

EXHIBIT A

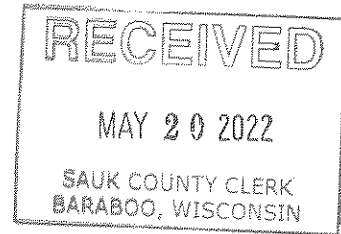
Attention

Sauk County Clerk

Rebecca C. Evert

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I have hand delivered this letter and sent it via registered mail.

I am writing to make claim against Sauk County pursuant to state statute 893.82 I am making claim within 120 days of the incident the claim arises from.

I spoke with Rebecca C. Evert and numerous other employees at both the courthouse and adjacent building that contains human services and neither could produce a form to make claim against the county so in lieu of that I will model the information contained herein after that requested on the form available online for making a claim against The City of Racine Wisconsin.

The damage was caused by one Mark J. Barreau a Sauk County Highway Employee

He is about 6 foot tall, older with grey hair, and extremely obese.

I will attempt to provide as much detail as possible, so the county can make the best decision they can, I can provide copies of estimates for the repair of the damages I am seeking from 2 separate sources I will list herein:

Safelite Auto Glass 505 South BLVD Baraboo Wi 53913

Stated a full windshield replacement would be 378.00 with Taxes

Madison Auto Glass Run By Todd Hetrick stated a full windshield replacement would cost 247.93 With Tax

I am seeking the amount of the lowest Estimate 247.93

On May 5th at approximately 6:30 A.M. my roommate Briana Yanske was driving my 2001 Toyota Corolla South on USH 12 just outside of where the two lanes merge into one outside Sauk City I was in the front passenger seat.

A Red County Highway Truck driven by one Mark Barreau Marked Truck #400 was driving in front of us.

Suddenly a plum sized rock fell from the top of the truck gate and cracked my windshield in two places essentially destroying it as the larger of the two cracks went almost completely through the windshield.

The rock was perched on top of the truck back, this was seen by myself and my roommate, it then fell from the truck.

It was in no way kicked up from the road.

Having never had this occur before we were at a loss as to what to do so we tried to get the attention of the truck driver by honking at him and waving.

He continued along and pulled into what was described by Hannah Volz as a Highway Maintenance Building on USH 12 just south of CTH PF.

When he stopped his vehicle I opened my door and calmly stated what had happened and asked to speak with his supervisor and he stomped up to me in a loud voice started yelling and was so close I couldn't safely or fully exit my vehicle and he acted in a manner that any reasonable person would believe would be followed by him assaulting them.

The deputy would be one Officer Hannah Volz who I do not in any capacity know.

I will hereafter discuss and rebutt her incident report that was used by the counties insurance Aegis to deny paying for the damages caused by the county.

She wrote many inaccurate statements into her report and attributed statements both not made by myself and made by her to me.

This was witnessed by Briana Yanske

She wrote in many statements that were clearly her attempt to make sure that I could not make a successful insurance claim against the county for breaking my windshield in the manner in which they did.

Any reasonable person would be able to see the fact that she was clearly writing a narrative to defend a fellow county employee and/or the county she works for.

At the end of our interaction when I informed Hannah Volz that I would be pursuing the county for the damages she became extremely hostile and argumentative going so far as to state that my needing to file for indigency due to being disabled and on a fixed income in the event that I had to sue the county in small claims was taking advantage of the system.

Her statements and my own were witnessed by Briana Yanske

I will first address inaccuracies in her report:

Wherein Hannah Volz Wrote: That I advised dispatch that a county truck threw up a rock and hit my windshield, I would contend that I never made this statement to dispatch, and if I did I was under duress and spoke incorrectly, I have been unable to obtain the related call records despite making a records request to the Sauk County Sheriff's Office and having waited over two weeks. This is directly contradicted by my statement in her report to her that the rock came out of/off of the dump truck.

The following statement : "Gabriel said they pulled in there, at which time he confronted the driver of the dump truck about the rock flying out and hitting their windshield. Gabriel said that he was being very vocal with the driver and yelling at him"

I never yelled at the driver at any point, I swore at him after he was extremely threatening for no reason, and swore at me. I initially calmly tried to explain what happened and asked to speak with a supervisor, I retain a video of this interaction in its entirety.

