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MEDIA ADVISORY

Light Sentences For Graffiti Vandals To Be Addressed At News Conference

*Council Members Have Denounced Judge's Sentences as a "Slap in the Face" to All
Milwaukee Residents*

Lenient sentences handed down earlier this month by a Milwaukee County Circuit Court judge for members of a prolific graffiti crew will be the topic of a news conference at 12 noon tomorrow (**Wednesday, September 26, 2007**) at **City Hall**, 200 E. Wells St.

The news conference will be hosted by **Ald. Tony Zielinski**, chair of the city's Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee, and will include colleague and fellow Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee member, **Ald. Bob Donovan**, as well as concerned citizens and community group representatives.

The aldermen have expressed deep disappointment in Judge William Sosnay's sentences for members of the "WR Crew," thought to be responsible for approximately \$200,000 in graffiti property damage on the city's south side, east side and in Riverwest. Despite a recommendation for jail time plus extended probation from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office for seven members of the crew, Judge Sosnay instead ordered restitution and sentenced them to Huber time, community service and probation.

Milwaukee police spent considerable resources conducting surveillance, executing search warrants and compiling evidence in the case, spending well in excess of \$100,000 to bring the crew's members to justice, Ald. Zielinski said.

WHAT: News Conference

WHEN: 12 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday, Sept. 26)

WHERE: City Hall Rotunda, 200 E. Wells St.

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