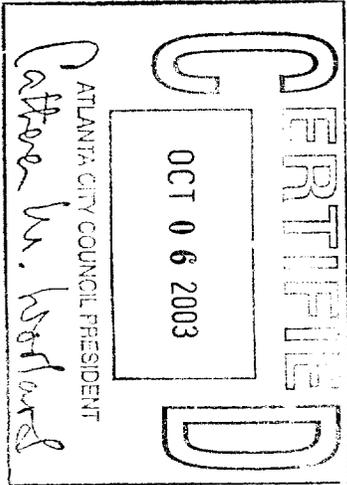


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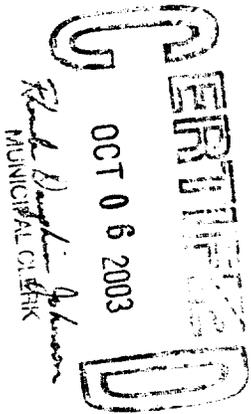


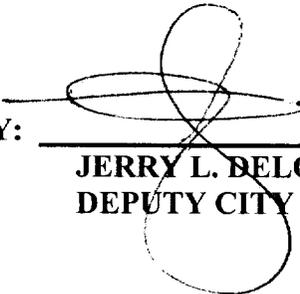
**CLAIM OF: BOBBY D. SUTTON**  
541 Holderness Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30310

**03-R-1553**

For property damages alleged to have been sustained when large limbs from two City trees destroyed a fence on June 7, 2003 at 541 Holderness Street, SW.

THIS ADVERSED REPORT IS  
APPROVED



BY:   
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**JERRY L. DELOACH**  
**DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY**

## ADVERSE REPORT

PUBLIC SAFETY &  
LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: 9/30/03

CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

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RHONDA DAUPHIN JOHNSON, CMC  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

October 13, 2003

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Bobby D. Sutton  
541 Holderness Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30310

03-R-1553

Dear Mr. Sutton:

I sincerely regret that you have been adversely affected by the circumstances raised in your claim for damages against the City of Atlanta. Your time and patience in this matter has been greatly appreciated.

However, I must notify you that the Atlanta City Council Adopted an Adverse Report on your claim at its regular meeting on October 06, 2003. In consultation with the City's Law Department, who conducted an investigation of the situation, the Council has determined that the City cannot accept responsibility for this matter and therefore cannot pay this claim.

If you desire any further information, please contact the **City Attorney's Office/Claims Division** at (404) 330-6400.

Yours very truly,

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

cc: **Claims Division/Law Department**

DEPARTMENT OF LAW - CLAIM INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

Claim No. 03L0551

Date: September 11, 2003

Claimant /Victim BOBBY D. SUTTON
BY: (Atty) (Ins. Co.)
Address: 541 Holderness Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30310
Subrogation: Claim for Property damage \$ 2,000.00 Bodily Injury \$
Date of Notice: 6/17/03 Method: Written, Proper X Improper
Conforms to Notice: O.C.G.A. §36-33-5 X Ante Litem (6 Mo.) X
Date of Occurrence 6/7/03 Place: 541 Holderness Street, SW
Department PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS Division Parks
Employee involved Disciplinary Action:

NATURE OF CLAIM: Claimant alleges that his fence sustained damage when it was struck by two tree limbs that fell from trees located in the City's right-of-way. However, an investigation determined that the fallen tree limbs were the result of a storm which is considered an "Act of God". Thus, the City is immune from liability pursuant to O.C.G.A. 33-36-1.

INVESTIGATION:

Statements: City employee Claimant Others Written Oral
Pictures Diagrams Reports: Police Dept Report X Other X
Traffic citations issued: City Driver Claimant Driver
Citation disposition: City Driver Claimant Driver

BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Function: Governmental X Ministerial
Improper Notice More than Six Months Other X Damages reasonable
City not involved Offer rejected Compromise settlement
Repair/replacement by Ins. Co. Repair/replacement by City Forces
Claimant Negligent City Negligent Joint Claim Abandoned

Respectfully submitted,

Gwendolyn Burns
INVESTIGATOR - GWENDOLYN BURNS

RECOMMENDATION:

Pay \$ Adverse X Account charged: 1A01 2PO1 2J01 2H01
Claims Manager: Concur/date 09/18/03
Committee Action: Council Action

RCS# 5041  
10/06/03  
2:05 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT I

CONSENT I PGS 1-14

ADOPT

YEAS: 13  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 2  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	NV Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	B Boazman	NV Woolard

CONSENT I

10-06-03 Council Meeting		
ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT	ITEMS ADVERSED ON CONSENT	ITEMS ADVERSED ON CONSENT
1. 03-O-1475	37. 03-R-1521	71. 03-R-1555
2. 03-O-1471	38. 03-R-1522	72. 03-R-1556
3. 03-O-1438	39. 03-R-1523	73. 03-R-1557
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7. 03-O-1478	43. 03-R-1527	77. 03-R-1561
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36. 03-R-1579		

Consent I Vote: 13 Yeas; 0Nays: (See RCS #5041)