



**DATE:** June 25, 2024

**TO:** Civil Action Investigation Committee

**FROM:** Office of the City Attorney

**SUBJECT:** *Jason Hansen v. Connor Wallick, Colorado Springs Police Department and the City of Colorado Springs 24CV30795*

This memorandum is to apprise you of the facts alleged in the above-referenced case as you consider the claims made against the officer involved.

### **NATURE OF THE CASE**

Plaintiff, Jason Hansen, by and through his attorney, brought this case, in the District Court of El Paso County Colorado, alleging that he was injured during a traffic accident with Officer Wallick. Plaintiff claims the accident was caused by Officer Wallick's alleged negligence. Plaintiff further claims that as Officer Wallick's employer, both the City and CSPD are vicariously liable for his injuries.

Plaintiff alleges that on August 10, 2022, at around 9:14 p.m. he was driving a 2018 Hyundai Elantra on East Platte Avenue where it intersects with North Union Boulevard ("the Intersection"). Plaintiff claims that he was in the left through lane driving westbound on East Platte Avenue and that he proceeded into the Intersection on a green light. Plaintiff alleges that Officer Wallick, traveling northbound on North Union Boulevard, failed to stop for a red light, entered the Intersection, and struck Plaintiff's vehicle. He is asking for compensatory damages for pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, physical impairment, temporary loss of capacity to perform household work, and inconvenience, as well as fees, costs, and interest.

According to reports, on August 10, 2022, at 9:14 p.m., Officer Wallick was northbound, in an unmarked police car, on North Union Boulevard at the Intersection. Plaintiff was traveling westbound on East Platte Avenue at a speed of around 30 mph. Plaintiff entered the Intersection on a green light. At about the same time, the officer entered the Intersection at about 15 mph and collided with Plaintiff's vehicle. The accident caused damage to both vehicles. However, both parties declined medical assistance.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Civil Action Investigation Committee has recommended that the City represent the above-named officer as required by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act and the Peace Officer's Liability Act. The officer was acting in the course and scope of his employment and was acting in good faith. As usual, it is recommended that the City reserve the right not to pay any award of punitive damages.