The statement: "Gabriel said he did that because the other guy was yelling at him in a threatening manner and he wanted to let the other guy know not to mess with him"

I never stated anything of any kind about wanting to let "the other guy" know not to mess with me, I was not interested in having a pissing match or any kind of physical altercation of any kind with an obese highway employee who had half a person's weight on me. I actually stated that I was not trying to fight Mark over a windshield directly to Hannah in front of Briana at one point. This in my opinion and I would believe the opinion of any reasonable person was an attempt by Hannah Volz to make me appear much more aggressive than at any point I was, it is good that as I have stated I recorded Mark and I's entire interaction.

The statement: Gabriel stated he understood; however he wants the county to be responsible for damaging the windshield on his vehicle.

This statement was never In any capacity uttered by me, why the hell would I WANT the county to be responsible for the damage to my windshield? What I wanted was to have not had my windshield destroyed by a rock falling off the back of a county truck, on my vehicle I struggle to be able to afford to maintain due to being low income. What I wanted was a nice day and to go to the garage sales I was headed to, to look for low cost clothing and other things I needed. What I definitely didn't want was a county walrus yelling at me and acting like he was going to attack me and then a having a cop who worked for the same county invent a narrative to defend him, once she realized I was capable of self advocating despite my disabilities. Be these things as they may I do not WANT the county to be responsible the county IS responsible its not a matter of what I want.

The statement: "Gabriel stated that he is disabled so, because of that, he gets his court fees paid for, so if it means he has to take the county to civil court and sue them over a \$100 dollar chip in his windshield then that is what he is going to do"

I never at any point put a monetary value on the damage to my vehicle as I am no expert in the cost of a windshield or repair cost, but I knew even then a destroyed windshield does not cost \$100.00, Hannah Volz actually in front of both I and Briana Yanske made a statement about the larger crack that was almost completely through my windshield when arguing with me and trying to say anything she could to try to talk me out of pursuing the county for my broken windshield, to the affect of thinking it would be a \$100.00 dollar repair, as with all of the other statements made by her that pertain to my vehicle and the county truck involved she is no expert in car repair or maintenance, so she would have no idea what she was talking about.

I am not pursuing the county out of spite I live on a fixed income of approximately 850.00 a month even the cheapest repair option for my windshield comes out to roughly 30 percent of my monthly income. I quite literally can't afford not to pursue being made whole.

Many statements made by Hannah Volz in her report are clearly made with the intent to make a lawsuit hard to win, this is unsurprising as, as I stated she at length argued with me about my wanting to pursue the county for the damage to my vehicle to the point that my roommate grabbed my arm and said lets just go she is clearly just trying to argue, Hannah makes statements that I outline that are exactly word for word what an insurance adjuster would need to fight a claim such as the one I made clear to her I was going to make.

The following statements are Hannah Volz inventing a narrative to make it hard for me to fight the county in court:

Wherein she writes: He advised dispatch that a county truck threw a rock up and hit their windshield,

Again I never stated this to dispatch this is the first of two times that Hannah makes sure to state in her report that the rock was kicked up not that it fell off the truck she goes on to state further in her report (the following apparently stated by Mark Barreau) He said, he may have kicked-up a rock with his tire; however that is part of the risk that you take operating on the roadway. This is an incredibly convenient statement, made by Mark in this report as it is a statement that would make the

county not negligent if it were true, the problem is, it is unverifiable, mark was driving the truck so he could not see behind him, and Hannah Volz was not present when the rock fell, I however have a witness who will attest to the fact that a rock fell off the back of the truck.

Wherein she writes: I asked Gabriel if he had insurance on the vehicle. He stated that he did; however, he only had liability through geico insurance company.

Hannah Volz never at any point had me produce proof of insurance, that fact coupled with this statement begs the question, why did Hannah volz ask me this question and why did she include a statement that the counties insurance would see and know they could not pay me and my insurance would not fight them if they saw? This statement is not relevant to what occurred and it is one of many that are included in what appears to be an attempt by Hannah volz to make it hard for me to make claim against the county.

