



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Asst. City Atty. Arn **Date** October 11, 2021

FROM: Lieutenant Martin Pavilonis **Under Report No.** _____

Subject: *Racine Recovery Towing*

This memo details violations of City ordinance by an “approved” licensed tow operator, Racine Recovery. I have attached documents that indicate Finishing Touch Auto Body charged vehicle owners, via insurance company representatives, substantially more for towing services than allowed by City Ordinance. Representatives for insurance companies pickup wrecked vehicles from the tow lots after accidents. The representatives have to pay the tow company a towing fee before the vehicle is released and are provided a “pay out receipt” that details the charges. Racine Recovery appears to use its’ partner company, Finishing Touch Auto Body, to charge these insurance company representatives in excess of what is permitted in ordinance.

I have attached four (4) receipts from Finishing Touch Auto Body all in excess of \$1100 for tows related to crashes in the City of Racine this year and all were “next on the list” towing requests (via computer aided dispatch notes). The receipts all show a tow fee of \$385. This is far in excess of the max from the ordinance of \$135-weekend night rate. It certainly appears Racine Recovery is, at minimum, gouging insurance companies on tow bills via Finishing Touch Auto Body and likely violating City Ordinance. This places the tow companies that do comply with City ordinance at a serious disadvantage.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Pavilonis", is written over a light blue grid background.

Lieutenant Martin Pavilonis
Patrol Unit – First Shift



PAY OUT RECEIPT

YEAR: 2003
MAKE: CHEVY
MODEL: IMPALA
COLOR: WHITE
KEYS: YES / NO

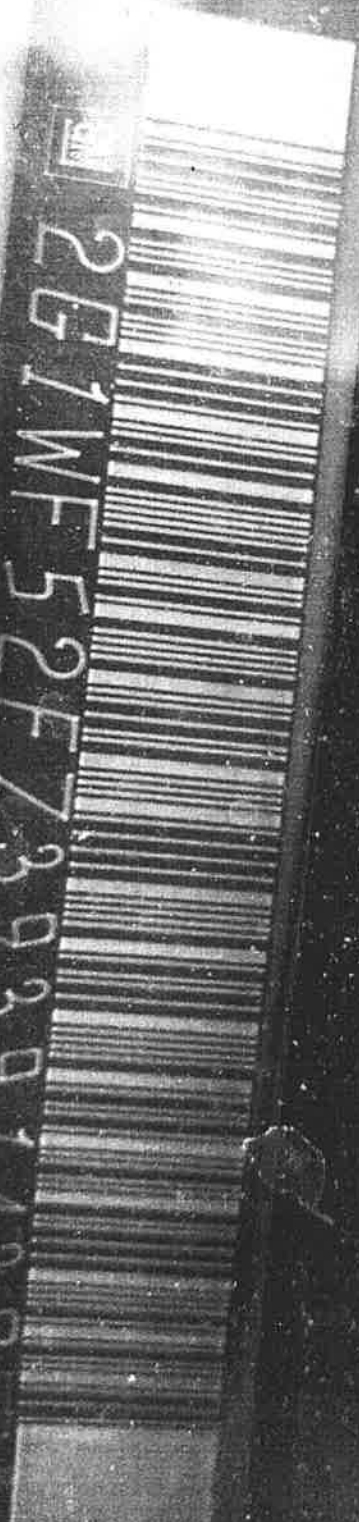
TOW: \$385
ADMIN: \$75
PULL OUT: \$75
COVID 19: \$75
CRASH WRAP: \$75
PHOTOS/ESTIMATE/TEAR DOWN: \$0
STORAGE: \$1275 (2102 \$75 a mo)
SALES TAX (5%): \$34.25
TOTAL DUE: \$1994.25

PAID: ✓ # 44545

21st + 31

RPD
21-5080

2G1WF52E739391438





PAY OUT RECEIPT

IAA # 29962291

YEAR: 2016

MAKE: Chevy

MODEL: Cruze

COLOR: Red

KEYS: (C) YES/NO

1G1BE5SM6G7236928

TOW: \$ 385-

ADMIN: \$ 75-

PULL OUT: \$ 75-

COVID 19: \$ 75-

CRASH WRAP: \$ 75-

PHOTOS/ESTIMATE/TEAR DOWN: \$ 0

STORAGE: \$ 450.00 (3/25 @ \$75 a day)

SALES TAX (5%): \$ 34.25

TOTAL DUE: \$ 1169.25

3/30/21 Charges
given to IAA

PAID: Check # 2406

Picked up 3/30/21

RPD
21-11206
Gru + Marquette



Auto Body

30100972

PAY OUT RECEIPT

YEAR: 2007

MAKE: Chery

MODEL: Impala

COLOR: Blue

KEYS: YES/NO (NO) 2G1WT55K079326749

TOW: \$ 385

ADMIN: \$ 75

PULL OUT: \$ 75

COVID 19: \$ 0

CRASH WRAP: \$ 75

PHOTOS/ESTIMATE/TEAR DOWN: \$ 0

STORAGE: \$ 600 (\$ 50 / Day Since 4/10/21) 12 Days

SALES TAX (5%): \$ 30.50

TOTAL DUE: \$ 1240.50

PAID: Check # 814341475 \$ 1190.50

Check # 2439 \$ 50.00

WASH/LATHROP
21-13264
4-10-21/1616 HAS
ZPD



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2010 MAZDA MAZDA6

Racine Recovery[View Map](#)

5336 Douglas Ave.

Racine, WI 53402

Hours: Mon to Thu: 8:00 AM-4:30

PM Fri: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Stock# 30825785

Due Today[\(262\) 994-0744](tel:(262)994-0744)

Not Towable

Available for pickup as early as
12:00 AM Today**DETAILS**

More Informa... 1YVHZ8CHXA...

Charges

\$ 1,094.25

Notes

Gabriela Davis...

Deliver To

MILWAUK...

VIC



More Information

2010 MAZDA MAZDA6

Details

VIN

1YVHZ8CHXA5M24308

Stock#

30825785

Exterior Color

Loss Type

Collision

Primary Damage

Unknown

Secondary Damage