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Ald. Bob Donovan
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Bequest honors World War II veteran, will add police vehicle to city fleet

The Common Council today adopted a resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Police Department to accept a bequest of \$50,000 from the estate of **Paula M. Gorde** for the purchase of a police vehicle.

Ms. Gorde, who passed away on June 18, 2013 at age 92, was a resident of the 8th Aldermanic District who worked for 40 years as a Spanish language interpreter, operated a tavern and provided shelter to abused women and their children from the neighborhood.

Alderman Bob Donovan knew Ms. Gorde and her late husband, **Mr. Christ Gorde, Sr.**, and noted that Ms. Gorde served for decades as a Block Watch captain “before the term ‘Block Watch captain’ had even been invented.”

“Paula was a fixture at community meetings, and was always looking to help improve the overall safety of her block and her neighborhood,” the alderman said.

Alderman Donovan said the \$50,000 bequest left by Ms. Gorde to the Police Department is for the purchase of a police vehicle in honor of her late husband, who was a member of the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division and a prisoner of war during World War II.

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“Paula and her husband, Christ owned and operated Paula’s Tavern at S. 25th and W. Scott for many years,” Alderman Donovan said. “They were great neighbors and friends, and worked to help people in the community – especially women and children living in abusive situations.”

“It is touching and fitting that Paula honored her husband’s service to this nation by bequeathing such a generous amount for a police vehicle, and I can assure you it will be put to good use,” he said. “On behalf of the 8th District and the city, I look toward heaven and say ‘thank you’ to Paula and her family for this great gift.”