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MEDIA ADVISORY

Community Meeting To Include Frank Jude, Jr., Panel Talk On MPD, Justice Issues

Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. to Moderate Meeting Saturday at North Division

A public town hall meeting Saturday will feature frank discussions regarding alleged misconduct by Milwaukee police officers and issues related to the recent discrimination lawsuit filed against former Police Chief Arthur Jones by 17 white police lieutenants.

Milwaukee Common Council member Mike McGee, Jr., who will serve as moderator for the meeting, said Frank Jude, Jr., who was savagely beaten by off-duty Milwaukee police officers outside a Bay View house party in October 2004, and Lovell Harris, a friend of Jude's who also said he was accosted by off-duty officers during the same incident, are invited guests and are expected to attend the meeting, which is being called "Is It Justice – Or Just Us?"

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005, in the auditorium of North Division High School, 1011 W. Center St. Other expected participants include Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., Africology faculty member Dr. William Rogers of UW-Milwaukee, Doris Jude-Porter – Frank Jude's aunt and of the Justice For Jude, Justice For All group, Judge Russell Stamper, Brother Earl of the Rapid Response Team, leaders from the city's Hmong and Latino communities, a representative from the City Attorney's Office, Pastor Mose Fuller and other clergy, and others.

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Ald. McGee said the community meeting will focus on some of the issues surrounding police misconduct and will also “seek solutions to some of the issues that are causing extreme distrust of the police and discord in the community.”

“The meeting will also provide an opportunity to give the community an update on the activities of the Justice For Jude, Justice For All Committee,” said Ald. McGee.