

NOTICE OF INJURY AND CLAIM

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**TO: Sheriff Earnell Lucas
Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department
821 W. State Street
Room 107
Milwaukee, WI 53233**

**Sheriff Earnell Lucas, personally
Milwaukee County Sheriff's Dept.
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**Milwaukee County,
A Municipal Corporation
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**Corrections Officer Lehn
Criminal Justice Facility/Milw. County Jail
949 N. 9th Street,
Milwaukee, WI 53233**

**Corrections Officer Glidewell
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**Re: Our Clients: Norman Behling, the Estate of Joseph A. Behling
Savannah M. Behling and Joseph N. Behling, minor children of
Joseph A. Behling
Date of Incident: November 24, 2020
Date of Loss: November 27, 2020**

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According to a review of surveillance video conducted by Detective Daniel Coats of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, at approximately, 1:42 p.m., a correctional officer completed a check of Mr. Behling's cell and walked past his door. At 1:47 p.m., a window covering can be seen placed on the inside Mr. Behling's cell room door window. At 2:12 p.m., Correctional Officer Lehn completed a check and upon noticing the window covering, knocked on Behling's cell room door. She knocked a total of three times and she remained at the door until 2:13 p.m. before continuing her check. At approximately 2:17 p.m., Correctional Officer Lehn walked down the stairs and appeared to look and point in the direction of cell 4 (Behling's cell) and the window covering was still visible. At 2:18 p.m. Correctional Officer Glidewell made contact with an inmate in Cell 8 and as he walked away, he appeared to look towards cell 4 and proceeded back to the Officer station.

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BE FURTHER ADVISED that Norman Behling and as Special Administrator for the Estate of Joseph A. Behling and legal guardian of Joseph A. Behling's minor children namely, Savannah M. Behling and Joseph N. Behling, all reside at 12113 W. Rawson Avenue, Franklin, WI 53132. They contend that as a result of the negligence, improper supervision and failure to follow standard policies, procedures and guidelines, the

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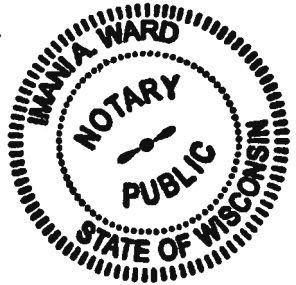
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Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 18th day of March, 2021.


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and as legal guardian of
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Subscribed and sworn before me
Norman Behling, known to me on this 18th day
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Notary Public, Milwaukee County
My Commission expires: 10/2/2029



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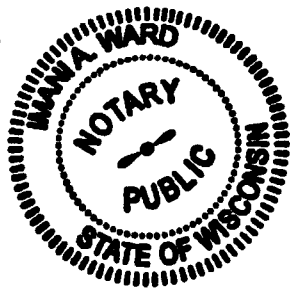
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October 18, 2022

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

TO: OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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Madison, WI 53702-7857

MILWAUKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Attention: Sheriff Earnell Lucas
821 W. State St., Room 107
Milwaukee, WI 53233
Fax: (414) 223-1386

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL
Attention: Inspector Aaron Dobson
949 N. 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
sheriff@milwaukeecountywi.gov

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CLERK
Attention: George L. Christenson
901 North 9th Street, Room 105
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Re: NOTICE OF INJURY AND CLAIM PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES

CLAIMANTS:

Estate of Brieon Green through:

Laquita Dunlap (Mother)
3352 North 45th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53216

Norman E. Woods, Jr. (Father)
116 Autry Avenue
Mooresville, NC 28117

*c/o Hart McLaughlin & Eldridge, LLC
22 W. Washington St., Ste. 1600
Chicago, IL 60602*

DATE AND TIME OF EVENTS:

Beginning on June 26, 2022, at roughly 4:30 p.m. and continuing thereafter through Brieon Green's death on the same date, as described below.

LOCATIONS OF OCCURRENCE:

Bradford Beach

2400 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Milwaukee County Jail
949 N. 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

NOTICE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING RISE TO THE CLAIM:

Upon available information and belief, which is very limited at this time, Bricon Green was taken into custody by several unknown Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Deputies at or around 4:30 p.m., on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at Bradford Beach in Milwaukee. Thereafter, Bricon was transported to the Milwaukee County Jail and died within a few hours.

