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**Statement of U.S. Attorney's Office on
Federal Investigation of Frank Jude, Jr. Beating Case**

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic issued the following statement on a federal investigation of the circumstances surrounding the Frank Jude, Jr. beating case.

"The United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has begun a federal investigation of this matter. We pledge to conduct this investigation as promptly and as thoroughly as possible."

"The review of this matter will not be limited to certain individuals. All aspects of the October 2004 incident, as well as the subsequent statements and reports, will be examined to determine if federal civil rights and obstruction of justice laws have been violated."

"Federal prosecutors began the analysis of this matter on Saturday. We met again today to outline an investigative strategy. It has become immediately clear, however, that while we are committed to pursuing this investigation promptly, the federal investigation will take time. Practical matters such as obtaining state court trial transcripts, evaluating conflicting testimony, and conducting further investigation, all mean that the time frame of this investigation will be along the lines of months, rather than days or weeks."

"In addition, under federal rules, including those involving the grand jury, prosecutors will be prohibited from publicly evaluating the evidence or discussing the progress of this investigation (other than to confirm that it continues), unless and until charges are issued."

"Also on Monday, FBI Special Agent in Charge James Finch and I met with Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann and Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty to further discuss this matter. The District Attorney and Police Chief pledged their full cooperation in the federal investigation."

Biskupic also said he hopes to meet with community leaders to make sure they understand the requirements for a prosecution under federal law.