

From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 2:25 PM
To: Collins, Adam;Rountree, Janey;Update_List;McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: Re: Kass/Laquan McDonald

Adding Bill from Law.

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To: Ewing, Clothilde; Rountree, Janey; McCaffrey, Bill; Collins, Adam; Deal, Joe; Mitchell, Eileen; Rendina, Michael; Spielfogel, David
Cc: Guglielmi, Anthony (Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org)
Subject: Re: Kass/Laquan McDonald

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Thank you!

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Thank you for the clarification

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Just to clarify for everyone... there is no hearing in the FOIA case scheduled for next week. The judge will present her written ruling at 2 pm on Nov. 19th. Oftentimes, parties will just show up in court and the clerk will hand them the written order (there is no official action by the judge or proceeding to speak of). We're reaching out to counsel now to see if that's what they are expecting to happen next week.

From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:41 PM
To: Hall, Abby;Collins, Adam;Quinn, Kelley
Subject: week ahead
Attachments: RE111415 -112915 week ahead .doc

Please take a look and let me know if you have any flags, additions or concerns

Thanks!

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From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 9:04 PM
To: Spector, Stephen
Subject: Tomorrow's News

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AMTV:

Mayor Emanuel and Chicago Housing Authority Acting Chief Executive Officer Eugene Jones will announce a plan for an additional 450 Housing Choice Vouchers for U.S. veterans, one more step in the fight to end veteran homelessness in Chicago.

MPO:

Kass/Trib: A column about the Laquan McDonald video, with the news angle being the judge is supposed to rule next week whether the video should be made public. He spoke to the two witnesses, and is told the contents of the video could be "incendiary." We provided the following statement: "Ensuring our officers are accountable for their actions is critical to building trust between residents and the police department. There are federal and state criminal investigations into this specific incident, and we have to respect that process. So their work isn't compromised, we cannot comment on the case specifically, and we are following common practice in not releasing the evidence of an ongoing investigation."

CPD:

NYTimes/Crain's/ABC: Follow-up on use of force database. CPD issued statement outlining commitment to accountability and showcased complaint declines since this administration took over.

Chicago Sun-Times/Frank Main: Coverage of off duty officer charged in shooting incident. SAO and CPD issued statement.

Budget:

Fran, Hal, Grag, Karen Pierog (Reuters), Odette Yousef (WBEZ), Yvette Shields (Bond Buyer): All covering Moody's Report regarding the City's pension reform plans and potential impact to credit rating and financial markets based on action by Governor and decision by IL Supreme Court. City pushed back on report stating that Moody even states that the two pension reform plans are potential credit positives if enacted and upheld. City also noted that the reform plans are sensible and demonstrate a shared path forward to managing the City's underfunded pension liabilities.

Crain's/Tom Corfman: Analysis on impact of property tax increase on rental properties and commercial/industrial properties. Tom's analysis is similar to the impact the City anticipates on these properties. The story will blame some of the shift of the homeowners' exemption, which he believes unfairly shifts more of the burden on these properties.

CTA:

Streetsblog/Vance: Story on the new Ventra app that will be released this fall. Reporter tested the app and story is expected to be positive.

Various Outlets: In recognition of Veterans Day, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) announced that it is continuing its commitment to hiring our nation's veterans by adding more than 60 veteran hires across the CTA

in 2015. The increases are the result of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and CTA's continued efforts to promote and expand the hiring of veterans.

Law:

Various outlets: The judge in the Friends of the Park case against the Lucas Museum set the briefing in the City's motion to have the case dismissed.

CCC:

ST/Dan Mihalopoulos: Story on the delay in disbursement of Pell grants this semester. CCC explained that this was caused in part by a new IT system, and also a slight miscommunication in dates that students could expect to receive funds in hand. CCC provided a statement explaining this, and also reiterated that Pell cycle 2 payments are on pace to be delivered according to schedule. To appear tonight/print tomorrow.

CPS:

WBEZ/Becky Vevea ST/Lauren Fitz and Austin Weekly: The Austin CAC held a press conference today in support of the community's proposal to consolidate co-located schools in Austin. (Schools are Dodge and Morton, as well as three Austin high schools). Stories to appear tonight.

Chicago Tonight/Brandis Friedman: Brandis is doing a piece on the Ogden/Jenner proposal and making a note that this will be tabled until next year. CPS did not provide a statement. Brandis will also cover the Austin CAC's proposal to consolidate three high schools. This story is expected to air tonight.

ABC7: Story about a Morgan Park High School basketball player being disqualified from playoffs after transferring in from Clemente. CPS to provide a statement. Story could air tonight.

NBC5: Story on the suspension of the engineer at Prussing following an evacuation of 70 plus kids during carbon monoxide/gas leak. This is a follow up on DNA Info's story and is expected to air tonight.

DNA Info: Follow up story on Dixon's academic gains and their new Level+ rating this year.

WBEZ/Becky Vevea: Follow up on the pushback by charter operators affected by CPS' proposed closures for 4 charter locations. CPS provided background on how academic performance is communicated to charter operators, and what expectations are for charters who are on watch list and are required to enact a remediation plan. This could air as early as tomorrow.

Potential coverage: First thing tomorrow CPS will issue a press release announcing their Hour of Code competition with Brooklyn Public Schools, whereby the winner earns the most hours/events during Computer Science week and earns bragging rights. This may have already gotten traction from the social media announcement that Brooklyn made earlier today.

CDPH:

WYCC: 30-minute segment on the environment, pollution and the environment that will include consumer recycling in Chicago. DSS highlighted a public education campaign on recycling, and CDPH did a walk through on one of the processing facilities—the North Branch Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling Center. This will air Thursday at 7pm and again on Sunday.

CDOT:

CBS/Jim Williams: Story about the Roosevelt Road pedestrian pathway and the street art that accompanies it. He wants to mention the price of the renovation (already public) and make a point about the street art being distracting. CDOT provided a statement explaining purpose of art.

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Morning Mayor-

Attached is today's press briefing.

Topline message:

To every veteran and their family: you will never be far from our thoughts. You will never be far from our hearts. And supporting you will always be our responsibility as a city. Your service can never be repaid. It can only be respected.

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Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley
Subject: RE:

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Yeah. Already on my list for today/tomorrow

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Can you dust off your LM strategy plan please?

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Morning Mayor-

Attached is today's press briefing. You haven't been out in a few days, so there's a bit in here. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Today's message:

400 years after his death, Shakespeare will be alive and well in Chicago – not just on our stages and in our theaters – but in our schools, our parks, our libraries and neighborhoods across our city.

Topics include:

- Ventra app announced
- Drone regulations
- Toni's hotel and ammunition tax
- Violence and national guard
- LIG
- Bobby Rush's future
- Barbara investigated for her tenure in Detroit
- Macy's planning redevelopment
- Springfield
- Tribune report on property tax rates
- Moody's report
- Laquan McDonald case
- Chi-Raq

From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 10:36 AM
To: Guglielmi, Anthony; Collins, Adam
Subject: RE: NYT reporter

I wonder if we should talk to him by phone on background just to explain how Chicago's system works and put it in context. Maybe me and Ando together? NYC just came to Chicago to implement our system... something a NYT reporter knows [REDACTED]

From: Guglielmi, Anthony [mailto:Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 10:21 AM
To: Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey
Subject: Fwd: NYT reporter

Looks like Timothy is looking at the specific misconduct allegations of the following officers. Several are ones whom we've taken action against, Gorman, Servin, Evans, etc.

Beyond saying what we've done and are doing on background, may be good to weave in the IPRA language

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----- Original message -----

From: "Williams, Timothy" <tmwilliams@nytimes.com>
Date: 11/13/2015 11:16 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Guglielmi, Anthony" <Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org>
Subject: Re: NYT reporter

Hi Anthony --

I am doing something a little deeper based on this data -- and one aspect I am examining is the complaint history

of the following officers: James Gorman; Raymond Piwnicki; Jason van Dyke; Glenn Evans; Dante Servin; and Aldo Brown.

In some cases, these officers have been promoted and won departmental awards since 2011. Lt. Evans has won public praise in the past from the superintendent.

You've sent me a response that covers this issue generally, which I appreciate, but I wanted to see whether you wanted to add anything related to these specific complaint histories and/or anything else related to these officers.

If possible, I would also like to get a breakdown of the department's sworn officers by race and sex -- for instance, black males, white males, Latino females, etc.

My deadline is Monday Nov. 16 at noon Eastern time.

Thank you for your time.

All best, timothy

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 7:33 PM, Williams, Timothy <tmwilliams@nytimes.com> wrote:
Ahh. Ok. Thank you.

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 6:12 PM, Guglielmi, Anthony <Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org> wrote:

Yes, sorry, the organized crime narcotics section chief didn't want to comment

From: Williams, Timothy [mailto:tmwilliams@nytimes.com]
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To: Guglielmi, Anthony
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Got it. Thank you. Hey, so I take it that you didn't want to comment for the heroin piece. If that changes in the next day or so, please let me know. Thanks, timothy

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 3:35 PM, Guglielmi, Anthony <Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org> wrote:

T – sorry for the delay, we do have a comment (and a wonderful fact-sheet parting gift, attached). As you already know, Chicago has a civilian agency that investigates serious police misconduct, and any story on this would be incomplete without a comment from them. For example, IPRA's current rate of sustaining discipline against officers is 20%, further proving that the information given by the study lawyers is wildly out of context.

BACKGROUND

This study covers a period of many years - long before this administration took over. Since 2011, McCarthy has identified police accountability and community engagement as a priority and we have invested heavily in programs to build a better police officer (Police Legitimacy and Procedural Justice training). As such our complaints against police have dropped by more than 50% since this team took over. We have much more work to do and this reaffirms our calls for further action and investment in this area.

