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

Re: Police Officer Lamont Hodnett
Date of Incident: May 16, 1998
Location of Incident: Vicinity of 4082 N. 7th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Please be advised that I represent Police Officer Lamont Hodnett. Officer Hodnett was charged by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office with First Degree Reckless Injury - While Armed in Case No. 98CF002560. That case was litigated through jury trial and Officer Hodnett was found not guilty.

Officer Hodnett testified during the trial, and in his statements to the police, that he was acting in his capacity as a Milwaukee Police Officer at the time this incident occurred. Officer Hodnett was off duty at the time of the incident, but placed himself back on duty, given the dangerous activity which he observed and felt he had a duty to quell. He further testified at the trial that after stopping the driver of the vehicle who was conducting the dangerous activity, a third party injected himself into the situation, drew a weapon and prepared to fire at Officer Hodnett at which time Officer Hodnett fired in self-defense. As indicated above, the jury found Officer Hodnett not guilty.

Based upon my representation of Officer Hodnett, claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees which are attached and which I provided to Officer Hodnett in his defense of this matter. I have been advised by the City Attorney's Office that in the event this claim is granted, it would be paid at the rate of $110.00 per hour. While that is well below my usual fee, I have presented the bill at that rate.

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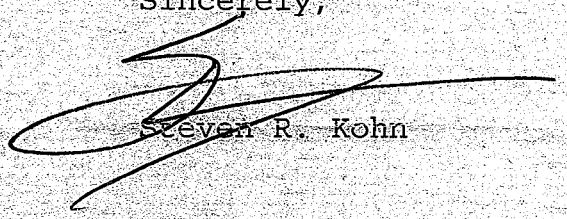
It is my understanding that the City Attorney's Office refused to represent Officer Hodnett regardless of the fact that he was performing duties of his office at the time of the events giving rise to this incident.

Sincerely,



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P.S. Please advise if there is anything further I need do to make a claim or if this satisfies the requirements of the statutes and ordinances concerning a claim.

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LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED ON BEHALF OF OFFICER LAMONT HODNETT

		Hrs.
5/16/98	Met with client, union attorney, police, prosecutors & court commissioner	5.00
5/17	Met with client; met with family; made numerous phone calls	2.50
5/18	Met with district attorney; met with client; phone calls with family members	2.50
5/18	Met with client & detectives re statements of client; met with district attorey	3.00
5/19	Met with district attorney; met with client; spoke with client by phone; spoke with family members	2.00
5/20	In court re initial appearance; met with client; met with district attorney; prepared bail motion	2.20
5/20	Filed bail motion; spoke with district attorney; spoke with Brad DeBraska	1.00
5/21	Spoke with client; spoke with client's faily & supporters; met with girl friend	1.80
5/22	Phone call from district attorney	.10
5/27	Met with client	.50
5/28	In court re preliminary hearing;	

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	letter to district attorney	1.50
6/10	Review of discovery	2.50
6/12	Prepared for & met with client	2.00
7/24	Review of file; met with client	1.20
7/27	Prepared motions re adjournment, sequestration & venue	1.50
7/30-31	Spoke with clerk, district attorney & letters to same re motions	1.50
7/30	Spoke with witness Carter	.40
8/5	Spoke with district attorney, client & clerk; file preparation	.50
8/21	Motion hearing/met with client	2.50
9/1	Jury trial preparation - breakdown & indexing of evidence	4.00
9/8	Met with client	1.00
9/9	Met with client	3.30
9/15	Met with client	2.00
9/17	Prepared for and met with client	1.50
9/18	Prepared witness list; met with district attorneys and reviewed 911 calls; spoke with client; jury trial preparation	2.50
9/19	Jury trial preparation	2.00
9/20	Full review re jury trial preparation including voir dire & opening	8.00
10/21	In court re motions & jury trial; met with district attorney; met with client; prepared for 2nd day of jury trial	11.00
10/22	Continued preparation for 2nd day of jury trial; in court & jury trial continued; met with client & witnesses; prepared for 3rd day of jury trial including	

	closing outline	13.00
10/23	In court re 3rd day of jury trial	6.00
10/24	In court re jury questions (3X); additional instructions to jury; verdict (not guilty)	2.50
	TOTAL HRS:	91.00

91.00 Hrs. @$110.00 per hr = $10,010.00

Respectfully submitted,

Steven R. Kohn