

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-57

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO MICHAEL STRASSER FOR A CLAIM SUBMITTED TO
THE VILLAGE ON APRIL 7, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Village of Caledonia is self-insured under CVMIC for all property and liability claims;

WHEREAS, the Village of Caledonia, through the Caledonia Police Department, damaged a door while entering the residence for a wellness check at a residence located at 3202 Elderberry Rd, Racine, WI 53402, on October 16, 2022;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strasser's door was damaged by Officers using breaching tools;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strasser submitted a Citizen Claim and Damage Form (the "Claim") on April 7, 2023, for repairs of the damages that totaled \$2,203.57. The Claim is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**;

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023, the Finance Committee recommended that the Village resolve this Claim by paying a total of \$2,203.57 after obtaining a release of claims associated with Mr. Strasser's Claim; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caledonia Village Board, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee is hereby approved, and such claim shall be resolved by paying Michael Strasser a total of \$2,203.57 upon the execution of a release in exchange for the settlement payment of the claim as set forth above.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 13 day of June 2023.

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

By: Thomas R Weatherston

Thomas Weatherston
Village President

Attest: Joslyn Hoeffert
Village Clerk



EXHIBIT A

Citizen Claim and Damage Form

NOTICE OF CLAIM

Name: Mike Strasser
Address: 3202 Elderberry Rd
Racine, WI 53402
Phone: 262-758-7416

Incident/Accident Information
Date: 10-16-2022
Time:
Place: Home - 3202 Elderberry Rd
Racine

CIRCUMSTANCES OF CLAIM

In the space below briefly describe the circumstances of your claim. (Attach additional sheets, if necessary.) For auto damages, attach a copy of police report, if any, and attach a diagram of the accident scene indicating north, south, east or west corners if the accident occurred at an intersection. For bodily injury, indicate nature of injury and whether or not medical attention was given and give the name of the physician. Also identify any witnesses to the incident/accident.

See attached pages

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 4/7/23

CLAIM

(NOTE: You are not required to make a claim at this time. As long as you have filed the above Notice of Claim you may file a claim with the Village at any time consistent with the applicable statute of limitations. However, in order for the Village to formally accept or deny your claim at this time, the following claim must be completed and signed.)


The undersigned hereby makes a claim against the City/Village of arising out of the circumstances described above in the amount of \$ 2203.57

To process this claim it is necessary to detail all damages being sought.

Signed: [Signature]
Address: 3202 Elderberry Rd
Racine WI 53402

Date: 4/7/23

The neighbor reported a woman yelling for help. The police looked up the record and determined it could be an elderly woman and made the decision to do a wellness check and break in the door, damaging the door and frame. Nobody (residents nor pets) was home at the time and no TV or electronics were on. It appears that homeowner records have not been updated in many years as I have been living in my home since 10/29/2015 and have had no elderly residents in those 7 years.

	Caledonia Police Department (CAPD)			Incident Report		
	Incident: Informational Report Only					
	Incident Report Number: 22-016065		Between: Date - Time		And/At: Date-Time 10/16/22	05:27
	Incident Location: 3202 Elderberry Rd, Racine, WI, 53402					
CFS Code-1: 9031	CFS Code-2:	CFS Code-3:	CFS Code-4:	CFS Code-5:	CFS Code-6:	
CFS Code-7:	CFS Code-8:	CFS Code-9:	CFS Code-10:	CFS Code-11:	CFS Code-12:	
COM	Name (Last, First, Middle) Christensen CAPD, Daniel OFFICER			DOB:	Race/Sex W/M	
Address: (Address, City, State, Zip) 6900 Nicholson Rd, PD, Caledonia, WI, 53108				Home Phone Number (262) 835-4423		
Employer				Work Phone Number		
Employer Address				Cell Phone Number		
Name (Last, First, Middle)	DOB:	Race/Sex	Home Phone Number	Work Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	
Address: (Address, City, State, Zip)				Home Phone Number		
Employer				Work Phone Number		
Employer Address				Cell Phone Number		
<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>Officers responded to the above location for the report of a women screaming for help inside the residence. Upon arrival officers were unable to make contact, and dispatch advised the last known resident was an 81 year old women. I observed a vehicle in the garage, and the doors locked. Officers knocked on every window, and every door multiple times, with no answer. The decision to forcibly enter the residence was made. While making entry to the back door, it was damaged. Officers checked the residence for people and no one was home. Photographs of the damage taken.</p> <p>BWC.</p> <p>Ofc. Christensen #2525</p>						
Vehicle Information: (Year, Make, Model, Style, Color)						
License Number:	State:	Expiration Year:	Vin:	Insurance Company:		
Other Vehicle Information:				NGIC#		
Reporting Officer(s): Christensen, Daniel W.			Payroll Number:	Payroll Number:	Report Date: 10/16/2022	
Time Received:	Time Cleared: 06:41:17	Unit(s) Assigned: 206, 209, 216, 205		1 Of 5		
Reviewed by: Gardiner, James A.			Payroll Number 3036	Copy To		