CPD STATEMENT

This data is available because this administration took the proactive step of creating a new policy to make it public last summer. We took this unprecedented move to build trust and partnership between residents and police, increase transparency and ensure accountability.

The most important pillar of the Chicago Police Department's crime strategy is to foster trust and positive interaction among the communities we serve. Since 2011, the CPD has invested in nationally-recognized police legitimacy and procedural justice training based on the concepts of understanding and trust to help foster stronger relationships between officers and residents.

In addition, the Department has implemented early warning systems to help identify potential concerns with officers' actions and arrange for the appropriate training, when applicable. Since implementing this training, complaints against police have dropped by more than 50 percent. While there is more work to do, CPD is committed to working with our community partners to ensure we provide the highest levels of service to the people of Chicago.

P.S. How are you?

—

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To: Guglielmi, Anthony
Subject: NYT reporter

Hi Anthony -- I am writing about the Univ. of Chicago/Invisible Institute report on officer punishments that was released today and wanted to see if CPD has a comment. Thanks much, timothy.

From: Guglielmi, Anthony <Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 11:20 AM
To: Collins, Adam
Subject: Fwd: Story for Time.com

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Just an FYI that time is inquiring about this. It's under federal investigation so we can't say anything but just passing this along

----- Original message -----

From: "Sanburn, Josh - Time U.S. <josh_sanburn@timeinc.com>" <Josh_Sanburn@timeinc.com>
Date: 11/13/2015 12:07 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Guglielmi, Anthony" <Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org>
Subject: Story for Time.com

Hi Anthony,

I'm working on a story about the Laquan McDonald shooting, and I wanted to reach out to the Chicago Police Department to see if anyone would be able to comment on the incident. Would you be able to discuss?

Thanks,

Josh Sanburn
TIME Magazine/Time.com
1271 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor
New York, NY 10020
(212) 522-4326

From: Ted Cox <tcx@dnainfo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 11:25 AM
To: Quinn, Kelley
Cc: Collins, Adam
Subject: laquan mcdonald video

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Hey all,

I take it the mayor spoke briefly on the video this morning and said procedures were being followed. Can you confirm the court hearing next week stems from a FOIA request to release the video and that the city is arguing against its release?

Also, I have the ACLU saying in no uncertain terms that the video should be released, so feel free to issue a response to that.

Thanks,

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From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:25 PM
To: Patton, Stephen;Collins, Adam;Mitchell, Eileen;Spielfogel, David;Ewing, Clothilde;Quinn, Kelley;Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: RE: ATTY CLIENT - McDonald video

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Will do. Any other thoughts? We'll hold until everyone has a chance to review.

From: Patton, Stephen
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:24 PM
To: Rountree, Janey; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Spielfogel, David; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: RE: ATTY CLIENT - McDonald video

I would drop the third bullet, concerning IPRA's investigation. I think it just complicates things and is unlikely to be persuasive to the recipients of this communication.

From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Collins, Adam; Patton, Stephen; Mitchell, Eileen; Spielfogel, David; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: RE: ATTY CLIENT - McDonald video

Below is a draft not that Ken could send to his surrogates list on this. Would appreciate feedback on messaging from everyone and on substance of our policies from DOL.

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- Immediately after the incident, the Independent Police Review Authority turned over all evidence in the case to prosecutors, including the Cook County State's Attorney and the office the U.S. Attorney, Department of Justice. The criminal investigation into the officer's conduct continues.
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- The City will also conduct an administrative investigation into this incident to determine whether the officer should be separated from the Chicago Police Department. Administrative investigations always take a back seat to criminal investigations, so the city's investigation has been suspending pending the outcome of the criminal inquiry.
- The video of the incident captured by the dashboard camera inside a responding police car is key evidence in the criminal proceeding and thus has not yet been released to the public. The City will release the video once the criminal investigation is complete.

We recognize the serious and disturbing nature of this incident and trust the justice system to bring all facts to light. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any further questions.

Sincerely,
xxx

From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:42 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam
Cc: Rasmus, Chloe
Subject: RE: laquan mcdonald

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No problem.

From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:42 PM
To: McCaffrey, Bill; Collins, Adam
Cc: Rasmus, Chloe
Subject: Re: laquan mcdonald

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From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:38 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam
Cc: Rasmus, Chloe
Subject: RE: laquan mcdonald

I will check with Steve, but he is out at the moment. I expect him back at 1:30 p.m.

In the meantime, I am going to send Byrne our brief. It's public and explains our position. That might be enough for him.

From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:31 PM
To: Collins, Adam
Cc: McCaffrey, Bill; Rasmus, Chloe
Subject: Re: laquan mcdonald

It all needs to be cleared through Patton

On Nov 13, 2015, at 12:27 PM, Collins, Adam <Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

That's definitely after I spoke to him. It probably doesn't hurt for you to see what he wants. I think it's better to have law manage this than MPO

----- Original message -----

From: "McCaffrey, Bill" <Bill.McCaffrey@cityofchicago.org>

Date: 11/13/2015 12:22 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: "Collins, Adam" <Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org>, "Quinn, Kelley"

<Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: "Rasmas, Chloe" <Chloe.Rasmas@cityofchicago.org>

Subject: RE: laquan mcdonald

Do you want to check in with him again? I he just called me at noon looking for clarification to make sure he writes accurately.

From: Collins, Adam

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:21 PM

To: Quinn, Kelley; McCaffrey, Bill

Cc: Rasmas, Chloe

Subject: RE: laquan mcdonald

I did. He should be fine.

----- Original message -----

From: "Quinn, Kelley" <Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org>

Date: 11/13/2015 12:06 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: "McCaffrey, Bill" <Bill.McCaffrey@cityofchicago.org>, "Collins, Adam"

<Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: "Rasmas, Chloe" <Chloe.Rasmas@cityofchicago.org>

Subject: Re: laquan mcdonald

Adam,

Did you talk to him?

From: McCaffrey, Bill

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:00 PM

To: Quinn, Kelley

Cc: Rasmas, Chloe

Subject: RE: laquan mcdonald

Byrne just called me looking for the background on this case. He just wants to make sure he has his facts correct on what is happening.

Want me to talk to him? Or do you want to handle?

From: Quinn, Kelley

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 11:26 AM

To: McCaffrey, Bill

Cc: Rasmas, Chloe

Subject: Re: laquan mcdonald

Hold. Say nothing. We are working with Ted.

From: McCaffrey, Bill

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 11:25 AM

To: Quinn, Kelley

Cc: Rasmus, Chloe
Subject: FW: laquan mcdonald

Do you want me to confirm that we have argued against? OR provide the same statement you gave to Kass?

From: Ted Cox [<mailto:tcx@dnainfo.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 11:19 AM
To: McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: Re: laquan mcdonald

Hey Bill,

The mayor spoke briefly and without saying much on this this morning, so I need something fairly quick, if only confirmation the city is arguing against. I believe it stems from a FOIA request. Can you confirm?

Thanks,

T

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Twitter: @tedcoxchicago

From: Administrator <tcx@dnainfo.com>
Date: Friday, November 13, 2015 at 10:05 AM
To: "McCaffrey, Bill" <Bill.McCaffrey@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: laquan mcdonald

Hey Bill,

Is the city arguing against release of the Laquan McDonald video in court next week? If so, can you give me a statement on it?

Let me know what you can, seeya, tgif,

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Twitter: @tedcoxchicago

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From: Spielfogel, David
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 6:46 AM
To: Collins, Adam;Update_List
Subject: Re: 11/13 - press briefing

I think that's right on drones.

From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 6:23 AM
To: Update_List
Subject: 11/13 - press briefing

Morning everyone-

Attached is today's press briefing. He hasn't been out in a few days, so there's a bit in here. Let me know if the answer on drones works for you. I have him saying it's reasonable to ensure there are regulations in this area.

I'll get this to him at 7:30, as usual.

Today's message:

400 years after his death, Shakespeare will be alive and well in Chicago – not just on our stages and in our theaters – but in our schools, our parks, our libraries and neighborhoods across our city.

Topics include:

- Ventra app announced
- Drone regulations
- Toni's hotel and ammunition tax
- Violence and national guard
- LIG
- Bobby Rush's future
- Barbara investigated for her tenure in Detroit
- Macy's planning redevelopment
- Springfield
- Tribune report on property tax rates
- Moody's report
- Laquan McDonald case
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From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 1:35 PM
To: Rountree, Janey
Subject: FW: (NEWS) TRIBUNE: Emanuel says Laquan McDonald video should not be released now

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From: NewsClips
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 1:19 PM
Subject: (NEWS) TRIBUNE: Emanuel says Laquan McDonald video should not be released now

[Emanuel says Laquan McDonald video should not be released now](#)

TRIBUNE // John Byrne // November 13, 2015

Mayor [Rahm Emanuel](#) on Friday stuck by his position that it's not "the appropriate time" to release a video of a white Chicago police officer fatally shooting an African-American teen, citing an ongoing federal investigation into the 2014 incident.

The mayor's comments came ahead of a hearing next week in Cook County court over whether the police car dashboard camera video of the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald should be released to the public.

"You have, obviously, an investigation," Emanuel said Friday at an unrelated event at Navy Pier. "And you never would release a video while that investigation is going on. At the appropriate time, the appropriate entities and how that video gets to be public will be handled."

"There's an appropriate way to handle when videos become public, and that procedure will be followed," he added.

City Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton has told aldermen the video shows an officer opening fire on McDonald as the 17 year old walked along Pulaski Road in the Archer Heights neighborhood last October, striking him 16 times and killing him. The City Council approved a \$5 million settlement for McDonald's family in April, with Patton saying the dashboard camera footage of the incident was crucial to the city's decision to settle the case before a federal lawsuit was filed.

McDonald, who had PCP in his system, was behaving erratically and refusing police commands to drop a 4-inch folding knife. The police union has maintained the officer fired in fear of his life because the teen lunged at him and his partner with the knife.

The FBI is heading up an ongoing investigation into the officer who fired the shots, identified by the Tribune as Officer Jason Van Dyke.

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From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 5:49 PM
To: Akinlemibola, Grace;Bennett, Kenneth;Breymaier, Shannon;Carmona, Tonantzin;Collins, Adam;Cooper, Tarrah;Deal, Joe;Doar, Shaina;Emily Bittner (ebittner@cps.edu);Escareno, Rosa;Green, Melissa;Hall, Abby;Harte, Meghan;Hayley Meadvin (hkmeadvin@cps.edu);Hernandez, Adolfo;Holt, Alexandra;Huffman, Lauren;Klinzman, Grant;Koch, Steven;Mehrberg, Randall;Mitchell, Eileen;Negron, Michael;Nelson, Ashli;Poppe, Molly;Quinn, Kelley;Rasmas, Chloe;Rendina, Michael;Rivera, Arnaldo;Rountree, Janey;Silver, Steven;Spector, Stephen;Spielfogel, David;Stivers, Samantha;Stromdahl, Kenneth;Watkins, Victoria;Yager, Katherine
Subject: Get Excited!!!
Attachments: RE111415 week ahead .doc

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Please see the attached calendar for next week. As always, please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns!

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From: Reynolds, Shauntelle
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 2:57 PM
To: sean.quarterman@chicagopolice.org
Cc: Olortegui, Darwin;Antonucci_White, Jill;Platt, Thomas
Subject: In-Car Video for Police shooting on Oct. 20, 2014

Hi Sean here's the request for a copy of **all in-car videos for Beats 815R & 845R on 10-20-14 RD#HX745653 in regards to the police shooting death of Laquan McDonald**. Please call when they are ready so I can send a messenger to pick them up. Thanks so very much, have a great day ☺

Shauntelle Reynolds

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From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 6:38 AM
To: Update_List
Subject: 11/16 - press briefing
Attachments: 2015.11.16 - Daily Press Guidance.docx

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Morning all-

Attached is today's press briefing. Let me know if you have any questions.

I'll get this to him at 7:30 as usual.

Your heart breaks for the victims of this disgusting attack, people who were simply out enjoying a Friday night in one of the greatest cities in the world, for their families, their friends and their loved ones. But all of us who believe in freedom in this world stand shoulder to shoulder against those who wish to diminish that freedom.

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From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 7:30 AM
To: REMOC
Cc: Faulman, Mike;Castro, Veronica;Magana, Jasmine
Subject: 11/16 - press briefing
Attachments: 2015.11.16 - Daily Press Guidance.docx

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Morning Mayor-

Attached is today's press briefing. Please let me know if you have any questions, otherwise I'll see you before the groundbreaking this morning.

Today's message

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From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:41 AM
To: Guglielmi, Anthony; Rountree, Janey
Subject: Re: NYT reporter

I get that and we should push back on this aggressively. They wouldn't be writing this story if they weren't coming at it with a negative bent.

Is this a Sunday piece? What kind of stories does this guy normally write? I'm not familiar with him

From: Guglielmi, Anthony
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:37 AM
To: Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey
Subject: RE: NYT reporter

I don't know why they are covering Futterman but they are and I think we need to educate him on what we've done to build a system of accountability since McCarthy took over. The statement addresses the reduction in complaints but we can give him some color for that. Also, Janey should educate him on IPRA and the sustained cases piece because that part is getting lost.

We're not going to talk them out of a story so what's the downside to a backgrounder?

From: Collins, Adam [mailto:Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:30 AM
To: Guglielmi, Anthony; Rountree, Janey
Subject: Re: NYT reporter

Can you give me a rundown of what you want to say? Why is NYT covering Chicago cases?

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Beyond saying what we've done and are doing on background, may be good to weave in the IPRA language

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----- Original message -----

From: "Williams, Timothy" <tmwilliams@nytimes.com>

Date: 11/13/2015 11:16 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Guglielmi, Anthony" <Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org>

Subject: Re: NYT reporter

Hi Anthony --

I am doing something a little deeper based on this data -- and one aspect I am examining is the complaint history of the following officers: James Gorman; Raymond Piwnicki; Jason van Dyke; Glenn Evans; Dante Servin; and Aldo Brown.

In some cases, these officers have been promoted and won departmental awards since 2011. Lt. Evans has won public praise in the past from the superintendent.

You've sent me a response that covers this issue generally, which I appreciate, but I wanted to see whether you wanted to add anything related to these specific complaint histories and/or anything else related to these officers.

If possible, I would also like to get a breakdown of the department's sworn officers by race and sex -- for instance, black males, white males, Latino females, etc.

My deadline is Monday Nov. 16 at noon Eastern time.

Thank you for your time.

All best, timothy

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From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 10:03 AM
To: Guglielmi, Anthony; Rountree, Janey
Subject: RE: NYT reporter

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When you have more info shoot it all over to me and I'll circulate so people are aware

From: Guglielmi, Anthony [mailto:Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:57 AM
To: Rountree, Janey; Collins, Adam
Subject: RE: NYT reporter

Agreed. I think most of them are but I'll see Eddie Welch in 5 minutes and will ask. Here are the officers:

James Gorman; Raymond Piwnicki; Jason van Dyke; Glenn Evans; Dante Servin; and Aldo Brown.

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From: Rountree, Janey [mailto:Janey.Rountree@cityofchicago.org]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:54 AM
To: Guglielmi, Anthony; Collins, Adam
Subject: Re: NYT reporter

At a minimum we need to know which of the officers he mentioned are currently under criminal investigation.

From: Guglielmi, Anthony <Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:46:36 AM
To: Rountree, Janey; Collins, Adam
Subject: RE: NYT reporter

He has the initial statement and has acknowledged the reductions in complaints but is focused on officers that have had repeated incidents of misconduct in their past (this is Futterman's main point). I don't think we should get down

to the officer level and defend what may have been done (despite that nearly all of them are under investigation or in the process of being terminated).

He also asked me for department demographic data (racial breakdown). I have that from budget.

Is it easier to jump on a pre-call to discuss this instead of email?

From: Rountree, Janey [<mailto:Janey.Rountree@cityofchicago.org>]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:41 AM
To: Guglielmi, Anthony; Collins, Adam
Subject: Re: NYT reporter

Anthony - do you have the detail on the specific questions he asked about? I agree with anthony's framing. We need to put our system in national context.

From: Guglielmi, Anthony <Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:37:35 AM
To: Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey
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From: Spielfogel, David
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 10:24 AM
To: Rountree, Janey; Patton, Stephen; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: RE: Recirculating - email re McDonald case

I'm fine with this. [REDACTED]

From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 10:15 AM
To: Patton, Stephen; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Spielfogel, David; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Recirculating - email re McDonald case

All: below is a draft email to surrogates, revised based on Patton's feedback. Please let me know your thoughts. Thanks!

Dear Partners,

You may have recent news coverage of an incident where a Chicago Police Officer shot and killed a 17 year old who was wielding a knife on 41st and Pulaski on October 20, 2014. Given the seriousness of this incident, we wanted to provide an update on the status of the criminal investigation into the officer's conduct. Below are some brief points:

- Immediately after the incident, the Independent Police Review Authority turned over all evidence in the case to prosecutors, including the Cook County State's Attorney and the office the U.S. Attorney, Department of Justice. The criminal investigation into the officer's conduct continues.
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Sincerely,
xxx

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From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 11:35 AM

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From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 10:28 AM
To: Rountree, Janey; Patton, Stephen; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Spielfogel, David; Ewing, Clothilde; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Re: Recirculating - email re McDonald case

In first line you're missing a word -- You may have "seen" recent news coverage ...

From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 10:14 AM
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They have also reached out to Dean Angelo.

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From a comms perspective I can see value

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

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Subject: RE: ATTY CLIENT - McDonald video

I would drop the third bullet, concerning IPRA's investigation. I think it just complicates things and is unlikely to be persuasive to the recipients of this communication.

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Eileen Mitchell
Office of the Mayor
(312) 744-6246 (office)
(312) [REDACTED] (mobile)

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SMITH: I think it's important because it adds to this conversation of can we hold accountable the people who have authority in our society.

YELLEN: McDonald was shot in October 2014, police claim he had a knife and was acting in a threatening manner and lunged at them. After his family's attorneys obtained the dash cam video the City agreed to settle the case, so the video never surfaced at a trial.

NESLUND: The video would show that he wasn't a threat to the officers. He certainly didn't attack or lung at them as was the narrative provided by the city.

YELLEN: A truck driver nearby witnessed the shooting, today he asked what we alter his voice to protect his. He says the shooting resembled an execution.

DRIVER: He fell to the ground and I guess he tried to get up or move and they just unloaded the rest of the clip on him.

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ANCHOR: A teenager was shot 16 times by a Chicago police officer, was it excessive? Was it justified? All 16 gunshots caught on video by a police car dash cam. That video has never been shown to the public. A case over whether it should be comes to a tipping point in a Chicago court room, there's a new exclusive video that takes us right up to the tipping point in a Chicago court room. There's new exclusive video that takes us right up to the moment the shots ring out.

