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TOWN OF BRISTOL

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809

PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

PERSONAL INJURY

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BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

TO THE HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL:

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for compensation for injuries and damages sustained:

On or about October 31, 2021, Michael Brum (Brum), an resident of Bristol, RI, was beaten severely by officers of the Bristol Police Department (see attached pictures). At approximately 9:30 p.m., two (2) officers arrived at his residence where they state Brum was lying on the sidewalk and was yelling (see attached documentation from the Bristol Police Department. As they left they stated that "male is walking back to his residence at this time. **No issue**" (emphasis added). The police never stated that there was a physical altercation. They also reported no injuries to Brum. At approximately 11:00pm, Bristol Fire Department EMS arrived at the residence of Brum. The EMS report (see attached EMS report) states that the Bristol police officers were present and reported that Brum hit his head while they were wrestling him to the ground and "pt accidentally hit his head on the ground" which created the injuries. Brum told the EMS that the police "smashed his head on the ground" which created the injuries. The Bristol Police Department report never mentioned the injuries to Brum, never mentioned that they had to wrestle him to the ground, and in fact, stated that Brum walked back to his residence without any issue.

For purposes of this Petition, we are treating this as a negligence claim. However, if this cannot be resolved at this level and suit is filed in Providence Superior Court, we will be claiming an intentional act by the police. At that point, we will be filing a Civil Rights action and will be seeking punitive damages, costs, interest, and legal fees. We will also be requesting damages far greater than the amount claimed in this Petition. We have also included the latest medical records for Blum

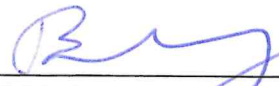
Due to the direct and proximate result of Bristol Police Department's and the Town of Bristol's negligence, Brum has sustained severe physical injuries and mental anguish and incurred expenses for medical attention for treatment of injuries to themselves due to said negligence. The Town of Bristol owed, and still owes, a duty of reasonable care of all employees, including the Bristol Police Department. Also, the Police were reckless, negligent, and careless in the administration of their duties in resolving their interaction with Blum and used excessive force. In addition, the Town of Bristol failed to maintain proper supervision of it employees.

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Notice of said injuries are hereby given in accordance with the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

WHEREFORE, petitioner demands judgment against the Bristol Police Department and the Town of Bristol, in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). As mentioned above, if this cannot be resolved at this point, we will be filing a Civil Rights action and will be seeking punitive damages, costs, and legal fees. At that point, we will be asking a jury for damages in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) plus interest, costs, and legal fees.

By Petitioners' Attorney,

  
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October 31, 2021

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NAMES: Michael Brum

ADDRESS: 118 Church Street, Bristol, RI 02809

AGES: 51 at the time of the incident

DATE OF INCIDENT: October 31, 2021

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