

## February 11, 2015

Cheri M. Sisk Asst. St. Paul City Attorney 750 City Hall and Courthouse 15 West Kellogg Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55102

Via E-mail and U.S. Mail cheri.sisk@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Re:

Garvin W. Bryant v. Teip Vixayvong, et al.

Case No.: 14-cv-0262 (MJD/HB)

Dear Ms. Sisk:

Enclosed please find the executed Settlement Agreement and Release in regards to the above-referenced matter.

Sincerely,

GOETZ & ECKLAND P.A.

Bv:

Frederick J. Goetz

FJG/arl Enclosures

cc: Ga

Garvin Bryant

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Garvin Warren Bryant,

Case No. 14-CV-0262 (MJD/HB)

Plaintiff,

VS.

City of St. Paul,

Defendant.

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Release is made by and between the plaintiff
Garvin Warren Bryant and the defendant City of St. Paul.

WHEREAS, the plaintiff filed a civil complaint in this matter alleging that he was unlawfully seized and subjected to excessive force by St. Paul police officers during his arrest on August 15, 2012;

WHEREAS, the defendant expressly denies the plaintiff's allegations and liability for his alleged damages;

WHEREAS, the parties wish to settle and resolve all outstanding disputes and claims between them to avoid the uncertainties and costs associated with continued litigation of this matter; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Settlement Agreement and Release have successfully conciliated all issues of dispute in the above-entitled matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises established herein, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. The City of St. Paul will issue payment to the plaintiff Garvin W. Bryant and his attorney Frederick J. Goetz, Esq. for \$23,000.00 (twenty three thousand dollars). The payment will be mailed to Goetz and Eckland P.A., Exposition Hall at Riverplace, 43 Main Street S.E., Suite 505, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414. This payment is in complete satisfaction of all damages, medical liens, costs and attorney's fees in this matter for the plaintiff.
- 2. In consideration of the above payment, the plaintiff, by execution of this Settlement Agreement and Release, hereby dismisses his claims against the City of St. Paul and fully and completely releases the City of St. Paul, and all of its past and present agents, officers and employees, predecessors, and successors in interest of the City of St. Paul in their official and individual capacities, of any and all claims for damages, costs and attorneys' fees which the plaintiff has or may have, whether presently known or unknown, arising in law or in equity, which were made, or which could have been made, in the above-entitled action.
- 3. The plaintiff agrees that upon execution of this Settlement Agreement and Release all such claims, differences, demands, rights, and causes of action, which the plaintiff now has or may have against the City of St. Paul, and all of its past and present agents, officers, and employees, predecessors, and successors, and successors in interest of the City of St. Paul, in their official and individual capacities, whether currently known or unknown, arising in law or equity, which were made or which could have been made

in the above-entitled action, are fully released, satisfied, discharged and settled. This means that the plaintiff releases all employees of the City of St. Paul from any and all claims for damages, costs and attorneys' fees, known or unknown, that were or could have been brought in relation to the set of facts presented in the above-entitled action.

- 4. The parties to this Settlement Agreement and Release hereby stipulate that the payment of the sum specified above includes any claim for medical bills, medical liens, attorneys' fees and costs which could have been brought in relation to the set of facts presented in the above-entitled action. Any medical liens, including Medicare liens, will be the responsibility of the plaintiff.
- 5. The plaintiff agrees that the terms of this Settlement Agreement and Release are binding on him and his personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.
- 6. The plaintiff understands and acknowledges that the defendant does not admit any wrongdoing, improper action or liability for any of the plaintiff's alleged damages.
- 7. The parties agree that this Settlement Agreement and Release constitutes all of the agreements and understandings between the plaintiff and the defendant. There are no other written or oral agreements or understandings which modify the terms set forth in this Settlement Agreement and Release.
- 8. The plaintiff, by execution hereof, acknowledges that this Settlement Agreement and Release has been read by his legal counsel, and that he understands and fully agrees to each and every provision hereof.

Dated: 2/11/2015

Garvin W. Bryant, Plaintiff

Subscribed and sworn to before me

On 2/11/15

Notary Public

ANGELA RAE LOWRY

Notary Public-Minnesota

My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2016

Dated: 2/11/2015

GOETZ & ECKLAND P.A.

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_ FREDERICK J. GOETZ (#185425

Exposition Hall at Riverplace 43 main Street S.E., Suite 505 Minneapolis, MN 55414

Tel: 612-874-1552

Attorney for Plaintiff

_	. 1
Da	ted

LAURA A. PIETAN Interim City Attorney

By:
CHERI M. SISK, (#32999X)
Assistant City Attorney
750 City Hall and Courthouse
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55102-1620
T: (651) 266-8768
F: (651) 266-8787
cheri.sisk@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Attorneys for Defendant