YELLEN: The police shooting of Laquan McDonald last year hasn't received nearly as much attention as controversial police shootings in other US cities. The police dash cam showing the incident has never been released. But tonight we do have video of the teenager an police just minutes before he was killed. This is video of Laquan McDonald on the night he was shot and killed. The video shows a police officer and a police spotlight following the 17 year old, it comes from a warehouse security camera. Minutes later, McDonald was dead, shot 16 times by a Chicago Police officer. There's a police dash cam video of the actual shooting, and journalist Smith wants it made public.

SMITH: I think it's important because it adds to this conversation of can we hold accountable the people who have authority in our society.

YELLEN: McDonald was shot in October 2014, police claim he had a knife and was acting in a threatening manner and lunged at them. After his family's attorneys obtained the dash cam video the City agreed to settle the case, so the video never surfaced at a trial.

NESLUND: The video would show that he wasn't a threat to the officers. He certainly didn't attack or lung at them as was the narrative provided by the city.

YELLEN: A truck driver nearby witnessed the shooting, today he asked what we alter his voice to protect his. He says the shooting resembled an execution.

DRIVER: He fell to the ground and I guess he tried to get up or move and they just unloaded the rest of the clip on him.

YELLEN: On Friday the Mayor was asked if he thought the video should be released.

MRE: You have obviously an investigation and you would never release a video while that investigation is going on.

ANCHOR: Journalist Jamie Calvin uncovered the autopsy report showing the 16 gun shot wounds, Calvin says the Emanuel administration deserves credit overall for its transparency, but this particular video may have been judged too damaging to release during a period when the Mayor was up for reelection.

KALVEN: Imagine if two weeks before the runoff election the full implication of this case had become apparent, as it did six days later when they settled.

ANCHOR: A judge is expected to rule Thursday on whether the city must release the video under the Freedom of Information act.

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VIDEO GAMING WITH OPT-OUT FOR WARDS

Why not take rookie Ald. Ray Lopez up on his idea of legalizing video gaming in Chicago and, since you've been opposed to it in the past, letting Aldermen opt out of it if they don't want it in their wards?

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

HOMELESSNESS

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

SKYWAY REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

- [REDACTED]

From: Collins, Adam

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 5:46 AM

To: Update_List

Subject: 11/18 - press briefing

Attached is today's press briefing, which I would like to get him by 6:45.

Please take a look at the framing on the speed camera story reaction. Basically, I tried to stay out of the weeds by focusing on the goal of improving safety and the positive results we have seen.

Today's message:

We've upgraded our train cars, and now we're upgrading the experience when you're in those new cars.

Τοπικισ ινχλυδε:

- Tribune report on speed cameras
- Report: Arrest made in Tyshawn Lee murder case
- Oral arguments made in pension case yesterday
- ON TOPIC: City Council
 - Syrian refugees
 - LIG
 - Privatization
 - E-cigarettes
 - Appointments (Suarez and Chico)
 - M/WBE
- Laquan McDonald
- Paris – reaction/local preparedness
- China travel

- CPS Finances
- CPS will no longer pay for police services in schools
- Parents at Prussing voice concern over environmental health

From: Jay Rock <JRock@rfclaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 11:00 AM
To: McCaffrey, Bill;Franklin, Liza;Eileen E. Rosen;Platt, Thomas
Subject: RE: Phone Call

Thank you.

Best regards,

Jay

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From: McCaffrey, Bill [<mailto:Bill.McCaffrey@cityofchicago.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 10:59 AM
To: Franklin, Liza <Liza.Franklin@cityofchicago.org>; Eileen E. Rosen <ERosen@rfclaw.com>; Platt, Thomas <Thomas.Platt@cityofchicago.org>
Cc: Jay Rock <JRock@rfclaw.com>
Subject: RE: Phone Call

I will give Don a call and feel free to refer all reporters to me. Don and I traded voicemails yesterday already.

From: Franklin, Liza
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 10:58 AM
To: Eileen E. Rosen; Platt, Thomas; McCaffrey, Bill
Cc: Jay Rock
Subject: RE: Phone Call

Adding Bill McCaffrey. The feeding frenzy is increasing.

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From: Eileen E. Rosen [<mailto:ERosen@rfclaw.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Franklin, Liza; Platt, Thomas
Cc: Jay Rock
Subject: FW: Phone Call

Hi guys - I just wanted to let you know that Jay received a call from a reporter about the Laquan McDonald video. He didn't speak to him (and won't) but we wanted to let you know. See below for more details.

From: Jay Rock
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 10:53 AM
To: Eileen E. Rosen <ERosen@rfclaw.com>
Subject: Phone Call

I received a call from a reporter from AP, Don Dablin (sp?), asking me to call him to discuss the video of Laquan McDonald. I haven't called him back and won't call him back – I wanted you to advise the City. His telephone number is 312-920-3646.

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From: Henry, Vance
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 12:32 PM
To: Rountree, Janey;Bennett, Kenneth;Collier, Laurie
Subject: Community Concerns - Laquan McDonald

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hey Team,

Allies from the community wanted us to know, protest groups are inquiring as to the status of the case.

Black Lives Matter(BLM) and other local groups are mtg. to discuss next steps on this case and a related case that allegedly happen near 57th and Michigan.

BLM has already hosted a protest at the site of the alleged incident, and they're planning an upcoming event, City Hall possible site.

Allies have alleged victim of 2nd shooting as Lonnie man.

Pls offer your thoughts, as I'd recommend we huddle w/ CPD to plan and or prepare appropriately for protest.

Respectfully,

Laurie,

Pls schedule time for Ken, Janey and I to meet and discuss possible CPD protest.

Thanks Ma'am.

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From: Merritt, Larry <larry.merritt@iprachicago.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 12:42 PM
To: Collins, Adam;Rountree, Janey;Ando, Scott
Subject: Mary Mtichell Inquiry

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Mary Mitchell emailed to get a status on the Laquan McDonald shooting investigation and I emailed her back that the case is still pending at IPRA and the FBI is also reviewing the case for potential criminal charges (which the US Attorney issued a release confirming this a while ago).

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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 12:52 PM
To: McCaffrey, Bill; Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

[REDACTED] Can you please work on a statement that combines the below with what we did for I believe it was for abc yesterday.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 12:50 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

NBC and WGN doing stories tonight too. Looks like Neslund (family attorney) is being interviewed and describing the video. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 18, 2015, at 12:13 PM, McCaffrey, Bill <Bill.McCaffrey@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

What was the final statement that we provided last week?

Monica Davey from the NYT just called as well. Same basic questions, but also asked why we do not want this video to be released.

From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 11:45 AM
To: McCaffrey, Bill; Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

I would like to add some message to this though. If she is coming to others in the office we don't need to do it from law, but if this office only gets one response, I would like more than this.

From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; Rountree, Janey
Subject: FW: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

See below.

I'm not sure how far we want to go in advance of the ruling to talk about our legal strategy.

I will have to check with Steve, but I think we'd want to say something like "Our of respect for the judicial process, we will not comment on the pending ruling."

Thoughts?

From: Mitchell, Mary [<mailto:mmitchell@suntimes.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 11:30 AM
To: McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Good morning,

I'm writing about the expected ruling by a Cook County judge on whether or not the Chicago Police Department has to honor a FOIA request for the release of the video showing Laquan McDonald being shot by a police officer.

Does the city plan to appeal the ruling if it goes against the police department?

Have any other agencies, i.e., FBI, IPRA, Cook County State's Attorney's Office filed an affidavit in this case that claims the tape cannot be released because of an ongoing investigation?

Thanks

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From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:10 PM
To: Rountree, Janey; Ewing, Clothilde; McCaffrey, Bill; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Give me 15 minutes. I'll draft and send around to this group.

From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; McCaffrey, Bill; Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

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From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:03:53 PM
To: Rountree, Janey; McCaffrey, Bill; Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

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To: McCaffrey, Bill; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Anthony mentioned the AP is also doing a story and will focus on whether Chicago is "prepared" for the video release. I think we need to start being explicit that there is a federal grand jury in progress, which is a little more than just saying there is a federal and state criminal investigation. Should we start a new chain to include a few other people like Anthony, Eileen, David and Patton and just figure out what we're saying as a general message to all reporters and then work on specific question? That may already be happening.

From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 12:51 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

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Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Do we need to see if DOJ is ok with us talking about the grand jury proceedings? I don't recall that having been discussed publicly before

From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:21 PM
To: Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; McCaffrey, Bill; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

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From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:19:23 PM
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From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:42 PM
To: Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; McCaffrey, Bill; Rountree, Janey; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Agree that we will need a statement from MO, but I like what's below for law.

From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:39 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; McCaffrey, Bill; Rountree, Janey; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
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To: McCaffrey, Bill; Rountree, Janey; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

I agree it will be weird in some respect no matter who comments, but I think it's most important that we hit all those themes. Don't see another clean way to do that

From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:24 PM
To: Rountree, Janey; Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

We need to add in "Out of respect for the judicial process, we will not comment on the pending ruling."

Do we want Law commenting on police officer building trust between residents and the police department? Seems out of place to me, but then again, it would be odd for CPD to comment on pending ruling too.

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From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:48 PM
To: Patton, Stephen
Subject: FYI - AG on McDonald Video

Illinois AG asks Chicago to release Laquan McDonald shooting video

WRITTEN BY ASSOCIATED PRESS POSTED: 11/18/2015, 01:36PM

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From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; McCaffrey, Bill; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Sorry. Been on the phone with WTTW about their panel tomorrow night on this. Let me send it around.

From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 2:16 PM
To: McCaffrey, Bill; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Kelley, can you send the general statement to the group and advise that this is how we would like to address video generally. I would suggest adding the specific line addition that we plan on giving mary as well. I don't think this needs to go to update, but rather the group on the chain yesterday on this issue.