While it has been alleged by authorities that Bricon Green committed suicide in the jail, authorities have released no information supporting or confirming that fact. Through counsel, Claimants have submitted open records requests to relevant authorities. Those requests have been denied due to an alleged ongoing investigation and, therefore, Claimants have been unable at this time to uncover further information. Therefore, Claimants' statements herein are on information and belief and are subject to revision or supplementation at a later date upon discovery of further information. Claimants are serving this notice and making this claim to preserve their rights with the limited information they have been able to uncover to date. The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, the Milwaukee County Jail, the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office, and any others investigating this preventable in-custody death of Bricon Green are all aware of facts which led to Bricon Green's death, but have not released any detailed information or evidence to-date.

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, the Milwaukee County Jail, and their personnel are responsible for the well-being of individuals in their custody. On information and belief, unknown Milwaukee County's Sheriff's deputies, unknown Milwaukee County Jail personnel, as well as the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and Milwaukee County Jail, through their policies, procedures, patterns, and practices, wrongfully caused the death of Bricon Green on June 26, 2022.

On information and belief, Bricon Green's death was wrongfully caused by several acts or omissions, including but not limited to:

- Excessive force by unknown Milwaukee County's Sheriff's deputies in violation of the U.S. and Wisconsin Constitutions;
- Civil battery by unknown Milwaukee County's Sheriff's deputies;
- Excessive force by unknown Milwaukee County Jail personnel in violation of the U.S. and Wisconsin Constitutions;
- Civil battery by unknown Milwaukee County Jail personnel;
- Cruel and unusual punishment by unknown Milwaukee County Jail personnel in violation of the U.S. and Wisconsin Constitutions;
- Deliberate indifference to Bricon Green's serious medical need by unknown Milwaukee County's Sheriff's deputies;
- Deliberate indifference to Bricon Green's serious medical need by unknown Milwaukee County Jail personnel;

- Policies, procedures, patterns, and practices espousing excessive force by the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office;
- Policies, procedures, patterns, and practices espousing excessive force by the Milwaukee County Jail;
- Deliberate indifference by the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office in failing to train its personnel on: responding to serious medical needs, deescalating conflict, and/or addressing mental health needs;
- Deliberate indifference as to the Milwaukee County Jail's failure to train its personnel on: responding to serious medical needs, deescalating conflict, and/or addressing mental health needs;
- Deliberate indifference to inadequate staffing at the Milwaukee County Jail;
- Milwaukee County Jail personnel failure to follow policies to monitor, watch, and otherwise observe inmates in their care and custody to insure they are not in danger of bodily harm;
- Milwaukee County Jail personnel failure to come to the aid of an inmate in their custody and control; and
- Milwaukee County Jail personnel failure to render aid or care for persons in their custody.

As discussed above, Claimants' investigation into this matter is ongoing and therefore Claimants reserve the right to revise and/or supplement upon authorities' release of information, which to this point they have refused to release.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF RELIEF SOUGHT

Claimants demand the following:

- \$10,000,000.00 for pain and suffering to Briceon Green from the moment of interaction with Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and Milwaukee County Jail personnel until the time of his death; and
- \$10,000,000.00 for the wrongful death of Briceon Green.

As discussed above, Claimants' investigation into this matter is ongoing and therefore Claimants reserve the right to revise and/or supplement this itemized statement of relief upon authorities' release of information, which to this point they have refused to release.

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Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Thank you for your cooperation.

I, the undersigned attorney, certify and solemnly swear that the above-described injury, damage or death actually occurred, that I have read the above foregoing notice of injury and claim, and that the same is true to my own knowledge except as to those matters stated upon information and belief and as to those matters, I believe the same to be true.