Date: 10/16/2022

CFS Code-1: 9031

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10/16/2022**NAMES****Anonymous Complainant**

1)

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Mentioned-1

Strasser, Michael Jason W/M-30 of 3202 Elderberry Rd, Racine, WI, 53402

DOB: 01/07/1992

HT: 511 WT: 190 Hair: Brown

Eyes: Brown

Phone 1: (262) 758-7416

Mentioned-2

Ziolkowski, Joan S W/F-81 of 3202 Elderberry Rd; CA, Racine, WI, 53402

DOB: 10/05/1941

HT: 502 WT: 162 Hair: Brown

Eyes: Green

Phone 1: (414) 639-2953

Mentioned-3

Caledonia Fire And Rescue of 6900 Nicholson Rd; CA, Caledonia, WI, 53108

Phone 1: (262) 835-4423

Law Enforcement Personnel-1

Gelden CAPD, Andrew OFFICER U/M of 6900 Nicholson Rd, PD, Caledonia, WI, 53108

Phone 1: (262) 835-4423 Phone 2: (262) 835-4799

Law Enforcement Personnel-2

Lyle CAPD, Robert SERGEANT U/M of 6900 Nicholson Rd, PD, Caledonia, WI, 53108

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Phone 1: (262) 835-4423

Phone 2: (262) 835-4799

Law Enforcement Personnel-3

Sherifi CAPD, Austin OFFICER U/ of 6900 Nicholson Rd, PD, Caledonia, WI, 53108

PROPERTY LIST

Item#	Type	Reason
22-001131 - 1	Article	Destroy/Vandalized
Description: Back door to 3202 Elderberry Rd.		
Quan/Value: 1.000 / \$500.00		

Body Worn Camera Used

NARRATIVEDispatched

On October 16, 2022 at approximately 05:27 hours I, Officer Christensen 2525, was working for the Caledonia Police Department in full uniform operating marked squad 209. I was dispatched to 3203 Elderberry Road, in the Village of Caledonia, for a welfare check. Complainant advised I could hear a female yelling for help from inside the residence. While enroute dispatch advised the last contact at the residence was to an 81 year old female.

Observations

Upon arrival I observed the doors to be locked. I began to bang on the doors and all the windows. I observed lights on in multiple rooms of the residence, and a blanket blocking the front door. I observed a red smaller four door car in the garage but I couldn't see the license plate.

Officer Sherifi arrived on scene and we again banged on all the windows and doors, asking if anyone could hear us. Sergeant Lyle arrived on scene, and I explained what officers had done. Sgt. Lyle requested dispatch contact the complainant again to see if they would speak with officers regarding

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what heard. Dispatch advised would not be stepping out to speak with officers, just wanted the resident checked on. Officers again knocked and yelled at every door and window, trying to make contact with anyone inside.

Known Information

Officers known information at the time. Female yelling for help inside the residence, 81 year old female last known contact, lights on in multiple rooms, blanket on the floor in front of the front door, vehicle in the garage, and no answer while officers attempted to make contact. This lead to the decision to force entry into the residence.

