December 22, 2005

HONORABLE GARY BECKER and MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Re: Claims against the City of Racine

Dear Mayor Becker and Members of the Common Council:

Ms. Theareatha Hattix and her daughter claim damages arising out of police officers mistakenly breaking in their apartment door and going inside with weapons drawn on March 12, 2004 when trying to serve a "no knock" search warrant for a different apartment in the same building.

After taking the depositions of the plaintiffs and all the officers involved over the course of several days, a \$50,000.00 settlement agreement has been reached for all claims against the City and against the officers.

After reviewing the information available to me, it is my recommendation that the City make payment in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Hattix family.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Scott Lewis
Assistant City Attorney

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