt  
Milwaukee City Clerk  
800 City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
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**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of POs Jose Luna and Elisco Medina**  
**Allegations Regarding Mr. Richard Schuerman**  
**Date of Incident: June 12, 1999**  
**Location of Incident: 6810 W. Howard**  
**ELO No.: 1367**

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 the investigation of a battery complaint. Charges will not be issued against the officers; attached is a copy of the clearance report.

The attached is an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

*EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.*

*Laurie A. Eggert*  
Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation  
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Professional services

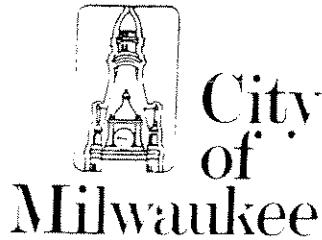
	<u>Hours</u>
6/29/99 Telephone call from PO Luna; meeting with client; open file; telephone call to IAD.	1.40
7/1/99 Telephone call from IAD.	0.10
7/6/99 Telephone call from IAD.	0.20
7/21/99 Telephone call from IAD; several telephone calls to and from client.	0.40
7/23/99 Telephone call from IAD; telephone call to client.	0.20
7/26/99 Telephone call to client.	0.20
7/28/99 Review of file; telephone call to client; telephone call to IAD.	0.30
7/29/99 Telephone call to and from client; office conference with client; telephone call to PO Medina; telephone call to IAD.	1.30

	<u>Hours</u>
7/30/99 Telephone call to and from IAD.	0.20
8/2/99 Telephone call to client and PO Medina; meeting with client and PO Medina at IAD; attend client's statement to IAD; travel.	1.80
8/12/99 Telephone call from IAD; meeting with PO Medina at IAD; review of file; attend PO Medina's statement to IAD; travel.	1.60
8/30/99 Telephone call to IAD.	0.10
1/26/00 Review of correspondence from MPD Open Records; correspondence to client; close file.	0.50
1/27/00 Review of correspondence from MPD Open Records; correspondence to clients; close file.	0.50
	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	8.80 \$968.00
Additional charges:	
1/28/00 MPD Open Records request	3.77
Total costs	<hr/> \$3.77
Total amount of this bill	<hr/> \$971.77
Balance due	<hr/> \$971.77

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt

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(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)



Police Department  
JANUARY 24, 2000

Arthur L. Jones  
Chief of Police

EGGERT LAW OFFICE  
ATTN: JONATHAN CERMELE  
1840 N FARWELL AVE #303  
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JAN 25 2000

EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.

Dear Mr. Cermelle:

This is in response to your request for information pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Records Law. In your letter dated September 24, 1999, you requested all non-privileged departmental records, including the clearance report related to the closed criminal investigation of Police Officer Jose Luna as a result of the complaint made by Mr. Richard Schuerman.

Enclosed is a deleted copy of incident 99-163-3116 Battery D.V. filed by Dara Schuerman which occurred on June 12, 1999.

With regards to the closed criminal investigation be advised that your request for a copy of the complete report is denied. This is a pending INVESTIGATION and request is denied per Wisconsin Statutes 905.09, and Wisconsin Supreme Court decision Newspapers, Inc. v. Breier, 89 Wis. 2d 417 (1979).

For your convenience I am providing the incident number 99-165-3162 for the criminal investigation please refer to that number for further inquiries.

Further be advised that in the event that all or part of your request is denied, that this determination is subject to review by mandamus, Wisconsin Statutes 19.37(1), or upon application to the District Attorney or Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR L. JONES  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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