Actions Taken

Officer Sherifi and I used breaching tools on the back door. We made entry into the residence and searched the home for anyone. The entire residence was checked and no one was inside. I took photographs of the damage to the back door. Officers attempted to contact the owner of the residence, Michael J. Strasser, via phone multiple times without any luck. I left a door hanger on the back door with the case number, and the reason for the call. I attempted to secure the residence the best I could before leaving the scene. Officers were informed to do extra attentions at the residence until the owner was formally notified and secured the door.

Further Information

Sgt. Lyle spoke with dispatch, who advised him the complainant did not want to get involved because the people in the house called about scare. Ofc. Gelden spoke to the complainant later in the morning, and advised him heard one yell for help while was standing at the side door to residence. Complainant also advised was not sure if it came from 3202 Elderberry Rd.

Audio/Video Available

Officer Christensen #2525

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NARRATIVE			
<p>On 10.16.2022 at 0527 I, Sergeant Lyle, responded to 3202 Elderberry Rd for a welfare check. I was in full uniform and marked squad 205. I had my body-worn camera activated.</p>			
INITIAL REPORT			
<p>Dispatch received a call from a neighbor of this residence. The neighbor reported that had stepped outside and while outside, heard a female yell for help inside the residence. The complainant, who wanted to remain refused, reported that an 81-year old female resided at the residence.</p>			
<p>Dispatch confirmed that the info they had on file was also that an 81-year old female resided at the residence. Officer Sherifi and Officer Christenen had been on scene for approximately 6 minutes prior to my arrival. During this time, they had been attempting continuous contact at the residence as well as trying to gain a visual inside the residence.</p>			
ON SCENE ACTIONS			
<p>When I arrived, the briefing that I got from officers was that they had been unsuccessful in making contact with anyone at the residence. Officer Christensen confirmed there was a red vehicle still in the garage but he couldn't read the license plate.</p>			
<p>I had dispatch attempt phone contact inside the residence which was unsuccessful.</p>			
<p>Next, I had dispatch reach out to the original complainant so we could try to gather more information. Dispatch advised that the complainant demanded to remain anonymous and uninvolved, and would not reveal their name or address. Dispatch was not able to ascertain this information from the caller's phone number.</p>			
<p>My own observations of the residence's exterior and from what I could see through the windows what that it very much was consistent with an elderly person's residence. There appeared to be a large blanket sort of clumped in front of the front door, which I was able to see from a small</p>			
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opening at the rear of the house, looking toward the front. This was unusual to me, and made me suspect that maybe an elderly person had been walking through the house with the blanket on and could've fallen near the front door. This would make it plausible that a nearby neighbor could hear calling for yelp from the front of the house. There were lights on in multiple areas of the home, and all indications to me were that someone was inside the residence. I also made several sustained, loud attempts to contact anyone inside the residence to no avail.

FORCED ENTRY

Based on my training & experience, I know that it is very common for medical emergencies involving elderly persons to occur at this hour of the morning. Dispatch corroborated the descriptors

I made the decision to force entry to the residence, expecting to find an elderly female in distress. We had exhausted all other avenues at this point to dispel the information given from the complainant, and I felt that continuing to wait would be detrimental if someone truly needed rescue or life-saving measures inside.

Dispatch was advised to send rescue to our location so they would be on standby and immediately available to treat any patient inside. A halligan tool was used to pry the side entry door open, which caused damaged to the wood door and frame. Officer Sherifi, Christensen and I then entered the home after multiple loud announcements. A sweep of the residence was conducted and no one was located inside. I located a pile of US mail in the kitchen. All of the mail was listing to a person named Michael J Strasser. With this information, we exited the residence and Officer Christensen secured the door the best he could.

DISPOSITION

Dispatch made several more attempts to contact the complainant, who remained defiant in "not getting involved." Dispatch was able to find a phone number in-house for Strasser which no one answered. I noted that Strasser was involved in a crash in Waukesha back in Feb 2022. Dispatch contacted them and verified that the phone number we were trying for him was correct. A voice mail was left for him, as well as a door hanger to contact our department.

I located additional contact information in-house that correlates Strasser with relatives in Waterford,

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Lyle, Robert A.

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WI. I attempted contact at what appears to be a home phone number and left them contact and case number information for this incident, that we were trying to get in contact with Strasser.

