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May 19, 2008

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 David Martinez

C.I. File No. 07-S-149-2; EC 2455

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jonathan Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer David Martinez. The claim is in the amount of \$1,666.00 including \$16.00 in disbursements for 15.00 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 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).

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## MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### **MEMORANDUM**

MAY 2, 2007

TO: P.O. DAVID MARTINEZ

**DISTRICT: SEVEN** 

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) A police shooting incident occurring on JANUARY 12, 2007
- 2) A citizen complaint made by David BOONE

Is this information correct?

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m YES}$   $_{
m NO}$ 

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

 $_{\rm YES}$   $\times$   $_{\rm NO}$ 

Your signature:

Print your name:

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

Mary K. Hoerig /xc

Deputy Inspector

Professional Performance Division

MKH: lrc

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April 23, 2007

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

2007 APR 25 PM 3: 00 RONALD U. LECKHARI CITY CLERK

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation: Officer-Involved Shooting

Regarding: PO David Martinez
Date of Incident: January 12, 2007

Location of Incident: 2834-2836 North 49th Street

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

This claim is being submitted under §895.35(2), STATS., which provides that:

Notwithstanding sub (1), the City . . . shall reimburse a protective services officer for reasonable attorney fees incurred by the officer in connection with a criminal proceeding arising from the officer's conduct in the performance of official duties, unless, in relation to that conduct, any of the following applies:

- a. The officer is convicted of a crime;
- b. The officer's employment is terminated for cause;
- c. The officer resigned for reasons other than retirement before the attorneys fees are incurred;
- d. The officer is demoted or reduced in rank
- e. The officer is suspended without pay for 10 of more working days. §895.35(2), STATS.

Officer Martinez is considered a "protective services officer" under the statute. He has incurred the fees compiled in this claim as a direct result of his being investigated for actions taken within his official capacity, and in the performance of his duties, in connection with the use of deadly force. None of the "exceptions" apply<sup>1</sup>.

The incident resulted in the District Attorney's Office conducting a criminal investigation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The officer was not convicted of a crime, terminated for cause, resigned prior to incurring the fees associated with this claim, demoted, or suspended without pay for more than 10 days. See 895.35(2)(b), STATS.

into the shooting of David Boone, under Chapter 979, STATS. That investigation qualifies as a "proceeding" which mandates payment under 895.35(2), STATS.

Attached is a copy of District Attorney John Chisholm's letter dated April 12, 2007 confirming that Officer Martinez's actions were privileged and in self-defense.

Sincerely,

CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

/kjs Enclosures MARTINEZ

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Officer-Involved Shooting

Regarding: PO David Martinez
Date of Incident: January 12, 2007

Location of Incident: Professional services

		Hours
1/12/2007	Open file; travel to scene, Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital and PAB; interview PO Martinez and PO Graber; provide PO's to DA and CIB for statements; return travel; memo to file; correspondence to clients.	5.00
1/13/2007	Telephone call from and to CIB.	0.10
1/15/2007	Several telephone call from and to CIB regarding DA / DCI "walk-through" of scene; intra-office conference with Cermele; conference with MPD; telephone call to PO Martinez; correspondence to clients.	1.40
1/16/2007	Conference with MPD.	0.20
1/17/2007	Several telephone call to and from PO Martinez; telephone call from and to CIB regarding walk-through.	0.50
1/18/2007	Telephone call to and from CIB regarding walk-through; memo to file; telephone call to and from PO Martinez regarding same; schedule and calendar same.	0.30

Mr. Ronald	Leonhardt	Page 3
		Hours
4/11/2007	Telephone call from DA Investigator regarding status; memo to file regarding same.	0.20
4/16/2007	Receive and review correspondence from DA Chisholm with determination that no charges will be issued because PO Martinez's actions were privileged and in self-defense; correspondence to PO Martinez; correspondence to PO Graber; close file.	0.40
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		Amount
	For professional services rendered 15.00 Additional charges:	\$1,650.00
1/12/2007	Parking	8.00
1/19/2007	Parking	8.00
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	Total costs	\$16.00
	Total amount of this bill	\$1,666.00
	Balance due	\$1,666.00

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)



## OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

# Milwaukee County

JOHN T. CHISHOLM . District Attorney

April 12, 2007

Chief Nannette Hegerty
Milwaukee Police Department
951 N. James Lovell St., Room 705A
Milwaukee, WI 53233

RE: Milwaukee Police Officer David Martinez, PS No. 010259

### Dear Chief Hegerty:

I reviewed the investigation related to the use of force by City of Milwaukee Police Officer David Martinez. My investigation shows that on January 12, 2007, Officer Martinez and his partner Officer John Graber attempted to stop a person later identified as the decedent, David Boone. Boone ran from Officer Graber and was later encountered by Officer Martinez at 2825 North 48<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Boone resisted arrest and struggled with Officer Martinez. Boone attempted to disarm officer Martinez, and at one point in that struggle, Boone discharged a round from Martinez's pistol. A bullet was recovered from the ground where the struggle took place and was matched by the Wisconsin Crime Lab to Officer Martinez's gun. In addition, clothing from Mr. Boone and items from Officer Martinez (a pen and a button from his shirt) were recovered from the location. Officer Martinez stated he feared for his life during the struggle, and had injuries consistent with a struggle.

Boone broke contact with Martinez when Officer Graber arrived on site to assist and Boone ran to the rear of 2834/36 North 49<sup>th</sup> Street. Officer Martinez re-encountered Boone in the rear of that residence and Boone again approached Officer Martinez. Officer Martinez stated that he could see by Boone's eyes that he was focused on his gun again, and Officer Martinez stated to me that he believed that Boone intended to disarm him again and stated that he felt, based on the previous struggle, that he did not have the strength to prevent Boone from obtaining his weapon a second time. Officer Martinez fired his weapon twice at Boone, striking him once to the chest and once to the face. The coroner determined the fatal round to be the shot to the chest.

I observed the autopsy and am satisfied that the fatal round struck Mr. Boone while he was standing.

I want to mention that early in the investigation your staff presented me information I determined required investigation by an independent agency. I contacted the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, and they assigned an agent to assist me, leading to a

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quick resolution of the concern. I deeply appreciate the professionalism and sound judgment used by your investigators in presenting this information as soon as they encountered it.

Based upon my personal review and information gathered through investigation of this incident, I am satisfied at this time that Officer David Martinez committed no crime and his actions were privileged by self-defense under 939.48, <u>Stats</u>. I respectfully request that Officer Martinez be allowed to return to full duty.

Very truly yours,

John Chisholm

District Attorney

JC:ss

cc\Deputy Chief Brian O'Keefe

Atty. Jon Cermele