Thanks!

From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 2:14 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Mary Mitchell's deadline is approaching. Has this gone to the other group for approval?

When it goes, please include the line about the appeals. I think we need to address that.

Also, do we want to comment on the affidavits directly, or are we just referencing the investigations?

From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 2:04 PM
To: Collins, Adam; McCaffrey, Bill; Rountree, Janey; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
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Fine by me.

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Just saw this from the AP, which is part of the reason why I think it's important that we explain on the record why we're not releasing the video at this time.

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From: Collins, Adam

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:26 PM

To: McCaffrey, Bill; Rountree, Janey; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi

Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

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From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 2:38 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley;Ewing, Clothilde;Collins, Adam;Rountree, Janey;Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

This line on whether or not we are going to appeal the decision if we lose. Mary, Don and Monica have asked.

“Out of respect for the judicial process, we will not comment on the pending ruling.”

From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 2:37 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; McCaffrey, Bill; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

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From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 2:16 PM
To: McCaffrey, Bill; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Kelley, can you send the general statement to the group and advise that this is how we would like to address video generally. I would suggest adding the specific line addition that we plan on giving mary as well. I don't think this needs to go to update, but rather the group on the chain yesterday on this issue.

Thanks!

From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 2:14 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Mary Mitchell's deadline is approaching. Has this gone to the other group for approval?

When it goes, please include the line about the appeals. I think we need to address that.

Also, do we want to comment on the affidavits directly, or are we just referencing the investigations?

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From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 2:42 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley;Ewing, Clothilde;Collins, Adam;Rountree, Janey;Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

I would put it at the end. Slight change to the start too – “our” to “Chicago Police.”

Is this coming from me as Law spokesperson?

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OK, does this work then?

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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 2:36 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; McCaffrey, Bill; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

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From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 3:48 PM
To: Collins, Adam;Ewing, Clothilde;McCaffrey, Bill;Quinn, Kelley;Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: Re: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

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Need to push back on this - this is the PAC and not the AG

From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:46:25 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; McCaffrey, Bill; Rountree, Janey; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

Just saw this from the AP, which is part of the reason why I think it's important that we explain on the record why we're not releasing the video at this time.

Illinois AG asks Chicago to release Laquan McDonald shooting video

WRITTEN BY ASSOCIATED PRESS POSTED: 11/18/2015, 01:36PM

The Illinois Attorney General's Office is asking the Chicago Police Department to release the video that shows an officer fatally shooting a black teenager last year.

In a letter released Wednesday, Assistant Attorney General Neil Olson says the department failed to offer evidence that releasing the video would interfere with an ongoing investigation of the October 2014 shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald.

The letter in response to a Freedom of Information request filed on behalf of the Wall Street Journal comes a day before a Cook County judge is expected to rule on a similar request by a freelance journalist.

The video has been of intense interest after it was revealed that the officer shot McDonald 16 times. The city has already paid McDonald's family \$5 million.

From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:40 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; McCaffrey, Bill; Rountree, Janey; Quinn, Kelley; Anthony Guglielmi
Subject: RE: deadline request: Wed., 3:00 PM

I think it's important that we explain directly why we're not release the video, since that will be the focus of the inquiries. What about this though, so we don't make that thought stand on its own.

Ensuring our officers are accountable for their actions is critical to building trust between residents and the police department. Because of the efforts of the city's Independent Police Review Authority, ~~not only are there are active federal and state criminal investigations, there are also~~ and an active federal grand jury proceedings regarding this incident. ~~It would be inappropriate to release any evidence that would interfere with that process.~~ While we cannot release evidence that would interfere with the criminal investigation, the City is committed to transparency and once the investigation it has concluded, the City will release the video.

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From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Patton, Stephen; Rountree, Janey
Subject: FW: Video

Steve- FYI

From: Rapelyea, Sean
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Rountree, Janey; Collins, Adam
Subject: Video

Janey and Adam,

It has become apparent that a man by the name of Jamie Kalven has a video, not the video, of Laquan McDonald prior to his interaction with the Chicago Police Department.

<http://invisible.institute/jamie-kalven/>

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Thanks,

Sean

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From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 4:35 PM
To: Rapelyea, Sean; Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde
Subject: Re: Video

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From: Rapelyea, Sean
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To: Rountree, Janey; Collins, Adam
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From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 5:12 PM
To: McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: RE: (NEWS) TRIBUNE: Judge to decide if video of police shooting to be made public

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Ha. I was on the train and we must have passed each other

----- Original message -----

From: "McCaffrey, Bill" <Bill.McCaffrey@cityofchicago.org>
Date: 11/18/2015 5:08 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Collins, Adam" <Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: RE: (NEWS) TRIBUNE: Judge to decide if video of police shooting to be made public

Yep. I just emailed about this.

From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 5:08 PM
To: McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: Fwd: (NEWS) TRIBUNE: Judge to decide if video of police shooting to be made public

Think we should get it to him too

----- Original message -----

From: NewsClips <NewsClips@cityofchicago.org>
Date: 11/18/2015 4:11 PM (GMT-06:00)
To:
Subject: (NEWS) TRIBUNE: Judge to decide if video of police shooting to be made public

[Judge to decide if video of police shooting to be made public](#)

TRIBUNE // Jason Meisner // November 18, 2015

The Chicago Police Department violated the state's Freedom of Information Act by refusing to release a video of a white police officer fatally shooting an African-American teen to a newspaper, according to a recent opinion from the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

The five-page ruling on Nov. 6 was made public one day before a Cook County judge is scheduled to decide whether to make public the police car dashboard video of Laquan McDonald's shooting.

City officials have so far declined to release the potentially inflammatory video, citing an ongoing federal grand jury probe into the shooting. No charges have been filed against the officer, identified by the Tribune as Jason Van Dyke.

The opinion stemmed from a open records request for the video first filed in May by Wall Street Journal reporter Zusha Elinson. The Chicago Police Department denied the request citing the sensitivity of the ongoing investigation and concern over a fair trial if charges result.

Beginning in March, the Tribune also filed a series of FOIA requests for the video to the Police Department, the city's Law Department and the Independent Police Review Authority, which investigates shootings involving police officers. FOIA requests to all three agencies were denied.

After Elinson appealed the decision to Attorney General Lisa Madigan, her office asked police for a confidential copy of the video so it could make a determination on whether rules had been violated. Police refused to comply.

In his non-binding opinion, Assistant Attorney General Neil Olson wrote that police had failed to explain how the video's release would damage any investigation or jeopardize a fair trial.

Olson asked police to "promptly provide Mr. Elinson with copies of the records" he requested while also allowing for any redactions of "private information" such as telephone numbers, license plates and Social Security numbers.

A Chicago police spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment.

The stonewalling from Chicago police echoes comments last week by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who stuck by his position that it's not "the appropriate time" to release the video, citing the federal investigation into the October 2014 incident.

City Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton has told aldermen the video shows the officer opening fire on McDonald as the 17-year-old walked along Pulaski Road in the Archer Heights neighborhood, striking him 16 times and killing him.

McDonald, who had PCP in his system, was behaving erratically and refusing police commands to drop a 4-inch folding knife. The police union has maintained the officer fired in fear of his life because the teen lunged at him and his partner with the knife.

The City Council approved a \$5 million settlement for McDonald's family in April, with Patton calling camera images of the incident crucial to the city's decision to settle the case before a federal lawsuit was filed.

Lawyers for McDonald's family have also declined to release the video, but have told the Tribune it shows Van Dyke first opening fire on the teen from about 15 feet away, causing McDonald to spin and fall to the ground. A puff of smoke then rose from his body as he was lying in a fetal position, followed by another and another, attorney Jeff Neslund said.

"There's jerking consistent with him getting shot," he said.

On Thursday, Judge Franklin Valderrama is scheduled to rule in a months-long court battle involving Brandon Smith, an independent journalist who fought for the release of the footage after he was denied in his own open records request to the department.

Matt Topic, an attorney for Loevy & Loevy who represents Smith, said in a statement Wednesday that the public has already "waited far too long" for the video's release.

"If we are going to be serious about police accountability, the city needs to stop hiding behind unfounded arguments and immediately release these videos, as many other cities have done," Topic said.

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From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 8:21 PM
To: Spector, Stephen
Subject: Tomorrow's News

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CPD:

All: Follow-up on the arrest of a person of interest in the Tyshawn Lee murder on an unrelated gun charge. Offender appeared in bond court this afternoon.

All: Story on today's homicide of a 2 year-old victim. Incident is being investigated as a domestic related homicide. Police have a person of interest

Boston Globe: Story on Boston PD's efforts to create video testimonials of relatives of homicide victims to generate leads in cold cases. Globe inquired on CPD's outreach efforts to assist in investigations. CPD highlighted partnership with Crime Stoppers and the court advocacy program

CDOT:

NBC/WGN/Tribune/Univision/WBM Radio: Coverage today of the speed enforcement cameras. Each outlet chasing the Tribune's coverage has our pushback and has talked to CDOT Commissioner Scheinfeld. CBS, ABC and Fox have not chased the story at this point.

ST/Editorial: Tomorrow's Sun-Times editorial will ding the city's speed enforcement system, saying that it focuses on bringing in cash and calls for an independent review of the program. Commissioner Scheinfeld spoke with the ST and we've pushed back extensively on the editorial's premise.

CPS:

Multiple Outlets: At today's CPS board meeting there was a vote to close three recommended charter schools. This will receive broad media coverage. The Sun-Times (Lauren Fitzpatrick) posted a story today.

Sun-Times/Tribune/Prussing: Both the Sun-Times and the Tribune will be writing stories about Prussing based on today's board meeting.

