

February 13, 2013

City Attorney Grant Langley
City Hall, Room 800
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Re: NOTICE OF CLAIM
COMPLAINANT: RICHARD SPARKS &
LOLITA ALLEN

I am forwarding to your office a NOTICE OF CLAIM filed by the above individual. This document was served on PO VINCENZO PAOLO on 02-05-13. The document was forwarded to Civil Litigation on 02-13-13.

An investigation in this matter will not be commenced until advised to do so by your office.

Sincerely,

EDWARD FLYNN
Chief of Police

JESSE BENITEZ

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jesse Benitez", written over the printed name and title.

Police Officer
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2013

TO: Civil Litigations

FR: P.O. Vincenzo PAOLO

RE: Representation on Civil Case



This report was written by P.O. Vincenzo PAOLO, assigned to District 5 (late power shift). On approximately Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:15pm, I was served with 3 copies of a notice of claims from who I believed to be a process server. The process server served me at District 5 (2920 N. 4th St.) police station. I respectfully request city attorney representation for this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

P.O. Vincenzo Paolo PAOLO

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P.S.# 017108

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DIVISION

CITY OF MILWAUKEE
CITY CLERK

WRITTEN NOTICE OF CLAIM AND STATEMENT OF RELIEF

Pursuant to section 893.80 (1)(A) AND (B), Wis. Stats. Richard Sparks on 1908 W. Nash Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206, through his attorney, Law Office of Haze J. Washington, 2828 N. 60th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210, does hereby submit this Notice of Claim and Statement of Relief regarding injury/damages he sustained on November 14, 2012 when City of Milwaukee Police Officer Vincenzo Paolo violated Mr. Richard Sparks' rights by using excessive force in shooting Mr. Sparks' family dog "Ace".

According to Mr. Richard Sparks, on November 14, 2012 at approximately 8:15 pm, his wife Ms. Allen had just gotten home from work at St. Francis Hospital. Upon arriving home, Ms. Allen met Mr. Sparks, in the back yard and discussed their days. Before exiting the home to meet his wife as she arrived home from work, Mr. Sparks let the family dog "Ace" out to go to the bathroom. As the parties conversed in the backyard, Ms. Allen heard her front gate opening.

As the parties went to go see who was visiting their home that evening they heard two gunshots fired. At the time gunshots were fired the parties two sons, Devin (18) and Donovan (8) were inside the home. Upon slowly moving forward to the front of the house it became clear to Ms. Allen and Mr. Sparks that the Milwaukee Police Department were at the front of their home. After asking the MPD repeatedly who they were shooting at and receiving no answer the parties walked forward to the front of their home. As the parties came to the front porch they noticed their two children standing in the front doorway crying, and heard neighbors screaming. On the parties front porch was their family dog, Ace, who lay bleeding from multiple gun shot wounds.

Due to the confusion of the situation the parties continually asked the MPD to explain why they had shot their family dog. The police never gave a straight answer, and only detailed to the parties that they were there doing an investigation of a previous shooting in the neighborhood. Ms. Allen repeatedly asked the MPD officer's why they shot her dog, as she didn't hear any growling or barking of any kind. Ms. Allen and Mr. Sparks spoke with the Officer present for quite some time. The Officers never gave Mr. Sparks nor his wife a full explanation of why they had shot his dog. However, before leaving the MPD Officer Paolo attempted to offer Mr. Sparks and his family another dog that the Milwaukee Police had in their care.

The Milwaukee Police Department acted with excessive force when they entered onto Ms. Allen and Mr. Sparks property and shot their family dog "Ace". Due to the actions of the MPD, Ms. Allen, Mr. Sparks, and their two children were emotionally traumatized and forced to watch their family pet die on their own front porch.

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The itemized statement of relief is as follows:

A. Past Physical & Emotional Pain and Suffering	\$50,000.00
B. Future Physical & Emotional Pain and Suffering	\$50,000.00
TOTAL	\$100,000.00

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 30 day of January, 2013.

Law Office of Hazel J. Washington, S.C.

