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Ald. McGee Announces Visit By Rev. Al Sharpton To Seek Independent U.S. Probe In Jude Beating Case

Reverend Al Sharpton, former presidential candidate and one of the country's foremost leaders for civil rights, has promised Milwaukee Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. that he will be visiting Milwaukee in the near future.

Ald. McGee was interviewed by phone on the Rev. Sharpton's nationally syndicated Radio One program regarding the beating of Frank Jude, Jr., and the weekend verdict that found three police officers not guilty of nearly all of the charges against them in connection with the beating. (The jury deadlocked on a battery charge against one of the officers).

Following his discussion with Ald. McGee, Rev. Sharpton announced that he is calling upon the federal government to intervene in the Jude investigation, and says he plans to be in Milwaukee in the near future to push the case forward and to press for a complete, independent investigation of the case.

Today Ald. McGee said he has talked to the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department about doing a memorandum of understanding or taking over the police department. Ald. McGee says he warned them that the city "is a powder keg and is going to explode" and the Justice Department "is going to be culpable for any type of civil unrest."

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Ald. McGee said he is pleased that Rev. Sharpton will be personally involved in the push for justice for Frank Jude. “I have tremendous respect for Reverend Sharpton, and it shows clearly that the entire nation is focused on justice for Jude and justice for all in the fight against police brutality throughout the nation,” Ald. McGee said.

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