



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
CITY OF CHICAGO

March 28, 2019

Jussie Smollett



Re: Repayment of Investigation Costs for False Police Report

Dear Mr. Smollett,

The City of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department take seriously those who make false statements to the police, thereby diverting resources from other investigations and undermining the criminal justice system. On January 29, 2019, you made a police report in which you falsely claimed that two men had attacked you while yelling racial and homophobic slurs. The Chicago Police Department conducted an extensive investigation into this report. Over two dozen detectives and police officers participated in the investigation, ultimately spending weeks investigating your false claims, including a substantial number of overtime hours. As part of this investigation, Chicago police reviewed video and physical evidence and conducted several interviews, expending resources that could have been used for other investigations. Ultimately, the Chicago police investigation revealed that you knowingly filed a false police report and had in fact orchestrated your own attack.

In an attempt to resolve this matter without further legal action, the City requires immediate payment of the \$130,106.15 expended on overtime hours in the investigation of this matter. Please submit a money order or certified cashier's check payable to "City of Chicago" to the following address within seven (7) days of the date of this letter:

City of Chicago Department of Law



If the amount is not timely paid, the Department of Law may prosecute you for making a false statement to the City under section 1-21-010 of the Municipal Code of Chicago or pursue any other legal remedy available at law. A violation of the false statement ordinance imposes a fine of not less than \$500.00 and a maximum of \$1,000.00, plus up to three (3) times the amount of damages the City sustains as a result of the violation. The City may also seek to recover court costs, collection costs, and attorney's fees. If you have any questions, please call me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Edward N. Siskel
Corporation Counsel