By: Hazel J. Washington
Hazel J. Washington
Attorney for Richard Sparks
State Bar No.: 1003718

PO ADDRESS
2828 N. 60th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53210
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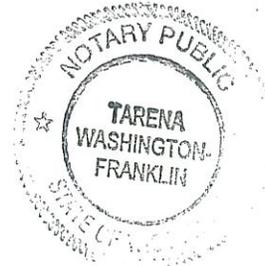
Richard Sparks
Richard Sparks

Subscribed and sworn before me

This 28 day of January, 2013

Tarena Washington Amunllio
Notary Public, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

My Commission is: permanent



CITY OF MILWAUKEE
CITY CLERK

WRITTEN NOTICE OF CLAIM AND STATEMENT OF RELIEF

Pursuant to section 893.80 (1)(A) AND (B), Wis. Stats. Lolita Allen on 1908 W. Nash Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206, through her attorney, Law Office of Hazel J. Washington, 2828 N. 60th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210, does hereby submit this Notice of Claim and Statement of Relief regarding injury/damages she sustained on November 14, 2012 when City of Milwaukee Police Officer Vincenzo Paolo violated Ms. Allen's rights by using excessive force in shooting Ms. Allen's family dog "Ace".

According to Ms. Lolita Allen, on November 14, 2012 at approximately 8:15 pm, Ms. Allen had just gotten home from work at St. Francis Hospital. Upon arriving home, Ms. Allen met her husband, Mr. Richard Sparks, in the back yard and discussed their days. Before exiting the home to meet his wife as she arrived home from work, Mr. Sparks let the family dog "Ace" out to go to the bathroom. As the parties conversed in the backyard Ms. Allen heard her front gate opening.

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The itemized statement of relief is as follows:

A. Past Physical & Emotional Pain and Suffering	\$50,000.00
B. Future Physical & Emotional Pain and Suffering	\$50,000.00
TOTAL	\$100,000.00

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 29 day of January, 2013.

Law Office of Hazel J. Washington, S.C.

By: *Hazel J. Washington*
Hazel J. Washington
Attorney for Lolita Allen
State Bar No.:1003718

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2828 N. 60th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53210
(414) 444-4260

Lolita Allen 1/24/13
Lolita Allen

Subscribed and sworn before me
This 24 day of January, 2013
Abigail Gilman
Notary Public, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin
My Commission is: permanent



CITY OF MILWAUKEE
CITY CLERK

WRITTEN NOTICE OF CLAIM AND STATEMENT OF RELIEF

Pursuant to section 893.80 (1)(A) AND (B), Wis. Stats. Donovan Sparks on 08
Nash Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206, through his attorney, Law Office of Haze J.
Washington, 2828 N. 60th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210, does hereby submit this
Notice of Claim and Statement of Relief regarding injury/damages he sustained on
November 14, 2012 when City of Milwaukee Police Officer Vincenzo Paolo violated
Donovan Sparks' rights by using excessive force in shooting Donovan Sparks' family dog
"Ace".

According to eight (8) year old Donovan Sparks, on November 14, 2012 he and his older
brother Devin Sparks (18), were in the front room of their family home playing play
station. Their mother had just arrived home so their father, Richard Sparks, took their
family dog "Ace" outside to greet her.

Soon after, Donovan and his brother heard gun shots at the front of their house and ran to
see what was going on. Upon reaching the front door, Donovan and his brother saw their
family dog laying on the front porch, shot, bleeding, and struggling to breath. The
Milwaukee Police Department had arrived at their home and shot Donovan's dog on the
front porch of his home. The two boys watched in horror as their beloved family dog
passed away right in front of them. Donovan, a mere eight years old, witnessed his
mother and father frantically try to make sense of what happened and attempt to shield
him from the tragic scene.

The Milwaukee Police Department acted with excessive force when they entered onto
the property of Donovan's parents, Ms. Allen and Mr. Sparks, and shot their family dog
"Ace". Due to the actions of the Milwaukee Police Department Donovan was
emotionally traumatized.

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Law Office of Hazel J. Washington, S.C.

By: Hazel J. Washington
Hazel J. Washington
Attorney for Donovan Sparks (minor)
State Bar No.: 1003718

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Lolita Allen 1/24/13
Lolita Allen on behalf of minor son
Donovan Sparks

Subscribed and sworn before me
This 24 day of January, 2013
Abigail Gilman
Notary Public, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin
My Commission is: permanent.



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD SHEET

NO. 1008 (100) (100) (100)

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