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January 5, 2009

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Jonathan Cermele, Cermele & Associates,  
S.C. for legal fees for Police Officer Ronald Brown; EC 2621

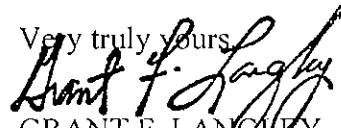
Dear Council Members:

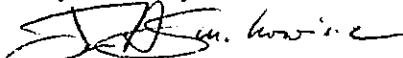
Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jonathan Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Ronald Brown. The claim is in the amount of \$946.00 for 8.60 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110 per hour. We ask that this matter be introduced and referred to the Committee 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 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. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *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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JAS:amp  
Enc.

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2008 SEP 8 PM 3:38

MEMORANDUM

September 3, 2008

TO: P.O. RONALD BROWN  
DISTRICT: SIX

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of  
Attorney Jonathan Cermele

Attorney Jonathan Cermele 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: MARCH, 2006
- 2) A citizen complaint made by: N/A
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring at: N/A

Is this information correct?

YES  NO

Did you receive legal representation  
in this matter?

YES  NO

Your signature: Ronald K Brown

Print your name: RONALD K. BROWN

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

KURT R. LEIBOLD  
Acting Captain of Police  
Professional Performance Division

KRL: kjs

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June 25, 2008

Acting Captain Kurt Leibold  
Milwaukee Police Department  
Professional Performance Division  
6680 North Teutonia Avenue, Rm. 325  
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Re: Communication from Cermele & Associates, S.C.  
EC: 2621; Our File No. 1032-2008-2037.014

Dear Captain Leibold:

Enclosed please find a claim filed by attorney Jonathan Cermele for Attorney's fees incurred during his representation of Police Officer Ronald Brown.

Please determine whether this officer was in fact involved in the matter described in Mr. Cermele's claim, and have this officer verify Mr. Cermele's representation. Please return the claims and verification forms to our office at your earliest convenience to Angelique M. Pettigrew, Paralegal.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan A. Smokowicz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
Assistant City Attorney

JAS:amp  
Enclosure

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LAURIE A. EGGERT  
- OF COUNSEL -

June 12, 2008

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

**RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Ronald Brown**  
**Date of Incident: March 2006**  
**Location of Incident: District 7**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Pursuant to Article 58 of the 2007-2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Milwaukee Police Association, the City should request that this claim be placed on the Common Council Committee agenda within 180 days of its receipt.

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, this claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved the pick-up of property from a district station.

According to correspondence from Acting Captain Leibold, the matter is suspended pending further information. As such, no charges were issued against the officer. Attached is a copy of the letter along with status of the CIS Investigatory file and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

/kjs  
Attachments  
BROWN

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Mr. Ronald Leonhardt  
Milwaukee City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 205  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee WI 53202

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Ronald Brown  
Date of Incident: March 2006  
Location of Incident: District 7  
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
4/13/2006 Telephone call from PO Brown regarding new criminal investigation; open file.	0.80
5/23/2006 Telephone call from PPD; memo to file; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.70
5/24/2006 Telephone call to PPD; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.30
5/25/2006 Telephone call to client.	0.10
5/26/2006 Review file; office conference with client; telephone call to PPD; follow-up office conference with client; review documentation from client.	1.30
6/2/2006 Receive and review documents from client.	0.30
6/15/2006 Telephone call to and from PPD.	0.40
6/16/2006 Review file; telephone call to client.	0.30
6/19/2006 Several telephone calls to and from client.	0.10
6/20/2006 Telephone call to and from PPD; calendar statement date and time.	0.30

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Hours

6/21/2006 Telephone call to client regarding statement; calendar same.	0.20
6/22/2006 Telephone call to client; review file; travel; meeting with client at PPD; attend statement at PPD; return travel; memo to file.	2.50
10/4/2006 Review file; Fax to PPD.	0.40
5/11/2007 Review file; fax to PPD.	0.20
6/4/2008 Review file; fax to PPD seeking clearance confirmation.	0.20
6/9/2008 Receive and review correspondence from PPD indicating suspension of investigation; correspondence to client regarding same; close file.	0.50

	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	8.60 \$946.00
Balance due	<u>\$946.00</u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

Thursday, June 05, 2008

Matthew GRANITZ  
Attorney At Law  
6310 West Bluemound Road  
Suite 200  
Milwaukee, WI 53213

Dear Mr. GRANITZ:

This letter is in response to your inquiry of June 4, 2008 regarding the status of CIS Investigatory Files.

Attached please find the requested information. If further assistance is needed Lieutenant of Detectives Karen DUBIS can be contacted at 935-3540.

Sincerely,



KURT R. LEIBOLD  
ACTING CAPTAIN OF POLICE



CIS FILE NO.	PPD FILE NO.	COMPLAINANT	ALLEGATION	DISPOSITION
1. 06-043		LIEUTENANT KEITH ECCHER	THEFT	SUSPENDED PENDING NEW INFORMATION