Lastly, back at the PD, I performed a TLO search of the complainant's phone number. I was able to match it with a person named

. I advised Sergeant Gardiner to send an officer to that address to speak with .

Nothing further.

SGT LYLE #5400

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Lyle, Robert A.

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NARRATIVE

On 10-16-22, I Officer Gelden, wearing full uniform and operating marked Caledonia squad 206 was given follow up to complete on this welfare check that 3rd shift conducted. I was advised to make contact with _____ and get a better statement of what _____ had heard.

I was able to make contact with _____ When asked what had heard last night, _____ stated that _____ woke up to use the bathroom. After that, _____ went to _____ back door on the east side of _____ residence. While _____ was there, _____ heard one loud shout for "HELP". When asked where it came from, _____ stated _____ believed it came from the neighbors house across the road at 3202 Elderberry. I asked if _____ was certain it came from there and _____ stated _____ was not, _____ just believed it came from that direction. I asked if _____ heard anything after the shout for help and _____ stated _____ did not. After hearing the shout for help, _____ locked all of her doors and went back into the bedroom. _____ did not have anything further to add about the incident.

BWC activated.
Nothing further
Officer Gelden 3300

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NAMES			
Mentioned-1			
Strasser, Janet M W/F-57 of 29733 Fern Rd, Waterford, 53183			
DOB: 07/24/1965			
Phone 1: (262) 758-0852			
Mentioned-2			
Strasser, Michael Jason W/M-30 of 3202 Elderberry Rd, Racine, WI, 53402			
DOB: 01/07/1992			
HT: 511 WT: 190 Hair: Brown			
Eyes: Brown			
Phone 1: (262) 758-7416			
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NARRATIVE			
<p>On Sunday, 10/16/2022, at about 4:00 pm, I, Sgt Rick Rager, received a telephone call on the shift commander phone from a person who identified herself as JANET STRASSER, MICHAEL STRASSER's mother. She said her son owns the house at 3202 Elderberry Rd, Village of Caledonia. She said she received several voicemail messages in regards to her son's house.</p> <p>JANET said MICHAEL is currently out of town and they are watching his dog. JANET questioned why officers were inside her son's house and if the house was secure. I drove to 3202 Elderberry Ln. I inspected the breached door. The door was not able to be secured without 2x4s or other building materials.</p> <p>I read through the case report and called JANET. I explained the circumstances and 3rd shift intentions. Third shift believed there would be an elderly female living alone at the house and there was possibly a medical emergency occurring. JANET understood. She said her husband would be going to the house in the evening to attempt to repair the door.</p>			
MICHAEL STRASSER			
Reporting Officer(s): Rager, Richard D.		Payroll Number : 7230	Report Date: 10/16/2022
Reviewed by: Spiczenski, Jarrod S.	Payroll Number : 7930	Copy To:	Page: 1 Of 2

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At about 4:30 pm, dispatch requested I call MICHAEL STRASSER at 262/758-7416. I called MICHAEL. He and I spoke about 3rd shift's call for service and the reason why his door was breached. MICHAEL understood. He questioned who would be paying for the door. I advised him to contact the Village of Caledonia on Monday, 10/17/2022.

EMAIL

I sent an email to CAPD supervisors requesting their shifts continue to monitor the residence of 3202 Elderberry Rd.

