



Evaluation Sheet for Claim #2286-17164

Date Recommended: February 7, 2002

Investigator: Noël Geary

Claimant: **Teddy Copley**
3204 Colfax Avenue South #1
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Date of Loss: October 31, 2001

Date Filed: December 21, 2001

Department: Licensing Citation: 1013880057
Badge #: 51

Cause: Tow

Amount Claimed: \$185.00

Evaluation: The claimant was towed from 3204 Colfax Avenue South. The claimant vehicle was towed for parking in a temporary no parking area. The claimant feels that she was unfairly towed as she was at home recovering from childbirth and mastitis. The claimant was home alone with a newborn and a high fever and was unable to get out of the house to look for the no parking signs.

According to the SIP, there were 3 signs posted on 10/30/2001 at 7:40 AM. The claimant vehicle was towed on 10/31/2001 at 10:33 AM.

We find no evidence of negligence.

Recommendation: Denial



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Risk Management & Claims

350 South 5th Street - Room 307M
Minneapolis MN 55415-1341

Office (612) 673-2023
Fax 673-2775
TTY 673-7295

April 30, 2002

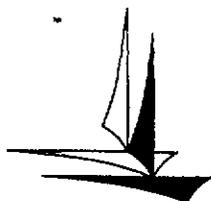
Teddy Copley
3204 Colfax Avenue South #1
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Per your request I have scheduled you to appear before the Council Claims Committee on May 15, 2002, in the Council Chambers, Room 317 of City Hall, located at 350 S. 5th Street. The meetings begin promptly at 1:30 PM. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie".

Bonnie
(612) 673-2061



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February 19, 2002

CORRECTION LETTER

Teddy Copley
3204 Colfax Avenue S, Apt. #1
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Per your request I have scheduled you to appear before the Staff Claims Committee on **March 1, 2002**, in room 220 of City Hall, located at 350 S. 5th Street. The meetings begin promptly at **1:00 PM**. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Bonnie
(612) 673-2061

**CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS
CLAIM FORM**



Print all information.

COMPLETE APPLICABLE ITEMS ON THIS FORM AND SEND TO:

Send Claims against the City to *Risk Management & Claims*, 350 South 5th Street, Room 307M, Minneapolis, MN 55415-13762
 Send Claims against the Library to *The Library Board of the City of Minneapolis*, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
 Send Claims against the Park Board to the *Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board*, 200 Grain Exchange, 400 S 4th St., Minneapolis, MN 55415

1. The claim must be filed within 180 days of the occurrence.
2. Your claims must be based on the fault or liability of the City or its employees.
3. Attach copies of bills, estimates or other documents.
4. Your claim will be investigated by Risk Management & Claims Division
5. If more space is needed use reverse side.
6. For further information, call 673-2969

RECEIVED
 OCT 27 2001
 BY: _____

NAME TEDDY COPLEY	WORK PHONE NUMBER N/A	HOME PHONE NUMBER 612-280-1201
STREET ADDRESS 3204 COLFAX AVE. S. #1	CITY MPLS	STATE MN
		ZIP CODE 55408

CLAIM IS FOR TOWING	CLAIM IS FOR VEHICLE OR PROPERTY DAMAGE	CLAIM IS FOR INJURY
DATE 10/31/01	DATE	DATE
TIME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	TIME <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	TIME <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM
LICENSE PLATE NUMBER 816 LSW	ATTACH TWO ESTIMATES OF THE COST OF THE REPAIRS \$ _____ \$ _____	TYPE OF INJURY
COMPENSATION REQUESTED \$ 185.00	COMPENSATION REQUESTED	COMPENSATION REQUESTED

LOCATION OF INCIDENT

Be specific. Give street address, intersection, direction traveling, side of street, number of feet, direction from curb, etc. Include diagram on another sheet if necessary

PARKED W. FRONT OF RESIDENCE - SOUTH BOUND

CIRCUMSTANCES (DETAILS OF HOW THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AND HOW THE CITY IS INVOLVED)

SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX A

WITNESSES		
NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
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MN Statutes 60A.955 "A person who files a claim with intent to defraud or helps commit a fraud against an insurer is guilty of a crime."

