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## Latest sentence in police strip search case fails to do justice

### **Statement of Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. October 4, 2013**

The sentencing today of former Milwaukee police officer Jacob Knight is unacceptable and extremely disappointing. In my opinion, the court missed the mark badly, sentencing the former officer to just 20 days in jail and 60 hours of community service for the officer's terrible and dehumanizing conduct while on duty.

The sentence sends the wrong message, and is a slap in the face and a disgrace to the community in general. I believe the sentence can easily be perceived as the court's bias in favor of law enforcement and its continued insensitivity toward a large portion of our community.

This former officer (and the others involved in the strip search nightmare) brought a stain to the Milwaukee Police Department—a stain that may unfortunately blot out the very good work being done by the other 99 percent of MPD officers, who do their jobs well and under difficult circumstances.

My fear is that the sentence handed down today by the court may not discourage this kind of officer misconduct in the future.