

October 26, 1994

Honorable City Council
c/o D. Margaret Drury
Cambridge City Clerk
795 Mass Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

This claim is being made with instructions from your office regarding the incident in which my handicap van was spray painted by an employee of the city or a contractor of the city.

The location of the incident is on Route 2 as it proceeds to Storrow Drive from the stop light in front of the Alewife subway station. There is some construction work going on beyond this stop light apparently to replace the overpass bridge which leads to the Fresh Pond shopping area and circle. Traffic at this point was congested as it usually is, but more so because of the construction work. As I drove through this area (approximately 50 feet beyond the stop light), a young man who was one of the construction workers spray painted the right side of my van as shown in the enclosed photograph. He apparently had the spray paint to designate spots on the curb and sidewalk. This spraying appears to have been deliberate and malicious due to the position of the paint on the van. There is nothing he could have been attempting to paint out in the roadway from his position on the sidewalk.

The time this occurred was between 9:30 and 10:00 in the morning of October 25, 1994.

I also enclose an estimate from the _____ Company for repainting the door.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Howard E. Hensleigh
HEH/jjm
Enc.

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Dear Ms. Drury:

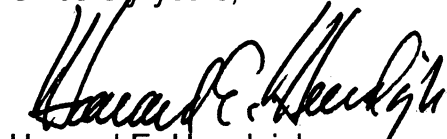
Enclosed is a letter I was prepared to send you yesterday.

I drove into the Carlisle Body Shop to get an estimate for the repainting. In my discussion with the proprietor I asked if there was any way the paint could be removed. He was afraid to buff it for fear of removing the original paint. Since he had become involved, he got a strong chemical solution that removed the unwanted paint. I hope it will not have the affect of removing or tarnishing the original paint. I asked him for the bill, but he said there would be no charge.

Accordingly, the good news is that I am not making a claim against the City of Cambridge.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Howard E. Hensleigh

HEH/jjm

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Consent Communication #3

A comm was received from Howard Hensleigh regarding damage to his vehicle caused by careless spray painting at the Alewife Bridge site.

In City Council November 7, 1994

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