State of Illinois
County of Cook

Subscribed and sworn to me before this 19th day of October, 2020, by
Annette Huller

Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires on 10/22/2022



Regards,

/s/ 

Steven A. Hart, Esq.
HART MCLAUGHLIN & ELDRIDGE, LLC
22 W. Washington Street, #1600
Chicago, IL 60602
P. (312) 955-0545

cc: Ben Crump, Esq., BEN CRUMP LAW (via email)
John Marrese, Esq., HART MCLAUGHLIN & ELDRIDGE, LLC (via email)
B'Ivory LaMarr, Esq. LAMARR FIRM (via email)

February 13, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

TO: OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
114 East State Capitol
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MILWAUKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Attention: Sheriff Denita R. Ball
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Re: NOTICE OF INJURY AND CLAIM PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES

CLAIMANTS:

Estate of Cilivea Thyron (pending) through:
Kerrie Hirte
1704 Beaver Dam Dr
Green Bay, WI 54304

*c/o The LaMarr Firm, PLLC
5718 Westheimer Rd
Suite 1000
Houston, TX 77057*

DATE AND TIME OF EVENTS:

December 16, 2022, at or about 11 o'clock in the morning

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:

Milwaukee County Jail
949 N. 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

NOTICE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING RISE TO THE CLAIM:

Upon available information and belief, which is very limited at this time, Cilivea Thyrior, 20 years old, a female inmate died by "apparent suicide" in the Milwaukee County Jail.

Sheriff's officials said in a statement that Cilivea Thyrior had been in custody since February 2022 on a felony charge of strangulation and suffocation and a misdemeanor charge of battery. Cilivea Thyrior was known by the facility to have a history of mental illness with suicidal ideation which resulted to have her being placed on suicidal watch on numerous occasions. On the day of the incident, the jail staff found Cilivea Thyrior "conscious but in distress" in her cell at or around 10:30 a.m. First responders were called but Cilivea Thyrior was pronounced dead at or around 11:15 a.m.

Currently, the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department is carrying out the investigation into the death of Cilivea Thyrior. While it has been alleged by authorities that Cilivea Thyrior committed suicide inside the jail, on information and belief, this notice of claim is being served alleging the contrary. The Milwaukee County Jail had the responsibility to prevent any untoward incident that would lead to the death of Cilivea Thyrior. The authorities have released no information supporting or confirming that fact. Claimants have been unable at this time to uncover further information. Therefore, Claimants' statements herein are on information and belief and are subject to revision or supplementation at a later date upon discovery of further information. Claimants are serving this notice and making this claim to preserve their rights with the limited information they have been able to uncover to date. The Milwaukee County Jail, the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office, and any others investigating this preventable in-custody death of Cilivea Thyrior are all aware of facts which led to Cilivea Thyrior's death, but have not released any detailed information or evidence to date.

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, the Milwaukee County Jail, and their personnel are responsible for the well-being of individuals in their custody. On information and belief, unknown Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputies, unknown Milwaukee County Jail personnel, as well as the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and Milwaukee County Jail, through their policies, procedures, patterns, and practices, wrongfully caused the death of Cilivea Thyrior on December 16, 2022.

On information and belief, Cilivea Thyrior's death was wrongfully caused by several acts or omissions, including but not limited to:

- Failing to prevent the death of Cilivea Thyrior who was entrusted to the Milwaukee County Jail.
- Gross negligence to properly observe and keep Cilivea Thyrior on watch at all times knowing that she had suicidal ideation.

- Deliberate indifference to Cilivea Thyrior's serious medical and mental health needs by the Milwaukee County Jail, by the Milwaukee County Sheriff, and by the said offices' unknown personnel and deputies.
- Policies, procedures, patterns and practices espousing gross negligence and deliberate indifference by the Milwaukee County Jail in the care and of the medical needs of inmates in its custody.
- Failing to review procedures and best practices about suicide prevention and conditions at the Milwaukee County Jail.
- Failing to change policies addressing conditions in the jail.
- Failing to follow policies to monitor, watch and otherwise observe inmates in their care and custody to insure they are not in danger of bodily harm by the personnel of the Milwaukee County Jail.
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- Deliberate indifference to inadequate staffing at the Milwaukee County Jail.
- Failing to come to the aid and care of an inmate in their custody and control by the personnel at the Milwaukee County Jail.
- Gross negligence with complete indifference to human life in the Milwaukee County Jail.

