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U.S. Attorney General Asked To Review Possible Official Misconduct By MPD Commander In Jude Beating Case

*Ald. Joe Davis Lodges Formal Complaint Requesting Formal Investigation of Internal
Affairs Commander's Instructions to Key Witness*

Milwaukee Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. today issued a formal complaint with the United States Attorney General seeking an investigation into whether Deputy Inspector Mary Hoerig violated the law when she instructed a key police witness in the Frank Jude Jr. beating case not to include certain details of the chaotic crime scene in her official police report.

Ald. Davis said federal court transcripts of the sworn testimony of former officer Nicole Belmore in the case against fired former officers Jon Bartlett, Daniel Masarik, Andrew Spengler, and Ryan Packard show that then Capt. Hoerig (as commander of the MPD's Professional Performance Division) instructed Belmore to include only elements of crimes of theft and obstructing in her official written report of the crime scene.

In his complaint letter to acting U.S. Attorney General Peter D. Keisler, Ald. Davis cites specific lines from the court transcript that note "Ms. Belmore's testimony clearly explains and depicts the assault of the victim in this case. But on page 22....Captain Mary Hoerig instructed Ms. Belmore to put only elements of crimes of theft and obstructing in her report."

In the letter, Ald. Davis states that "the public must rely on the uncompromising integrity" of internal affairs command staff who possess the critical responsibility of investigating possible officer misconduct and even possible crimes by officers.

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“No commanding officer of any law enforcement agency should give instructions to sworn personnel to omit valuable, credible, and most important, truthful information in which a crime may have been committed, and in this case it has been proven that crimes were committed,” the alderman states in the letter, adding: “On behalf of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, I seek the truth.”

In late July a Milwaukee federal jury found Bartlett, Masarik and Spengler guilty of conspiring to violate the civil rights of Jude and his friend Lovell Harris and of assaulting Jude while acting as police officers during the October 24, 2004 house party incident outside a Bay View residence owned by Spengler. The jury acquitted Packard of the charges against him, but he served a lengthy suspension and has returned to the department.

Copies of Ald. Davis’s letter were also forwarded to U.S. Attorney Steven Biskupic, Mayor Tom Barrett, City Attorney Grant Langley and Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.