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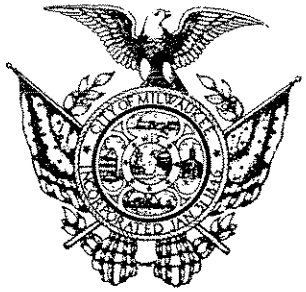

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April 19, 2004

Walter Curtain
5257 North 107th Street
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RE: Walter Curtain
C.I. File No: 03-S-491

Dear Mr. Curtain:

This office is in receipt of your claim in the amount of $500.00, relating to steering column damage sustained to your vehicle and $3,500.00, relating to the replacement of your vehicle after it was towed on August 29, 2003.

Our investigation reveals that your vehicle was towed on August 29, 2003 for Obstruction Alley/Driveway. The police officer ordering the tow did not note column damage, although there was significant damage to the car noted. The intake video and Vehicle Inventory Form indicates column damage and overall damages to the vehicle upon arrival at the tow lot. The damage to your vehicle could have not occurred at the tow lot or during the tow. Accordingly, we are denying your claim concerning damage to the steering column of your vehicle.

Regarding your claim concerning replacement of your vehicle, on August 29, 2003 a notice was sent to you at 5757 North 107th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53225, the address at which the Vehicle Identification Number was registered to with the Department of Transportation, advising you that your vehicle had been towed and indicating where you could pick it up. On September 3, 2003 a certified letter was sent to you at this address, advising you that if the vehicle was not retrieved by September 13, 2003 it would be destroyed after that date. The tow lot indicates that you were at the lot on September 5 and October 30, 2003 and did not retrieve your vehicle. You filed this claim on December 23, 2003. Your vehicle was later sold. The City followed proper procedure and accordingly, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

GRANT F. LANGLEY
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