Wherein Hannah writes: Gabriel stated that he understood; however he wants the county to be responsible for damaging the windshield on his vehicle. I explained to Gabriel that, essentially , it is a civil issue and that is something that could be worked out in civil court; however I did give Gabriel options on how to fix the windshield on his own.

This shows intent on hannahs part to stop me from suing the county, why would a police officer give me options on how to fix my windshield rather than pursue the county? Why would she "explain" to me how a civil issue works if I had told her I knew how to file for indigency which demonstrates that I clearly know how to file a small claims case and therefore am versed in legal civil issues.

Wherein Hannah writes: Mark explained to me that he was traveling south on USH 12. His box was completely empty.

Would mark not have had time to empty his box? Can this be verified by photo or video? Did she physically climb up onto the box and check for rocks around the rim of it where any reasonable person would believe a truck that hauls dirt and rocks most days might have a rock sitting?

Would mark not have reason as would Hannah to state the box was empty?

Wherein Hannah writes: He said that there was no gravel or rock in the back of his truck at any time.

Has he never hauled a rock with a truck designed for such?

Again would he not have reason to state this?

Wherein Hannah writes:

It appeared that the truck was in good working condition

What relevance to what occurred does this have? It appears to be nothing more than a statement made for an insurance adjuster to capitalize on, Hannah is also not an automotive expert so this carries no more weight than if you or I stated it.

Wherein Hannah writes: and that if there were any pieces of gravel in the bottom, they would not fall through any crack because it did not appear that there were any cracks in the box of the dump truck.

If Mark had stated there was no rock or gravel, why was this included? What relevance does this statement have other than to further hammer home the point for an insurance adjuster that the county couldn't possibly be negligent? Did Hannah physically climb into the truck to check for cracks? I doubt that. Again Hannah is no automotive expert so these points although on her part I am sure they were believed to be smart by her, carry no real weight and would not in a court room.

The final point I'd like to address is this statement:

Mark told me that at the time, the male stated, "she has a gun" and pointed to the driver who was Briana. Mark explained that he responded by saying "if you have a

gun on county property then I am going to be calling the Sheriff's Department." Mark told me that, at that time, the occupants got back into the car and left the scene.

This statement by Mark is a curious one as no Wisconsin law prohibits the carrying of a gun on county property if not in a building, without there being posted signage preventing such. And the gun would not be illegally carried if inside of a car driven by a person with a conceal carry such as the one Briana Yanske holds.

This shows that Mark is manipulative and seeks to lie or omit facts to conceal the truth of what occurred in his interactions with myself.

Mark in his statements completely omitted the fact that after being told that Briana Yanske had a gun, he began to rant and rave about having been threatened with a gun. It is too bad for Mark that I recorded the entirety of our interactions and can show him to be an unreliable person prone to purposefully changing narratives as he and Hannah have in the confines of her report, based on his actions in the video that he omitted and the statement about conceal carrying a gun he made in an attempt to scare us into leaving without reporting his damaging our vehicle.

All of the rhetorical questions above I think would make a great case against the report written by Hannah Volz in a court room setting.

I would like the county to pay for my windshield they broke due to the direct negligence of Mark Barreau. I would like to be paid 247.93 the lowest estimate for a full windshield replacement I received.

If I am made to file in small claims against the county as high as gas is I will also seek additional reimbursement for the gas involved in getting the quotes, the gas it would take to drive to get the repairs, the hours I worked on this letter and made phone calls required for it, the cost of the ink and paper I used to make 2 copies of this letter, the cost of postage for this letter, and possibly the cost of therapy appointments to deal with the extreme mental distress caused by Mark.

In the event that they do not I will pursue all legal options available to me.

In almost 6 years of living in Sauk to my knowledge I have only had a parking ticket. I am a productive member of society in spite of severe disabilities, I donate skateboards to the local skateboard shop to be used by youth camps members who cannot afford them. I am a tax paying citizen and what was done to me both by Marks behavior and Hannah Volz narrative and the destruction of my windshield are wrong.

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