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DATE: October 10, 2013  
TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, County Board Chairwoman  
FROM: Mark A. Grady, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
SUBJECT: Claim filed by Michelle Williams  
Date of incident: June 9, 2012  
Date claim filed: September 12, 2012

I request that this matter be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services to be placed on the agenda for its next meeting to approve the payment of \$2,000 to Michelle Williams to settle in full her claim against Milwaukee County.

This accident took place on June 09, 2012 around 5:55pm while the claimant was walking on the grassy area off of the sidewalk next to Lincoln Memorial Drive.

A Milwaukee County Deputy Sheriff was patrolling on the side walk along Lincoln Memorial Drive in his marked squad. He was traveling 2-5 mph through the grassy area of the park next to the walking path. As he passed between two trees, the claimant was looking down at her purse and ran into the right front quarter panel and fender of the squad.

The deputy states that the pedestrian traffic at this time was moderate to heavy. He was traveling in a fully marked Chevrolet Tahoe at the time the claimant came from behind a large bush and ran into the squad.

Claimant admits to looking down in her purse as she walked in the grassy area. She did not anticipate a large vehicle to be driving in the area off of any roadway. She recalls hitting the vehicle and then waking up on the ground. The claimant was 60 years old at the time of the incident.

Ms. Williams was knocked back onto the ground injuring her right shoulder, left knee and right foot. She also states that the vehicle ran over her foot as she walked into it. Bell Ambulance was called to the scene to provide medical treatment.

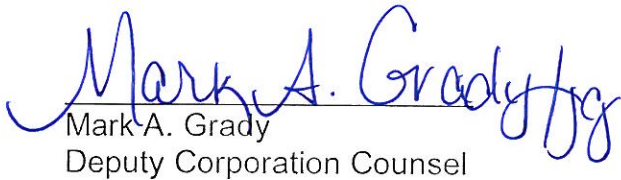
On June 10, 2012 a day after the incident Ms. Williams did seek an X-ray of her right shoulder and right foot at Aurora Advanced Healthcare. Both came back with negative findings of any fracture or dislocation.

Ms. Williams did seek physical therapy from January 4, 2013 through February 21, 2013 regarding her shoulder pain. There were a total of 9 visits within this 6 week period.

**SPECIALS:**

**Aurora Advanced Healthcare:                    \$2509.00**

We believe both parties could be found negligent in this matter. The adjustor and the County insurer recommend a total payment of \$2,000 to Michelle Williams to settle her claim. This settlement only addresses Ms. Williams' claims and does not include any potential subrogation claim from health insurers for medical expenses. Corporation Counsel has reviewed this matter and supports the recommendations to settle this claim.

  
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