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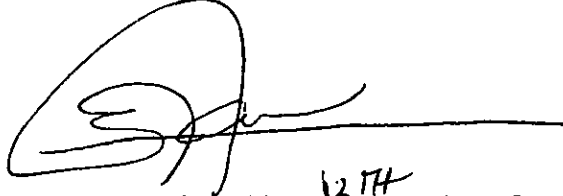
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State of Wisconsin
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B'IVORY LAMARR, ESQ.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
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STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON


NOTARY PUBLIC

cc: B'Ivory LaMarr, Esq. The LaMarr Firm, PLLC (via email)

STEPHON SAILOR
NOTARY PUBLIC
Fulton County
State of Georgia
My Comm. Expires January 12, 2027

NOTICE OF INJURY OR CIRCUMSTANCES

(Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 893.80(1d)(a))

Claimant Name: Estate of Octaviano Juarez-Corro by Eva Juarez-Corro (sister)

Claimant Address:

Eva Corro (sister to decedent)
2050 S. 30th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215

****ALL NOTICES, CORRESPONDENCE AND RESPONSES TO BE SENT TO COUNSEL**

Claimant Phone Number: (414) 255-3811 (Attorney Nathaniel Cade, Jr.)

Date and Time of Event Giving Rise to Claim: January 22, 2023

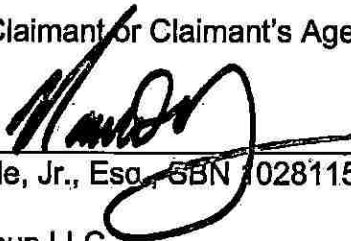
Location of Event Giving Rise to the Claim:

Milwaukee County Jail

State of the Circumstances of the Event Giving Rise to the Claim, including the names of all persons involved, the identification of witnesses, if any, and the names and job titles of the local governmental body's employees or agents involved (use additional sheets if necessary):

Octaviano Juarez-Corro was in the custody of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department and an inmate at the Milwaukee County Jail. He was found unresponsive in his cell in the morning of January 22, 2023 and declared dead. Subsequently, it was determined by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, after a review of video footage at the Jail that corrections officer Laquisha Cowser failed to inspect and look into a number of Jail cells during her shift, including Mr. Corro's; despite a Jail and state requirement to check on inmates every thirty minutes. Ms. Cowser was charged in Milwaukee County Circuit Court on April 21, 2023 with a single felony count of misconduct in office.

Signature of Claimant or Claimant's Agent:



Date: April 24, 2023

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Milwaukee County sheriff's officer criminally charged in January in-custody jail death



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A Milwaukee County sheriff's jail officer accused of lying about performing routine cell safety checks was charged Friday in the January death of a 49-year-old man in the jail.

Laquisha N. Cowser, 32, who was a correctional officer assigned to the jail, was charged with one felony count of misconduct in public office in relation to the in-custody death of Octaviano Juarez-Corro, according to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. Juarez-Corro had been charged in the 2006 shooting in South Shore Park that killed two and injured three others during a Memorial Day picnic,

Juarez-Corro had been found unresponsive in his cell at 6:30 a.m. Jan. 22. The cause of death had initially been reported as unknown and the sheriff's office at the time said there were no signs of injury or trauma. The criminal complaint filed Friday, however, says Juarez-Corro had strangled himself, according to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's forensic investigator.

There have been three in-custody deaths since Milwaukee County Sheriff Denita Ball took over the top spot at the agency in January and also while she was serving as interim sheriff after former Sherriff Earnell Lucas' departure in October 2022.

During Lucas's tenure between 2018 and 2022, with Ball as his deputy sheriff during the same period, there were at least five in-custody deaths.

The complaint says surveillance video showed that Cowser skipped several cells during cell checks at 4:34 a.m. and 5:05 a.m. Three cells, including Juarez-Corro's, were skipped during both check times.

When asked if she skipped any cells during check times, Cowser answered "I may have, yes." She went on to say that it does not happen every check. When asked if there was any reason to skip those cells, Cowser said "no," according to the complaint.

Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office procedures require correctional officers to conduct visual and physical safety checks completed every 30 minutes.

In her interview with investigators, Cowser said that correctional officers "do receive training on how to do checks and that it is a frequent topic at roll call discussions."

If convicted, Cowser, who had been an officer in the jail for about four years, faces up to 3 1/2 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. She is on administrative leave with pay, pending the outcome of her case and subsequent internal review. No court dates have yet been scheduled.

