

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 05/16/05  
Date Prepared: 05/09/05  
Reviewed by:

Subject: Claim #AL503; Cardwell v. City

Report By: Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Reject the claim and authorize the City Clerk to send out the appropriate rejection notice to Ms. Doraun Cardwell.

**BACKGROUND**

On May 4, 2005, the City received a claim from Doraun Cardwell alleging damages in the amount of \$2,000. Ms. Cardwell was involved in a car accident and believes that the Police Officer who took the report did not sufficiently identify the first party to the accident and as a result cannot locate him to collect damages to her vehicle. Therefore, she is now claiming that the City should pay for those damages.

This claim was referred to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation. On May 9, 2005, the Chief of Police submitted a letter indicating that the Police Officer acted properly under the circumstances and recommends that the claim be rejected.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Possibility of a lawsuit.