

**Notice of Claim for Damages
WI Statute 893.80**

July 13, 2017

Defendants:

City of West Allis
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

Dan Devine, Office of Mayor
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Rebecca N. Grill, City Administrator Office
7525 W. Greenfield Ave. Room 123
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Monica Schultz, Office of City Clerk
7525 W. Greenfield Ave. Room 108-110
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West Allis-West Milwaukee School District
1205 South 70th Street
West Allis, WI 53214

Dr. Marty Lexmond, Superintendent of Schools
1205 South 70th Street
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Brian Vissers, District Communication
1205 South 70th Street
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Kathleen M. Klein
2477 S. 73rd Street
West Allis, WI 53219

West Allis Police Department
11301 W. Lincoln Ave.
West Allis, WI 53227

Patrick Mitchell, Chief of Police
11301 W. Lincoln Ave.
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Kyle Webster, Officer
11301 W. Lincoln Ave.
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Re: April 4th Voting Incident at Central High School

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CITY OF WEST ALLIS
CITY CLERK

To All Parties Listed:

Please be advised that we (Robert C. and Violet A. Braun) are pursuing a claim for personal injuries as a result of damages which incurred on April 4, 2017 at West Allis Central High School.

On April 4, 2017 at West Allis Central High School, 8516 W. Lincoln Avenue, as we went in to vote for the spring election, we noticed a sign placed in the lawn approximately 150 feet east of the entrance encouraging voters to vote in favor of the school board referendum, which was later found out to have been placed there by members of the school district who should have had knowledge that this would be in violation of electioneering laws. We then spoke to an election worker, Kathleen M. Klein, with our concerns and asked if we could put a sign next to that one showing an opposing view. Kathleen then became angry and dismissed the idea. It should be noted that at this time we had no materials with us encouraging voting one way or another.

We went home and contacted the Wisconsin Elections Commission which notified us that we had a right to place a sign showing an opposing view. I, Robert, returned to the high school with one sign that read "VOTE NO" and placed it next to the original one that was there, approximately 150 feet from the entrance. As I was leaving, I noticed someone whom I did not get a good view of, running back into the building with a sign and noticed my sign was gone.

I went home to get another sign and also my neighbor, Jake Brewer, came back with me with a sign. I put my sign in the lawn again next to the school's sign. As we were having conversation, Kathleen Klein came out and with hostility and pulled my sign out of the ground and was heading back into the building when I shouted to her, "Stop, you can't do that, it's stealing!" She then gave my sign back to me. I then informed her that I was not going to put it in the lawn anymore, but stand there and hold it. Because of severe swelling in my legs, Jake and I then proceeded to walk to a nearby light post that I could lean against to stand with our signs. My neighbor took some pictures, stayed for about ten minutes, then left. My wife, Violet, came back with a chair for me to sit because of health issues that require me to stand with a cane. After about 45 minutes she left and I placed the sign that she was holding in the ground where I was standing. During this time no one came out to say that I was doing anything wrong. I stayed there standing near the light post myself holding the sign to ensure that there would be a sign with an opposing view that people would see.

Kathleen Klein came out again shortly after Violet had left and tried to violently rip the sign out of my hands. As this struggle was going on I was losing my balance and as I was falling, I started yelling at her informing her that she was breaking the law at which point she let go of the sign and I fell backward. As I was falling I had sharply turned my head to the side to see where I was falling when my neck snapped and everything went black. When I regained my senses I noticed that Kathleen was gone and one of my signs was ripped to pieces and laying on top of the sewer grate.

Once I was able to balance again, I walked away and called the West Allis Police Department

and lodged a complaint with Officer Kyle Webster. The Police Department and Officer Webster failed to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident. They failed to measure distance from where I was in respect to the building itself which proves that at no time was I violating any laws. This failure by the Police Department undermined the ability of the Election Commission to substantiate alleged violations.

Violet came to drive me to the hospital instead of calling an ambulance because the hospital was only two blocks away. I subsequently notified my doctor and had examinations and xrays done. I have been to Froedert Medical College of Wisconsin over 15 times for treatment due to this incident. Doctors have given directives for continued physical therapy. It should be noted that during this time I have also been under doctor's orders to keep my leg elevated but was unable to properly follow those orders because of the neck injuries sustained by this incident; a severe infection in my leg has resulted.

