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Calls For Economic Sanctions in Jude Beating

Ald. McGee Hopes to Keep Pressure On to Get Charges Issued

Milwaukee Common Council member Mike McGee, Jr. said there needs to be more pressure placed on District Attorney E. Michael McCann to issue charges in the brutal beating of Frank Jude, Jr., and that economic sanctions of businesses may be one way to do that.

According to his attorney and some witnesses, Jude was beaten outside a Bay View house party in October by a dozen men who had reportedly identified themselves as Milwaukee police officers. Ald. McGee says after more than three months it's time that charges are issued for the off-duty officers allegedly involved in the beating.

Ald. McGee says he and others in the Black community are calling for a day of economic sanctions as a protest against the lack of charges in the case. They will announce plans for the sanctions at a news conference at 11 a.m on Thursday, February 17, 2005 in the rotunda of City Hall. Media coverage is invited. Ald. McGee wants Black residents to not spend any money on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at the Midtown Center and The Shops of Grand Avenue in a show of support for Jude and to put pressure on McCann.

State Rep. Tamara D. Grigsby will join Ald. McGee to discuss plans for potential changes in the state law that governs how police officers are paid during suspensions for alleged wrongdoing.

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The alderman and residents of the community will also call on Mayor Tom Barrett to become more involved and put pressure on the district attorney. Ald. McGee says his constituents appreciate the mayor's comments and concern about black on black crime, but want him to be just as vigilant about what they see as police brutality in the black community.