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## Ald. Davis Asks U.S. Attorney General To Issue Federal Indictments In Jude Beating Case

“I will not,” said Milwaukee Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., “let self-serving people continue to violate our most sacred laws of the land without a fight.”

The 2nd District alderman made that comment in a letter to United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, in which he requests federal indictments under Section 242, Title 18 of the U.S. Constitution against Milwaukee Police Department personnel who Ald. Davis says willfully participated in denying the civil rights of an innocent civilian.

“I urge you to initiate and carry out a timely and thorough criminal civil rights investigation of the intentional and unreasonable physical assault of Frank Jude, Jr. by persons acting under color of law,” Ald. Davis stated. “As you are well aware, acts under the ‘color of law’ include acts done beyond the bounds of an official’s lawful authority, if the acts are done while the official is purporting to or pretending to act in the performance of his or her official duties,” he added.

In the case regarding Frank Jude, Jr., off duty police officers identified themselves to Mr. Jude as law enforcement officers and proceeded to question him in a physical and verbal manner that resulted in serious injuries, Ald. Davis stated. It was clear, said the alderman, that the officers questioned Mr. Jude about a stolen badge, accused him as the thief and tried to coerce a confession without reading him his Miranda Rights.

“Let me say that the unprofessional conduct of every law enforcement officer who was on the scene of this incident has created a sense of mistrust in our city,” wrote Ald. Davis. “A jury dismissed the charges against three defendants with some exceptions, but I was appalled that officers who are trained to pay attention to detailed events at a crime scene testified that they could not recall important details related to the case,” Ald. Davis said.

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## **Federal Indictment Request/ADD ONE**

Ald. Davis said he had been optimistic based upon the evidence and testimony presented by the District Attorney in the criminal court trial of three former police officers that convictions were a strong possibility.

“I am saddened that our state justice system, in my opinion, failed the law-abiding citizens of the City of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin,” said Ald. Davis, “and it is with this letter that I will continue to believe that justice can prevail given the evidence.”

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