

**Statement of Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.
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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” The state case against former officers Bartlett, Spengler and Masarik left our city sick with the aftermath of injustice, but today’s federal case has allowed us – finally! – to savor the sweetness of justice.

I want to commend the U.S. Attorney and the jury for coming to this conclusion. This verdict helps to ease the pain that we have felt as a community on behalf of Frank Jude Jr. for far too long.

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