Multiple Outlets/Research on Rapper Chief Keef: Multiple outlets are still reaching out about the Chief Keef story coming out of Fiske Elementary. Tribune and DNA Info posted stories today.

Josh McGhee (DNA Info)/Maureen McKinney (Illinois Issues Magazine)/CPS & STLS Students: The Chicago Coalition for the homeless held a press conference revealing their report card on how the city meets the needs of its homeless families and outlets have reached out about the problems that face homeless CPS students and what is being done to combat those issues. CPS will be providing a statement.

WBEZ/Becky Vevea: Becky is writing about Bronzeville Lighthouse, one of the schools that will be voted on tomorrow to be closed. Bronzeville Lighthouse school officials are making the case that if the school closes students in the area won't have a good choice school in the area.

Law:

John Garcia/ABC, Mary Mitchell/ST, Don Babwin/AP, Zusha Elinson/WSJ: Covering the judges decision tomorrow on if the LaQuan McDonald dashcam video should be released. Will include the AG's letter saying the video should be released.

Budget:

Fran, Dardick and Byrne, ABC: Story on real property transfer tax from the sale of the skyway.

DPD:

NBC5 and DNAInfo/David Mathews: Follow-up on Apple store site plan approval at 401 N. Michigan.

New City/Monica Rogers: story about new uses in old buildings on the near west side may appear tomorrow. Story will likely mention DPDs efforts to create the historic district and innovation district designations.

Targeted Media:

Univision/Telemundo: Covering the Mayor's support of the Refugee resolution.

CTA:

CBS-2 Carly Luque; Tribune/Jon Hilkevitch; Sun-Times/Rosalind Rossi; DNAInfo/Patti Wetli; Streetsblog/John Greenfield, possibly other outlets. Stories on Pres. Carter announcement of CTA plans to conduct pilot tests for new service on the #11 and #31 bus routes. Stories will note that that pilot test decision is the result of conversations with elected officials and community members as Pres. Carter has looked for ways to improve CTA bus service; pilot tests will have ridership targets and the results will ultimately determine whether service is restored on the routes.

Ch.7/Chuck Goudie: Investigative story on the lack of accessibility at the Clinton Blue Line station. CTA will highlight we have made great progress in improving accessibility at rail stations, many of which are more than a half-century old. But we recognize there is more work to do, and we're moving toward making our rail system 100% accessible, like our buses. The CTA is developing plans to make the Clinton station, and the rest of the Blue Line Forest Park branch, fully accessible. When Mayor Emanuel took office, 66 percent of rail stations were accessible. By the end of the Mayor's second term, nearly three-fourths (72%) will be accessible.

Sun-Times/Rosalind Rossi and Tribune/Jon Hilkevitch: Stories likely on one or more topics covered today at CTA's board meeting, including the board's approval of the CTA's 2016 budget, which freezes fares and preserves service levels; the beginning of Ashland and Western express bus service on 12/21; and (Sun-Times only) the passage of an ordinance that allows the CTA to begin the process of acquiring 23 parcels necessary for the Red and Purple Modernization Program's first phase of construction.

Multiple news outlets: Stories expected Thursday AM on the new Ventra app being available now for download onto Apple and Android devices. Stories will likely heavily focus on Metra customers, since the app will be the first time customers can purchase Metra mobile tickets that are stored on their phones.

DSS:

WBEZ/Shannon Heffernan: Running the story on Chicago's yard waste collection efforts. She and the Chicago Recycling Coalition allege that our collection efforts do not comply with State law. The City does offer yard collection resources, but resident need to call 311 to schedule a pick-up.

DFSS:

Univision/Enrique Rodriguez, DNA Info/Josh McGhee, NPR/Maureen McKinney: Coverage of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless' report on youth and family street homelessness, which also calls for Mayor Emanuel to put an end to homelessness citywide (not just with veterans). Univision was provided with a statement on Mayor's investments in homelessness and affordable housing; DNA Info and NPR are taking a look at impacts on education. Stories to appear tomorrow.

ABC7/Ben Bradley: Coverage of Chicago homeless families, profiling one specific family traveling from shelter to shelter and framing their story with the Coalition for Homeless' call to action to end homelessness in Chicago. Ben did not contact the city for a response.

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From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 11:23 AM
To: Quinn, Kelley;Collins, Adam
Subject: Fwd: Reuters contact, immediate deadline

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I am going to provide the statement from yesterday, unless something has changed.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: <Fiona.Ortiz@thomsonreuters.com>
Date: November 19, 2015 at 11:14:22 AM CST
To: <bill.mccaffrey@cityofchicago.org>, <william.mccaffrey@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: Reuters contact, immediate deadline

Hello Bill –I hope this email finds you well. I am working on a story on immediate deadline, regarding the ruling expected later today in the lawsuit against the city over the dashcam video of the police shooting of Laquan McDonald.

Can you quickly comment on the case? Why has the city refused to release the video so far? What are the investigations that are ongoing (IPRA, Federal Grand Jury, is there also a state's attorney investigation?). Can you confirm that the city will appeal immediately if ordered to release the video.

Thank you, Fiona

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From: Sylvia Ewing <sylvia@hadiyaspromise.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 1:38 PM
To: Rountree, Janey
Subject: Re: Challenges

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Cool later

Sylvia Ewing
773 575-0073

On Nov 19, 2015 1:31 PM, "Rountree, Janey" <Janey.Rountree@cityofchicago.org> wrote:
Ill give you a call.

From: Sylvia Ewing <sylvia@hadiyaspromise.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 1:26:22 PM
To: Rountree, Janey
Subject: Challenges

What are you all saying about LaQuan McDonald story? Prepared if it comes up tommorow? What is general strategy?

Sylvia Ewing
[773 575-0073](tel:7735750073)

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From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 2:22 PM
To: Silver, Steven; Rountree, Janey; Collins, Adam; Spielfogel, David; Mitchell, Eileen; Quinn, Kelley
Subject: Re: Draft Presser Remarks

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+ others

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Silver, Steven
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 2:16 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Rountree, Janey; Collins, Adam
Subject: Draft Presser Remarks

Here is a first draft for remarks. Did you all want to take a look before I circulate wider and let me know edits? Thanks

Press Avail Following Laquan McDonald Video Release

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To: McCaffrey, Bill; Spielfogel, David
Cc: Patton, Stephen; Mitchell, Eileen; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam; Bennett, Kenneth; Rendina, Michael
Subject: RE: Courtroom chain
Attachments: Fact sheet_LM_Nov. 18.doc

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Attached in one place are brief facts, our statement from yesterday and draft, short Q&A. Steve, do you know how long the federal grand jury has been meeting?

From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 2:38 PM
To: Spielfogel, David
Cc: Patton, Stephen; Mitchell, Eileen; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam; Rountree, Janey; Bennett, Kenneth; Rendina, Michael
Subject: Re: Courtroom chain

Motion for the stay is denied.

I'll be back soon.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 19, 2015, at 2:28 PM, McCaffrey, Bill <Bill.McCaffrey@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

We lost. Court is in brief recess while the plaintiffs attorney reviews our motion for a stay. He wants to argue the video should not be delayed.

Court ordered release by nov 25.

Back into court now. Update again in a few.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 19, 2015, at 2:09 PM, Spielfogel, David <David.Spielfogel@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Please keep us updated here. Thanks.

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From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 3:39 PM
To: REMOC;Magana, Jasmine;Castro, Veronica
Subject: Recent TV stories on McDonald video
Attachments: TV LAQUAN MCDONALD.doc; ATT00001.txt

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NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Fox Chicago News at Noon: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: In just a couple of hours we'll know if the judge will rule on whether a controversial police shooting video should be made public. That video comes from a dashcam on a police car. It shows what happened on the day that 16-year-old Laquan McDonald was shot 16 times by a Chicago police officer. That shooting happened back in October of 2014. The teen's family has already settled with the city for \$5 million, so dashcam video of the shooting never surfaced at a trial. Independent journalist Brandon Smith, the man that you just saw walking with our Larry Yellen, has sued to have that video made public.

WGN News at Noon: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: Chicago police are expected to find out this afternoon if they must release a video that is said to show an officer shooting a teenager 16 times. WGN News' Nancy Loo reports, neither police nor the teen's family released.

LOO: A ruling by Judge Franklin Valderrama is expected at 2:00 this afternoon. But even if he rules in favor of a public release of this video, the city is expected to appeal immediately. Attorneys for the family that have seen the video say that it and that is disturbing, graphic and explosive.

ROBBINS: Basically what it shows is that Laquan was walking away from the police when he was shot. It shows that he did not threaten any police officers. He certainly didn't lunge at a police officer.

LOO: 17 year old Laquan McDonald was shot 17 times by a Chicago police officer in October last year. According to the family attorney the incident is accurately described as an execution. However the family does not want the release of the video citing concerns that it will lead to violence and protest. The family accepted a \$5 million settlement from the city back in April. The city has refused to release the video citing an ongoing federal investigation. The lawsuit was filed by an independent journalist. A witness to the deadly shooting spoke anonymously with WGN's Julie Unruh, confirming McDonald was shot in the back and then the officer fired many more times even though the teen was already down.

WITNESS: He was unable to get up. He was helpless. Then there was a pause and the pause was probably the officer putting in another clip, then the officer gave him another 13 shots. I will never understand that

LOO: The officer that was involved in the shooting has been on paid desk duty as the federal investigation continues. Meantime Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan says the video should be released. It would be inappropriate if the city is serious about police accountability.

NBC5 News at 11:30AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: Today a judge will decide if police must release graphic video showing the shooting death of a teenager. NBC5's Michelle Relerford is live at the Daley Center with both sides of that story. michelle?