Some of the bills received thus far are in excess of \$5000.00. The above named parties are responsible to compensate us for damages including, but not limited to: pain and suffering, medical bills, and future court costs and fees of \$73,000.00. We are not currently represented by an attorney, but are pursuing this claim in hopes of settling without need for litigation. Thank you for your prompt attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

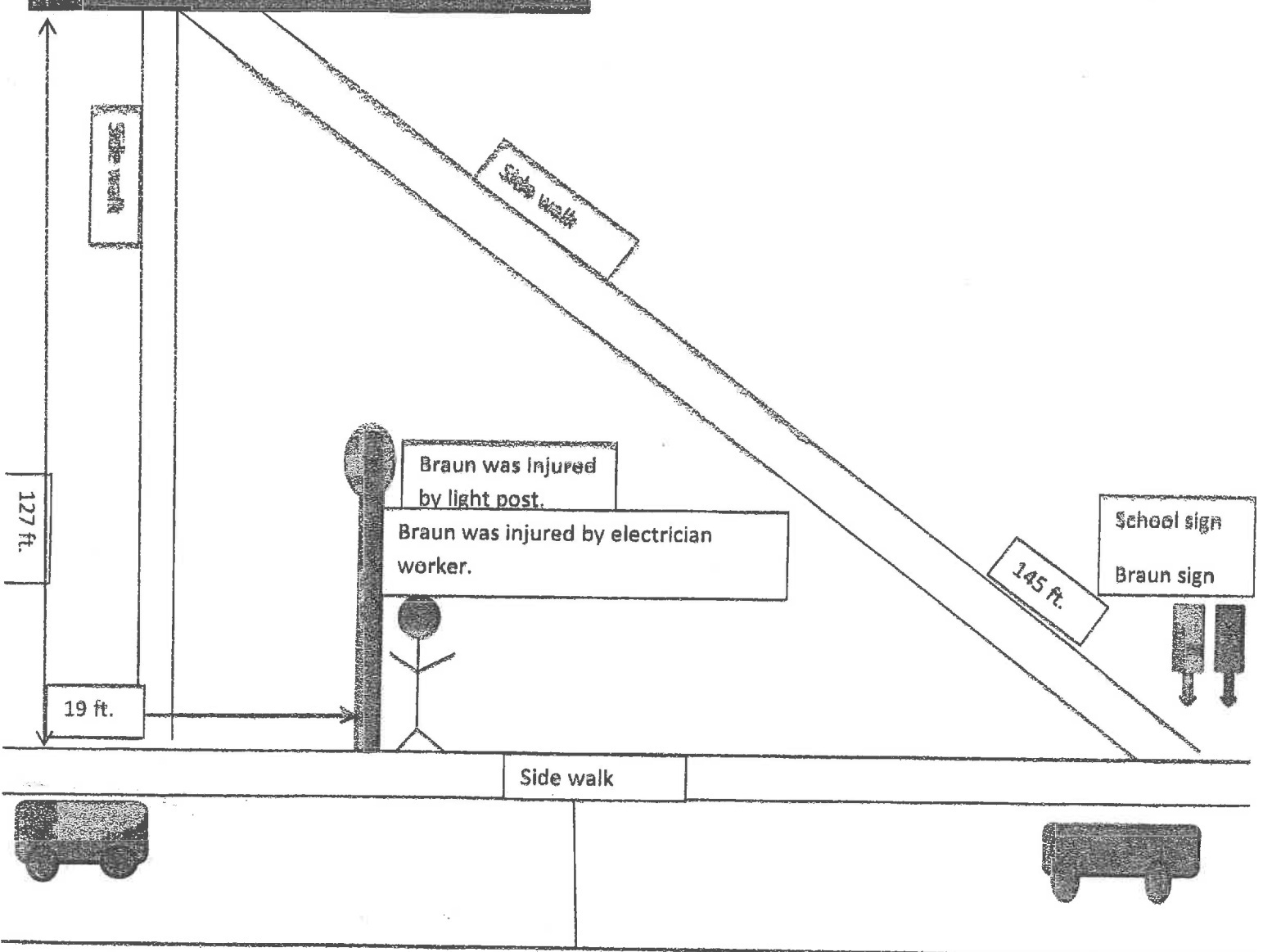
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West Allis Central High School Voting Building

Measurements by Jake and Duane Brewer on 6/16/17 And witnessed by Robert Braun



State of Wisconsin City of West Allis Milwaukee County

Under oath, I state that;

Duane and Jake Brewer measured the measurements in front of West Allis Central High School. The measuring was done on 6/16/2017 and witnessed by Robert Braun. I Duane produced this map/diagram on 6/20/2017 and map was witnessed by Robert Braun. The true and correct measurements in this map/diagram are shown. Robert Braun has stated to me that the attack by Kathleen took place by light post as shown. Robert Braun has stated to me that a member of the West Allis school district had admitted to posting the schools sign as shown.

Subscribed and sworn before me on June 20, 2017

Notary public, state of Wisconsin my commission expires: 6/24/17



Robert Braun 6/20/17
 Robert Braun
 Duane Brewer 6/20/17
 Duane Brewer