Signature Teddy Copley	Date 11/26/01
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If you need this form in another format it is available on the City of Minneapolis homepage at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us>

APPENDIX A

RE: LICENSE PLATE #816 LSW AND (CA) 4FNU296

On October 30, 2001, I was home recovering from childbirth and mastitis (a breast infection). My fiancé was on a business trip out of state. I was home alone with a newborn and a high fever and did not go out of the house all day. Obviously, I did not see any of the "No Parking" signs that apparently had been posted that morning. When I finally went outside on October 31, both of our cars had been towed. One of the cars had our baby's car seat in it, so I couldn't even borrow a car to go to the impound lot. I was house bound all week until my fiancé came home on Saturday and retrieved our cars from the lot.

I understand it is the city's policy to post signs only 24 hours in advance of sweeping the streets and towing cars, but I do not believe this is a reasonable amount of time. I'm sure the city plans these street cleanings more than one day in advance and can give its residents more reasonable notice. Someone home ill, like I was, should not have to worry about checking the street for signs that her car will be towed the next day (with the exception of bad weather indicating that there may be a snow emergency). It seems reasonable that somebody who is ill, or has a child that is ill, would not leave their house for a day. If the signs had been posted only 2 days earlier, we would have seen the signs and moved the cars off the street. Also, both cars were right in front of our house, a car seat visible in the backseat of one of them, and large "It's A Girl!" signs were posted on our front door and window - a simple courtesy knock on our front door would have avoided this whole ordeal. The person in charge of when to post the signs needs to realize the terrible predicament towing someone's vehicle might leave them in. I'm just glad neither the baby nor myself needed to go to the doctor's. I hope you will consider our extenuating circumstances and refund the towing and impound charges we were forced to pay in the amount of \$355. We have both been out of work for months and this money was desperately needed for a new baby and the upcoming holidays.

Thank you,

Teddy Copley

City of Minneapolis Municipal Impound Lot

51 Colfax Avenue North

Minneapolis, MN 55405

(612) 673-5777

RECEIPT

See All

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Vehicle: 1991
Label: 1100000
Plate: 1100000
Color: 1100000
Make: 1100000

RA



I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am legally authorized and entitled to take possession of the vehicle described above and all personal property therein.

 Customer Signature

OPTCON: HENNEPIN COUNTY VIOLATIONS SYSTEM 12/31/01
RETRIEVE DATA ENTRY FROM UNIFORM CITATION 12:43:57
 TRX: 6WA LGV449
 KEY: 1013880037 (CITATION) ACCNTBL AGENCY 126 METER MONITORS
 GEN CTL # 1 - TW114 - 011101 - 000325 STATUS **H.O. SUSPENDED** 11 13 01
 VIOL TYPE (P/T/C) P PETTY/MISD/GROSS (P/M/G) P VIOL #/12MO 0 VIOL CT 0 COURT
 * * * * * D E F E N D A N T I N F O * * * * *
 DRIVERS LICENSE C140789004169 STATE MN
 NAME (LAST FIRST MIDDLE/MAIDEN) COPLEY, TEDDY **HO VIOL**
 ADDRESS P O BOX 2144 CITY BURNSVILLE STATE MN
 ZIP 55337 DOB 03 05 66 EYES HEIGHT 000 WEIGHT 000 SEX
 * * * * * V I O L A T I O N I N F O * * * * *
 DATE 10 31 01 TIME 10 33 METER
 LIC PLATE 816LSW STATE MN YEAR 02 MAKE JEEP MODEL 2D COLOR BLK
 VIN LOCATION + CITY 3204 COLFAX AVE S
 STATUTE ORDINANCE 478.90P S/O O OVERRIDE DELINQ ACTION
GENERATED VIOL DESC PARKED WHERE TEMP NO PARKING SIGNS GEN FINE **20.00**
VIOL DESC **CAT** BASE FINE **.00**
 COM 26 DIV 01 SPEC AGCY ENDANGER ACCIDENT UNSAFE COND
 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BADGE 51 *DEFENDANT COPY
 * * * * * O F F I C E R S C O M M E N T S * * * * *
 LINE1 REMARKS: Signs Posted:3 TOWING REQUESTED: YES
 LINE2 NOTES: POSTED 0740-10-30-01
 MSG: **SEE TRANSACTION 6HN**

Copley