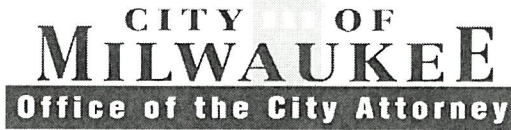


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October 31, 2024

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

Re: Communication from LaQuanda Brown
C.I. File No. 1044-2024-1020

Dear Council Members:

LaQuanda Brown alleges that on June 3, 2024, her 2009 Lexus IS 250 was involved in a traffic stop and towed to the City of Milwaukee tow lot. Upon retrieval of her vehicle from the City tow lot, Ms. Brown noticed her center console was damaged and her personal items were missing. Ms. Brown submitted a damage claim for \$9,700, that includes (2) pair Cartier glasses, a handgun magazine, and necklace with pendant that has sentimental value.

We conducted an investigation into this matter with the City tow lot and Milwaukee Police Department (MPD). Our investigation reveals that on June 3, 2024, Milwaukee Police Department initiated a tow of Ms. Brown's 2009 Lexus IS 250 because the vehicle was unregistered. MPD conducted a search of the vehicle, and a pair of glasses were noticed in the driver's side door. Other personal items visible in the center console include a cell phone, cash, handgun, keys, and a wallet and those items were returned to driver upon his release, that same day. No items were placed in MPD's inventory and there were no reports of break-ins during the timeframe Ms. Brown's vehicle was at the City tow lot.


The intake/exit videos from the City tow lot show the exterior of the vehicle and the windows are tinted. It is undetermined whether the vehicle was locked upon intake at the City tow lot. Standard Operating Procedure does not allow inventory of items inside the vehicle.



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It is our position that the City is not liable for damages and we recommend the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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