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July 16, 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 Officers Steve holmblad and Richard
Menzel; EC 2567

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jonathan Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Steve holmblad and Richard Menzel. The claim is in the amount of \$572.00 for 5.20 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 officers 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
Assistant City Attorney

JAS:amp
Enc.

1032-2008-921.006:124731v4

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

May 26, 2008

TO: P.O. STEVEN HOLMBLAD
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) An incident occurring on: APRIL 16, 2007
- 2) A citizen complaint made by: TIMOTHY BENNETT
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring at: NA

Is this information correct?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Did you receive legal representation
in this matter?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Your signature:

P.O. Steven Holmblad

Print your name:

P.O. Steven Holmblad

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

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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P.O. Richard J. Menzel, Jr.

Print your name:

P.O. RICHARD J. MENZEL, JR

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

KURT R. LEIBOLD
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May 1, 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 No: 2567; Our File No. 1032-2008-921.006

Dear Captain Leibold:

Enclosed please find a claim filed by attorney Jonathan Cermele for Attorney's fees incurred during his representation of Police Officers Steve Holmblad and Richard Menzel.

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,



JAN A. SMOKOWICZ
Assistant City Attorney

JAS:amp

Enclosure

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April 3, 2008

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

CITY OF MILWAUKEE
2008 APR - 7 PM 2:25
RONALD D. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO's Steve Holmblad and Richard Menzel
Allegations Regarding Mr. Timothy Bennett
Date of Incident: April 16, 2007
Location of Incident: 4859 North 47th Street

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 officers have retained us to represent them in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent them and, as they were performing the duties of their office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, this claim is hereby made on their behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved responding to a "shots fired" complaint.

According to correspondence from Acting MPD Captain Leibold, the warrant was refused. As such, no charges were issued against the officers. 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

HOLMBLAD and MENZEL

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LAURIE A. EGGERT
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April 03, 2008

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

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Mr. Timothy Bennett
Regarding: PO's Steve Holmblad and Richard Menzel
Date of Incident: April 16, 2007
Location of Incident: 4859 North 47th Street
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
5/10/2007 Telephone call from PO Holmblad regarding new criminal investigation; open file; memo to file; telephone call from PO Menzel; memo to file.	0.70
5/22/2007 Telephone call to PPD; telephone call to PO Holmblad; schedule and calendar statement; telephone call to PO Menzel.	0.40
5/23/2007 Telephone call from PO Menzel; telephone call to PPD; telephone call to PO Holmblad; calendar new date for statements.	0.30
6/4/2007 Telephone call to PPD to confirm 06/05/07 statements.	0.10
6/5/2007 Travel to PPD; meeting with clients; attend statements of clients to PPD; return travel; memo to file.	2.70
9/10/2007 Review file regarding status.	0.10
11/28/2007 Telephone call to PPD to confirm investigation had been cleared as warrant refused; correspondence to PPD requesting written confirmation of same.	0.20

	<u>Hours</u>
3/7/2008 Telephone call to PPD; correspondence to Lt. Det. Dubis regarding follow-up on previous request for clearance confirmation.	0.20
3/11/2008 Receive and review confirmation that investigation was cleared as "warrant refused"; correspondence to client regarding same; close file.	0.50

		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	5.20	\$572.00
Balance due		<u>\$572.00</u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)



Police Department

Nannette H. Hegerty
Chief of Police

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Rachel L. Pings
Attorney At Law
6310 West Bluemound Road
Suite 200
Milwaukee, WI 53213

Dear Ms. PINGS:

This letter is in response to your inquiries of March 5, 2008, March 7, 2008, and January 23, 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 LEIBOLD
ACTING CAPTAIN OF POLICE

CIS FILE NO.	PPD FILE NO.	COMPLAINANT	ALLEGATION	DISPOSITION
1. 07-174	07-0797	STEELE, Robert	BATTERY	UNFOUNDED
2. 07-128	07-0567	TRAYLOR, Allan	THEFT	SUSPENDED PENDING NEW INFORMATION
3. 07-051	07-0203	VALENTIN, ZELLYBETH	PHYSICAL ABUSE OF CHILD	BASELESS
4. 07-049	07-0201	FOX, John	ILLEGAL STRIP SEARCH/ BATTERY	WARRANT REFUSED
5. 07-069	07-0270	BENNETT, Timothy	BATTERY	WARRANT REFUSED
6. 07-176	07-0818	HOFFMAN, Richard	PHYSICAL ABUSE OF CHILD	UNFOUNDED
7. 07-141	07-0658	WASHINGTON, Jamaral	THEFT	UNFOUNDED
8. 07-125	07-0555	JOHNSON, Deonta	THEFT	UNFOUNDED
9. 07-133	07-0596	ANDERSON, RUBEN	BATTERY	UNFOUNDED