"This office holds itself to high standards in its service to Milwaukee County," Ball wrote in a statement Friday. "No member of MCSO is exempt from those standards. When a member of this agency is alleged to have broken the law in the performance of their duty, they will be subject to prosecution, and if they are convicted, they will face consequences as determined by a judge or a jury."

"One death in our custody is one too many. But we are confident these charges demonstrate the MCSO's commitment to ensure that an independent investigation was conducted, regardless of the result," she said.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Department is leading the investigation into the cause of his death as the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office cannot legally investigate itself

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office declined to provide further comment.

Juarez-Corr's death is among four in the jail in nine months. The three others were 21-year-old Brieon Green, who died by suicide at the County Jail on June 26 four hours after his arrest at Bradford Beach; 20-year-old Cilivea Thyron, who died Dec. 16 by apparent suicide after swallowing a diaper while she was on suicide watch; and 37-year-old Terrance Mack, who was found unresponsive in his cell during a medical check on March 16 of this year.

Between January 2020 and April 2021, the jail reported four in-custody deaths. Three of the cases were investigated as suicides, with the cause of the death for the fourth individual determined as acute heart failure. Three guards involved in two of those incidents were fired or resigned.

Investigations are pending

County officials have called for an audit of the jail and other Milwaukee County-based correctional facilities, with a particular focus on suicide prevention protocols and policies.

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Re: Death of Octaviano Juarez-Corro at Milwaukee County Jail

Dear Mr. Christianson, Sheriff Ball and Attorney Daun:

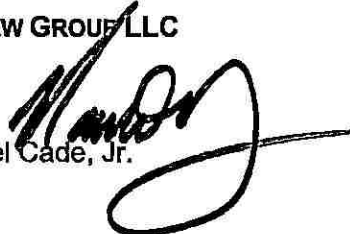
Enclosed please find an Amended Notice of Injury, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 893.80(1d)(a), directed to Milwaukee County pertaining to the death of Octaviano Juarez-Corro at the Milwaukee County Jail on January 22, 2023. The Amendment is necessary as there is a second guard, Diamond Oden, that the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office investigated with regards to Mr. Corro's death, but ultimately did not charge.

Please provide acknowledgement of this Notice of Injury to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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(AMENDED) NOTICE OF INJURY OR CIRCUMSTANCES

(Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 893.80(1d)(a))

Claimant Name: Estate of Octaviano Juarez-Corro by Eva Juarez-Corro (sister)

Claimant Address:

Eva Corro (sister to decedent)
2050 S. 30th Street
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****ALL NOTICES, CORRESPONDENCE AND RESPONSES
TO BE SENT TO COUNSEL****

Claimant Phone Number: (414) 255-3811 (Attorney Nathaniel Cade, Jr.)

Date and Time of Event Giving Rise to Claim: January 22, 2023

Location of Event Giving Rise to the Claim:

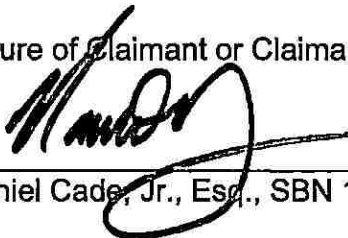
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State of the Circumstances of the Event Giving Rise to the Claim, including the names of all persons involved, the identification of witnesses, if any, and the names and job titles of the local governmental body's employees or agents involved (use additional sheets if necessary):

Octaviano Juarez-Corro was in the custody of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department and an inmate at the Milwaukee County Jail. He was found unresponsive in his cell in the morning of January 22, 2023 and declared dead. Subsequently, it was determined by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, after a review of video footage at the Jail that corrections officer Laquisha Cowser failed to inspect and look into a number of Jail cells during her shift, including Mr. Corro's, despite a Jail and state requirement to check on inmates every thirty minutes. Ms. Cowser was charged in Milwaukee County Circuit Court on April 21, 2023 with a single felony count of misconduct in office.

After reviewing the video of the night of Mr. Corro's death and conversing with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, there is a second guard, Diamond Oden, who failed to properly inspect into Mr. Corro's cell but the Milwaukee County DA decided against charging with misconduct in office.

Signature of Claimant or Claimant's Agent:



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Date: May 15, 2022