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## **"Justice For Jude" Rally Planned At D.A.'s Office** *Ald. McGee Also Wants Police Officers Charged In Beating*

A rally in support of Frank Jude, Jr. will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. on the steps of the Safety Building at 821 W. State St. outside the office of Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann. According to his attorney and some witnesses, Jude suffered a brutal beating during which he was kicked in the head repeatedly, stripped naked and threatened with a knife outside a Bay View house party October 24, 2004 by a dozen men who had reportedly identified themselves as Milwaukee police officers.

"I want the district attorney to press charges against the officers involved in this incident," said Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. The "Justice for Jude" rally and news conference will include the alderman, members of the Rapid Response Team and residents of the Harambee neighborhood. The Bay View residence where the incident took place is not in the alderman's district, but he says as a graduate of Bay View High School, he's very concerned about any potential racism that exists in the area.

Four officers have reportedly been suspended with pay in connection with the incident, and Ald. McGee said that bothers him. In addition to seeking state legislation that would give the council more control over the Fire and Police Commission, Ald. McGee said he will also ask state legislators to change the law so that police officers not be paid during suspensions for alleged criminal activity.

The officers reportedly said Jude stole a badge and fought with them when confronted. Ald. McGee said more than three months have passed, no officers have been charged or arrested, and he wants the district attorney to act now to press charges against the officers involved.