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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ald. McGee To Appear At Prayer Vigil Adjacent To Jude Beating Site

Event on Saturday, March 5th Will Feature Justice Coalition, LGBT Representation

A coalition that is called Justice for Jude, Justice for All will hold a prayer vigil on Saturday adjacent to the Bay View residence where Frank Jude, Jr. was brutally beaten outside a house party in October 2004, said Ald. Mike McGee, Jr., who is a member of the group and an organizer of the event.

The prayer vigil will begin at 12 noon on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 2885 S. Ellen St. Representatives of several religious denominations are expected to attend and participate, as well as members of Milwaukee's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, Ald. McGee said. Media coverage is invited.

"This event is intended to bring together people in Milwaukee who are praying for justice and praying for Frank Jude, Jr.," said Ald. McGee, who added that he has also been in contact with state Sen. Tim Carpenter this week regarding the Jude case. Ald. McGee said Sen. Carpenter will be unable to accept the alderman's invitation to attend the vigil because of a previously scheduled event.

Earlier this week charges were filed against three Milwaukee police officers for their alleged involvement in Mr. Jude's beating. According to a criminal complaint, Jude was beaten outside a Bay View house party on October 24, 2004 by several men who had reportedly identified themselves as Milwaukee police officers. Jude was repeatedly kicked in the head, was stripped naked and threatened with a gun and a knife after being accused of stealing a wallet from a bedroom during the party.