Nothing Further,

Sgt Rick Rager 7230

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Rager, Richard D.Payroll Number:
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NARRATIVE			
<p>Response</p> <p>On 10-16-2022, I, Officer Sherifi was assigned marked squad car 216 and in full Caledonia Police uniform. At approximately 05:30 am I was dispatched as a cover squad to a welfare check at 3202 Elderberry Rd., in the Village of Caledonia for a report of a woman that screamed help inside the residence.</p>			
<p>Arrival</p> <p>Upon arrival I observed the home with the lights on and a car in the garage. Officer Christensen was knocking at the door. Records check indicated that the last person known to live at the residence was an elderly female. Officer Christensen and I continued to knock on the front and side door, as well as windows all around the house. SGT Lyle then arrived. No one answered the door or responded to us.</p>			
<p>Entry to Location</p> <p>Due to the lights being on, a vehicle in the garage, and a report of a female that screamed help inside the residence, SGT Lyle, Officer Christensen, and myself felt it was necessary to make entry to the home due to the possibility of someone inside being injured or in need of assistance. Officer Christensen used a Halligan tool on the side door while i assisted him with a sledgehammer. We made entry to the home and cleared the residence; no one was home. Officer Christensen attempted to resecure the door using the door lock and screws. SGT Lyle attempted to recontact the complaintant.</p>			
<p>See Officer Christensen and SGT Lyle's reports for more information.</p>			
<p>Body Worn Camera OFC Sherifi 2203</p>			
Reporting Officer(s): Sherifi, Austin M.		Payroll Number : 2203	Report Date: 10/17/2022
Reviewed by: Trongeau, Michael W.	Payroll Number : 8650	Copy To:	Page: 1 Of 1

Crowe Construction

3530 Wood Rd. Racine. WI 53406

Home #- 262-598-1050 Mobile #- 262-498-6620

8-Mar-23

To:

Mike Strasser

3202 Elderberry Rd.
Racine, WI 53402

Job Name - Strasser - Rear door replacment
3202 Elderberry Rd.
Racine. WI

Job Description :

Removed original storm door to access old exterior door to be replaced.

Removed original 32" x 80" steel door with window with interior trim.

Installed New 32" x 80" white steel door with window and replaced original trim.

Re-installed original storm door with out major dammage to door or frame.

Material - New white 32" x 80" Stanly Steel door with window	\$	620.93
New door handle with deadbolt lock	\$	78.64
Labor - 12 hours	\$	<u>1,500.00</u>

TOTAL - \$ **2,199.57**

DESCRIPTION

QTY

ProVia Entry Door

1

Furnish and Install New Construction Entry Door by Provia

DETAILS

Legacy Single Entry Door in FrameSaver Frame Right Hand Inswing - Inside Looking Out

4 Panel 420 Style 20-Gauge Smooth Steel Door ComforTech DLA

Tudor Brown Inside / Snow Mist White Outside Hardware

All Hardware in Satin Nickel Finish

Georgian Lockset (2 3/8" Backset)

Thumbturn Deadbolt (2 3/8" Backset)

Frame

Textured Sterling Gray Aluminum-Frame Cladding - In Separate Box

Tudor Brown Inside Frame

Mill Finish ZAC Auto-Adjusting Threshold

Satin Nickel Ball Bearing Hinges

Installation Kit with Composite Shims

Security Plate

Poplar Modern 2 1/2" Casing - Tudor Brown

Discount

1

20% discount ends oct 31

Cash Discount

1

Qualifying Payment Type(s): Cash or Check = 5% Discount

Efficiency Discount

1

5% Discount to Move Forward Same Day as Initial Appointment

TOTAL

\$5,891.84

Accepted By

Accepted Date

W/D: Lead Time 12-28weeks (due to Covid delay)
Roofing Lead Times- (3-6weeks)
Siding- 18-45 weeks (covid delays)

Signature: _____

TightSeal, LLC
16227 W. Ryerson Rd.
New Berlin, WI 53151
414.235.8707
www.TightSealExteriors.com

Quote



Customer: STRASSER Phone: _____
Customer: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Install Address: _____

Total Investment: \$7315 Expires: 1.9.23

Specifications
- PROVERA DOOR - 32x80
• MERTAGE SMOOTH FIBERGLASS DOOR (STYLE 101)
• COLOR - TUDOR BROWN (INSIDE) SANDPAPER BEIGE (OUTSIDE)
- PROVERA STORM DOOR - 32x80
• DELUXE 393 CROSSBUCK 'CF' STORING
• COLOR - 'CAFE' CREAM
- REPLACING OLD DOOR REBUILDING AND INSULATING NEW FRAME
- 10 YEAR WARRANTY ON FINISH
- LIFETIME WARRANTY ON DOOR STRUCTURE
TAXES / PERMITS / RUBBISH REMOVAL

TightSeal Consultant: PAUL LOVREN Date: 12/9/22