RELERFORD: Well, Marion, the officer who shot Laquan McDonald has been placed on desk duty, but McDonald's mother worries that will not be enough for people who want the graphic video. She fears it could turn Chicago into another Ferguson or Baltimore. 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was killed in October of 2014 by a white Chicago police officer. His shooting recorded on police dash cam video. His

family's attorney says the video shows McDonald holding a small knife and walking away from officers when a police officer opens fire, shooting McDonald more than a dozen times, continuing to fire as he lay on the ground. An autopsy showed he was shot twice in his back and a total of 16 times. It also showed he had PCP in his system. But the video so disturbing, a city attorney who watched it recommended a \$5 million settlement to McDonald's family. A journalist filed a public records request for the video, but the city refused to release it, saying that would hinder the investigation and prevent a fair trial. Now, Cook County Judge Franklin Valderrama has told attorneys he will announce his decision today, though his decision is expected to be appealed by either side. And we will learn that judge's decision here at the Daley Center. We expect it to come around 2:00 this afternoon.

WGN News at 11:30AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

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NBC5 News at 11AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: There are new concerns ahead of a key decision. Today police may be ordered to publicly release a video that shows a police officer shooting and killing a teen. But some people say that could lead to violence. NBC 5's Michelle Relerford live at the Daley Center with what this is all about. Michelle?

RELERFORD: That's right, Stefan. in just a few hours, in fact, a judge will announce whether that video should be released for the public to see. Video that some fear will ignite a powder keg of anger here in Chicago. Thousands demonstrating in Ferguson, Missouri, and rioting in Baltimore, Maryland. The boiling points of communities outraged at the deaths of young black men killed by police. Could this happen in Chicago? The mother of Laquan McDonald fears it

will if video of her son's murder goes public. The 17-year-old was killed by a white Chicago police officer in October of 2014. Without even filing a lawsuit his family was granted a \$5 million settlement from the City Council in April because of the video. The brutal moments of McDonald's murder were recorded a police dash cam. His family's attorney says in the video, you see McDonald holding a small four-inch folding knife and walking away from police along Pulaski road in Archer Heights with several officers surrounding him, one of the officers opened fire, hitting McDonald in the back. The attorney says video shows him falling to the ground as the officer continued to fire at him. An autopsy showed McDonald was shot 16 times. The police union maintains the officer who fired was in fear of his life because the teen lunged at him. That officer has been stripped of his police powers and placed on desk duty. The video remains shelved even after a journalist filed a public records request. The city refusing to release it, saying that would hinder the investigation and prevent a fair trial. The state's attorney's office disagrees, calling those claims unsubstantiated and saying the video should be released. And that judge's decision expected at 2:00 here at the Daley center, although either side could appeal. Stefan and Marion, back to you.

ANCHOR: Thank you, Michelle.

WGN News at 11AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: Chicago police may be forced to release video that's said to show an officer shooting a black teenager sixteen times. A Cook County judge is expected to decide today whether to order police to release dashcam video of last year's shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. Police have said McDonald refused to drop a knife when officers confronted him walking down a street. But a McDonald family attorney who has seen the video says the footage shows the teen was holding a small knife and walking away from officers when one officer opened fire.

CBS2 News at 11AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: A video described the shocking and disturbing could be released today that reportedly shows a police officer shooting and killing a suspected tire slasher. This incident happened back in October 2014. A Chicago police officer allegedly shot 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times. The city has already settled this case for \$5 million. Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said the video should be released but the city has resisted the release citing an ongoing federal investigation. We just learned if the judge rules to release the video, the city plans to appeal.

NBC5 News at 5:30AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: Now to an update in the death of a Chicago teenager. Today police may be ordered to release video that shows the officer killing the 17-year-old boy. There are concerns this morning about what would happen if that is made public. Nbc 5's Michelle Relford has details.

RELFORD: Good morning. This video is so graphic and disturbing even Laquan McDonald's own mother does not want it released fearing it could incite riots like in Ferguson and Baltimore. 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was killed in October of 2014 by Chicago police and it was recorded on police dash cam video. His family's attorney says it shows him holding a small knife and walking away from officers when the officer opened fire, shooting McDonald 16 times.

Continuing to fire as he lay on the ground. The city attorney who saw the video recommended that the city council approve a \$5 million settlement with the McDonald family. That was though they had not filed a lawsuit. A journalist did file a public records request for the video, but the city refused to release it saying it would hinder and prevent a fair trial. The attorney general's office calling the claims unsubstantiated and asked police to release this video. Well, today a judge could order it. We'll learn the judge's decision this afternoon at 2:00. Stefan? Nbc 5's Michelle Relford. Thank you.

[WGN News at 5AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video](#)

ANCHOR: A judge is expected to decide today if a dashcam video showing a teenager being shot 16 times by police will be released to the public. Nancy Loo is live at the Daley Center with more on that story.

LOO: A ruling by the judge is expected at two pm and it is highly anticipated. Lawyers for the family are among the few who have seen the dashcam video. It has been described as a disturbing, graphic and explosive.

ATTORNEY: Basically it shows that this boy who was walking away from the police. It shows that he did not threaten any police. He certainly did not lunged at an officer.

LOO: The 17 year-old was shot 16 times by an officer in October of last year. And according to his family's attorney, the incident is accurately described as an execution. However, the family does not want the release of the two- three minute video citing concerns it will lead to violence and protests. The family accepted a \$5 million settlement from the city back in April. The city has refused to release the video citing ongoing federal investigation. The lawsuit was filed by an independent journalist. A witness to the deadly shooting spoke anonymously with wgn Julie Unruh speaking about how he was shot in the back and then the officer fired many more times even though the teenager was already down.

WITNESS: He was not able to get up. He was helpless. After that, there was a pause for when the officers put in another clip. I will never understand how that happened.

LOO: The officer involved has been on paid desk duty since the shooting. The attorney general supports the release of the video. If that is the judge's ruling this afternoon, the city is expected to appeal. Back to you.

[Fox Chicago News at 5AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video](#)

ANCHOR: Today a judge is expected to rule whether you will be able to see a video of a Chicago teenager being shot and killed by police. A Chicago police officer shot Laquan McDonald 16 times last year. The city settled his family's lawsuit for \$5 million, so the dashcam video was never released at trial. A reporter has sued to have the video made public. The Illinois Attorney General's office is demanding the video to be released. The hearing is scheduled for this afternoon at the Daley Center.

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ABC7 News at 10PM: Video of Laquan McDonald before he was shot from a warehouse security

ANCHOR: Tomorrow, a judge is expected to decide if dashcam video of a teenager being killed by a Chicago police officer will be released to the public. 17 year-old Laquan McDonald was shot 16 times in October of last year. Police say he refused to drop a knife. Freelance journalist Brandon Smith the video released. [inaudible] #

SMITH: Laquan McDonald had his back turned to all the officers. He was trying to get away, which contradicts the original police narrative that he was lunging at them. #

ANCHOR: McDonald's family reached a settlement with the city. The family says they don't want the video released. #

CBS2 News at 10PM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video#

ANCHOR: To other news now, tomorrow a judge will decide if the video of a Chicago police officer killing a suspect will be released. Laquan McDonald was shot 16 times in October of 2014. Police say he was slashing tires and lunged at an officer with a knife, but an attorney for his mother says that dash cam video reported shows him walking away. The city already paid his mother a \$5 million settlement. #

Fox Chicago News at 9PM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

**B-Roll of MRE talking to the press at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater*

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ANCHOR: A teenager was shot 16 times by a Chicago police officer, was it excessive? Was it justified? All 16 gunshots caught on video by a police car dash cam. That video has never been shown to the public. A case over whether it should be comes to a tipping point in a Chicago court room, there's a new exclusive video that takes us right up to the tipping point in a Chicago court room. There's new exclusive video that takes us right up to the moment the shots ring out.

YELLEN: The police shooting of Laquan McDonald last year hasn't received nearly as much attention as controversial police shootings in other US cities. The police dash cam showing the incident has never been released. But tonight we do have video of the teenager a police just minutes before he was killed. This is video of Laquan McDonald on the night he was shot and killed. The video shows a police officer and a police spotlight following the 17 year old, it comes from a warehouse security camera. Minutes later, McDonald was dead, shot 16 times by a Chicago Police officer. There's a police dash cam video of the actual shooting, and journalist Smith wants it made public.

SMITH: I think it's important because it adds to this conversation of can we hold accountable the people who have authority in our society.

YELLEN: McDonald was shot in October 2014, police claim he had a knife and was acting in a threatening manner and lunged at them. After his family's attorneys obtained the dash cam video the City agreed to settle the case, so the video never surfaced at a trial.

NESLUND: The video would show that he wasn't a threat to the officers. He certainly didn't attack or lung at them as was the narrative provided by the city.

YELLEN: A truck driver nearby witnessed the shooting, today he asked what we alter his voice to protect his. He says the shooting resembled an execution.

DRIVER: He fell to the ground and I guess he tried to get up or move and they just unloaded the rest of the clip on him.

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MRE: You have obviously an investigation and you would never release a video while that investigation is going on.

ANCHOR: Journalist Jamie Calvin uncovered the autopsy report showing the 16 gunshot wounds, Calvin says the Emanuel administration deserves credit overall for its transparency, but this particular video may have been judged too damaging to release during a period when the Mayor was up for reelection.

KALVEN: Imagine if two weeks before the runoff election the full implication of this case had become apparent, as it did six days later when they settled.

