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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### “Code Of Silence” In Jude Case Further Damaging Public’s View Of Police *News Conference Today to Address Testimony of Jude Case Cops*

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. will host a City Hall news conference today to discuss what he describes as Milwaukee police officers’ blatant disregard for the truth in their testimony in the criminal trial of three fellow officers for the October 2004 brutal beating of Frank Jude, Jr.

**The news conference will be held at 3 p.m. today (Wednesday, April 5, 2006) in room 301-B, third floor, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Yesterday Ald. Davis attended the trial of fired officers Daniel Masarik, Andrew Spengler and Jon Bartlett, and was “taken aback” by some of the testimony he heard. “Unfortunately, I believe there is a ‘code of silence’ within the culture of law enforcement, and specifically in the Milwaukee Police Department, that has been observed rather blatantly by officers called to testify in this trial, and I believe that the code is continuing to affect the community’s perception of good law enforcement personnel in this city,” said Ald. Davis.

“I find it hard to believe that police officers who are professionally trained to remember details and to look for evidence claim they saw nothing or suddenly can’t recall what exactly they saw the night Mr. Jude was savagely beaten,” Ald. Davis said.

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