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December 1, 2015

Ms. LaKeisha Cole 623 West Burleigh Street Milwaukee, WI 53212

RE: C.I. File No. 1032-2014-2474

Communication from LAKEISHA COLE

Dear Ms. Cole:

We have received your claim on behalf of the Estate of Kwata Shields in relation to his death occurring on June 22, 2014 at 2157 South 20th Street.

While we are sorry for your loss, based upon our investigation and the legal requirements involved in cases of this kind, we must inform you that the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Police Department are not liable for Mr. Shield's death. Upon review of the information we received from the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner, the police department took the appropriate action and followed the proper procedures while investigating this incident. Further, according to the medical examiner, Mr. Shield would have died as a result of the gunshot wounds he received, regardless of police action or alleged inaction. While our decision does not diminish the unfortunate circumstances of his death, we are unable to accept liability.

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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a written statement requesting a hearing within 21 days of the postmarked date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Please include a photocopy of this letter's envelope, showing the postmark, and retain the original in the event further proof is needed.

Very truly yours,

GRANT MANGLEY

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