



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

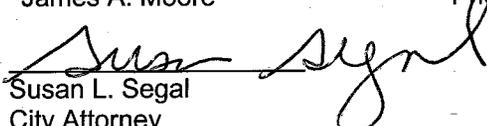
Date: March 20, 2008
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: *Richard Trammel Williams vs. City of Minneapolis*
Court File No.: 07-cv-194

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize settlement of the matter of *Richard Trammel Williams v. City of Minneapolis, et al.*, Court File No. 07-CV-00194 PJS/RLE in the amount of \$7,500.00, payable to Richard Trammel Williams and his attorney, Albert Goins, and that the City Attorney be authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 4000.

Previous Directives:

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Approved by: 
Susan L. Segal
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or ___ Operating Budget.
 Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
 Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
 Business Plan: ___ Action is within the plan. ___ Action requires a change to plan.
 Other financial impact (Explain): Fund/Org 6900 150 1500 4000
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact

City Goal(s): Build Community

Background/Supporting Information

On December 20, 2004, the Fourth Precinct CRT and SWAT entry team gathered to execute a search warrant at 3200 Morgan Avenue North. As the teams were preparing to execute the warrant, officers observed Plaintiff and a male companion leaving the address, getting into a suburban and driving off. The Plaintiff was named in the warrant so officers initiated a stop of Plaintiff. Plaintiff was taken into custody and placed in the rear seat of the squad car. After he was placed in the rear seat of the squad car, officers observed Plaintiff moving around in the back of the squad car in a way that caused the officers to believe he was trying to secrete drugs. Officers removed the Plaintiff from the squad car intending to place him in another vehicle and search the original squad for any evidence. As he was removed from the vehicle, the Plaintiff began struggling with the officer. The warrant service van had pulled up at that time. The side door of the van was opened and at least two officers came out and assisted in bringing Plaintiff to the floor of the van. The officers involved claimed that no one struck Plaintiff, but that pressure points were used to bring him under control. Plaintiff claims to have been struck repeatedly over an extended period of time, despite the fact that he was in handcuffs. After the incident medical records revealed that Williams had multiple contusions on his face, his left eye was swollen

shut, his left cheek had large abrasions, both his upper and lower lips were lacerated and that he had abrasions on both wrists. Williams left thumb was placed in a splint, but x-rays showed no fracture of the wrist. Plaintiff's passenger on the date of the incident supports much of Plaintiff's version of the use of force.

After extended discovery and negotiations, the parties have been able to reach a tentative settlement in the amount of \$7,500.00. The City Attorney recommends the settlement. The Police Department has concurred in the recommendation.