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R. O. No. 173 - 22 - 23. By CITY CLERK. March 20, 2023.

Submitting a letter from Crystal Meise-Henning notifying the City of Sheboygan of the intent to file civil action regarding an incident that occurred on August 23, 2022.

CITY CLERK

Claim# 25-22

For letter RE: Notice of Injury and Claim under Wis. Stat. 893.80(1)

State of Wisconsin

County of Sheboygan

This signature was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 03 /07 / 2023

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Notary's Signature

Notary's Printed Name

06/13/2025

**Commission Expiration Date** 





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March 3, 2023

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Ms. Meredith DeBruin, City Clerk City Hall 828 Center Avenue, Suite 103 Sheboygan, WI 53081

RE: Notice of Injury and Claim under Wis. Stat. §893.80(1)

Good Morning:

I hereby notifying the City of Sheboygan and the Sheboygan Police Department of my intent to file a civil action regarding the incident set forth below. Please forward this Notice to the appropriate authorities for consideration as required by the relevant statutes.

## Facts Giving Rise to Claim:

I am an insulin-dependent diabetic. On August 23, 2022, I left my job at Plymouth Foam and was driving home. At approximately 3:22PM, the 911 Center received a call that there was a vehicle driving erratically. Several Sheboygan police units responded, and I did not immediately stop because I was not aware what was happening. I stopped at the corner of North 14<sup>m</sup> & North Avenue/Calumet Drive, and a K-9 unit pulled in front of my vehicle and blocked me in; another police vehicle made contact with my rear bumper. Officer Matthew Heimerl opened my driver's door, pulled me from the vehicle, threw me to the ground and handcuffed me. I was not being combative; I was suffering a diabetic episode and was not fully functional. A search of my vehicle and belongings revealed that I am a Type I diabetic; an ambulance was called, and I was transported to the hospital. I was issued 2 traffic citations, both of which were dismissed by the Court on November 11, 2022.

I filed a formal written complaint with the Sheboygan Police Department on September 22, 2022. The complaint was answered on November 6, 2022; none of the officers involved were found to have behaved inappropriately. I received this written decision on <u>November 18, 2022</u>.

## Written Claim:

As a result of the excessive use of force by Sheboygan Police Department personnel, I suffered a bruise and possible long-term damage to my right shoulder, and a black eye. My medical bills totaled \$5,063.00, of which my insurance covered \$2,116.08. My insurance carrier is Common Ground Healthcare Exchange; I request that they be reimbursed and that I be paid the remaining balance of \$2,946.92 as compensatory damages. I am also requesting an additional \$5,000.00 for

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ongoing medical care regarding the shoulder injury, the sum of \$20,000.00 in punitive damages for pain and suffering, plus attorney fees, court costs and fees.

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