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[WGN News at 9PM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video](#)#

ANCHOR: Tomorrow a Cook County judge could decide whether to publicly release dashcam video showing that shows police shooting a Chicago teen last year. The video shows 17-year old Laquan McDonald being shot by an officer 16 times. In April, the city settled with his family for \$5 million. City officials have refused to release the video, citing an ongoing federal investigation. Those who've seen it, say the video is disturbing and could incite protests. #

NESLUND: It's been accurately described by witnesses as an execution, and I think that's accurate. He was walking away on an angle towards the sidewalk when the officer opened fire. #

ANCHOR: The officer who shot McDonald was placed on desk duty last year, but has not been charged. The Illinois Attorney General's office has added its voice to the debate over the video, asking that it made be public. #

[WGN News at 5:30PM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video](#)

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ANCHOR: A court hearing tomorrow about the release of a much debated dashcam video showing 17 year-old Laquan McDonald being shot by a Chicago police officer 16 times. The case settled for \$5 million last spring. Tomorrow a judge is expected to decide if the public should see that tape.

UNRUH: This tape we're told is about two to three minutes long and the officer who fired those 16 shots is allegedly showing firing three bullets, pausing, than firing another 13 at Laquan who was already on the ground. The Mayor is not agreeing to release this tape, the boy's mother can't bear to watch it we're told. The video comes from two of the five dashcam that were

working at 10:00 p.m. that night, a problem in itself. Nearby surveillance cameras, some of them erased, showing the moments that led up to the fatal shooting. Now the Illinois attorney general has weighed in, saying it should be released to the public, in fact Lisa Madigan released this 5 page opinion just days ago. What weight does she have in the situation? Perhaps none at all, but she did issue a letter on November 6th, we will see what it means to a judge tomorrow if anything. All this brings into question the issue of transparency. What happened at 41st and Pulaski on October 20, 2014. If the tape did not exist the officer of the City the Chicago police department may not have been held responsible in any way for what one witness described as an execution. Was all of this a cover- up? Why hasn't the officer been indicted for such allegedly reckless behavior. For those who haven't seen it, lawyers for the family who have seen the tape describe what happened is clear as day an undeniably unnecessary legal force. MRE: You have obviously an investigation and you would never release a video while that investigation is going on.

ROBBINS: It shows Mr. McDonald walking away from the police when he was shot, it shows he did not threaten any police, he certainly didn't lunge at a police officer.

NESLUND: The police are pursuing Laquan, the dashcam captures him from about 10 or 15 feet. They were behind him with that car when he encountered the police. He was walking away on the angle toward the sidewalk when the officer opened fire. It has been accurately described by witnesses as an execution and I think that's accurate.

UNRUH: This case will go before a judge tomorrow and whatever he decides legal experts suggest the decision will be immediately appealed. If the feds to indict this officer it could be years before Chicago is what really happened.

ABC7 News at 5PM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: New at 5:00 tonight, a judge is expected to decide if dash cam video of a teenager shot and killed by a Chicago police officer will be released to the public. 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was shot 16 times last October. His family reached a settlement with the city that includes an agreement that the video not be released. John Garcia is here now with more on the story. John.

GARCIA: The officer involved in the shooting has been on desk duty for more than a year while the Feds determine whether to indict him. The large settlement amounts to an admission of guilt by the city. Those who have seen the video say it is explosive and could prompt violent demonstrations. He was surrounded by police officers on south Pulaski. 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was African-American, carrying a three inch knife and he apparently ignored officers' orders to stop, but witnesses reportedly say he never threatened the officers or even turned in their direction before an officer who is white shot him. Firing at least 16 times. Hitting McDonald in the back. And continuing to fire while he was dying on the street. It was all captured on video from a police dashboard camera. Freelance journalist Brandon Smith has filed suit to have the video released.

SMITH: Police have said that Laquan McDonald had his back turned to the officers. He was trying to get away, which contradicts the original police narrative that he was lunging at them.

GARCIA: Other police shootings involving white officers and African-American suspects in

Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri have prompted riots activists say it could happen here. We want people to demand justice.

CHICAGOAN: We want people to take to the streets.

GARCIA: Jeff Neslund represents McDonald's family. They have received a \$5.5 million settlement from the city. They have not seen the video and say they don't want it released to the public.

NESLUND: Laquan's mom doesn't want to see the execution of her son over and over on YouTube

GARCIA: Lisa Madigan's office says it should be released, saying all public records in the possession of a public body are presumed to be open to inspection or copying. The family's settlement prohibits them from showing the video but their attorney says the video is powerful.

NESLUND: It's graphic. It is disturbing. It will have an impact on anyone who has seen it.

GARCIA: The judge is set to release his decision tomorrow. If he rules it should be released, the city could appeal it and likely keep it from being released at least for the time being.

Fox Chicago News at NOON: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

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YELLEN: A judge is expected to rule Thursday on whether the city must release the video under the freedom of information act. But whatever the ruling, it's expected to be appealed. So don't look for the video to be released soon.

ANCHOR: That was Larry Yellen reporting for us. The officer involved in that shooting has been assigned to desk duty for the past year. The independent police review authority is investigating that incident. And also a federal grand jury is looking for possible criminal conduct as well.

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(UPDATED 3.13PM CST) [Judge orders release of video showing fatal shooting by police officer](#)
TRIBUNE // Jason Meisner // November 19, 2015

A Cook County judge on Thursday ordered the release of a video showing a Chicago police officer shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times, killing him.

The city of Chicago filed an immediate motion to hold off on the release of the video pending an emergency appeal.

Judge Franklin Valderrama refused to indefinitely hold off on the release of the video, but said he wouldn't make it public until next Wednesday, giving the city time to file an appeal with the Illinois Appellate Court.

City officials have declined to release the potentially inflammatory video, citing an ongoing federal grand jury probe into the shooting. No charges have been filed against the officer, identified by the Tribune as Jason Van Dyke.

City Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton has told aldermen the video shows the white officer opening fire on McDonald, an African-American, as the 17-year-old walked along Pulaski Road in the Archer Heights neighborhood.

McDonald, who had PCP in his system, was behaving erratically and refusing police commands to drop a 4-inch folding knife. The police union has maintained the officer fired in fear of his life because the teen lunged at him and his partner with the knife.

The City Council approved a \$5 million settlement for McDonald's family in April, with Patton calling camera images of the incident crucial to the city's decision to settle the case before a federal lawsuit was filed.

Lawyers for McDonald's family also have declined to release the video but have told the Tribune it shows Van Dyke first opening fire on the teen from about 15 feet, causing McDonald to spin and fall to the ground. A puff of smoke then rose from his body as he was lying in a fetal position, followed by another and another, attorney Jeff Neslund said.

"There's jerking consistent with him getting shot," he said.

The ruling Thursday comes a day after the Illinois attorney general's office released an opinion saying the Chicago Police Department violated the state's Freedom of Information Act by refusing to release the video.

The attorney general's opinion stemmed from an open records request for the video first filed in May by Wall Street Journal reporter Zusha Elinson. The Chicago Police Department denied

the request citing the sensitivity of the ongoing investigation and concern over a fair trial if charges result.

Beginning in March, the Tribune also filed a series of FOIA requests for the video to the police department, the city's law department and the Independent Police Review Authority, which investigates shootings that involve police officers. FOIA requests to all three agencies were denied.

After Elinson appealed the decision to Attorney General Lisa Madigan, her office asked police for a confidential copy of the video so it could make a determination on whether rules had been violated. Police refused to comply.

In his opinion, Assistant Attorney General Neil Olson wrote that police had failed to explain how the video's release would damage any investigation or jeopardize a fair trial.

Olson asked police to "promptly provide Mr. Elinson with copies of the records" he requested while also allowing for any redactions of "private information" such as telephone numbers, license plates and Social Security numbers.

[Judge: Release video of Chicago cop shooting teen 16 times](#)

SUN TIMES // Mitch Dudek and Fran Spielman // November 19, 2015

A Cook County judge has ruled that the Chicago Police Department should make public by Nov. 25 a dashboard video of a white police officer shooting an African-American teen 16 times. The video shows the officer repeatedly firing into Laquan McDonald's body on Oct. 20, 2014, even as five other responding officers show restraint.

The city has argued against releasing the video, with Mayor Emanuel recently making that point again, given the federal investigation of the shooting. The city has the option to appeal the judge's ruling.

"You have, obviously a [federal] investigation. And you never release a video while that investigation is going on," the mayor said. "There's an appropriate way to handle when videos become public and that procedure will be followed."

The ruling comes in response to a Freedom of Information Act request made by a freelance journalist.

The attorney for a Chicago police officer who fatally shot a black teenager has said he's concerned for the safety of the officer if the dash camera video of the incident is released. Dan Herbert says in this "day and age" there's the possibility that someone could try to harm Officer Jason Van Dyke because they don't understand the context in which the shooting occurred.

Earlier this year, the City Council agreed to a \$5 million settlement with McDonald's family—even before a lawsuit had been filed.

The incident started when a man called 911 to report that a knife-wielding offender had threatened him and was attempting to break into vehicles in an Archer Heights trucking yard at 41st and Kildare.

Two police officers responded to the call and found McDonald about a block away holding a knife in his right hand, Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton said at the time of the settlement. When the teenager was ordered to drop the knife, he ignored the demand and kept walking along 40th Street toward Pulaski away from the officers.

Patton then described how one of the officers followed McDonald on foot "kind of beside" the teenager while the other officer followed behind in a marked squad car and called a dispatcher to request a back-up unit with a Taser.

The slow pursuit continued until McDonald neared Pulaski, potentially endangering civilians. That's when the officer in the squad car pulled in front of the teenager to block his path.

According to Patton, McDonald responded by using the knife to puncture one of the squad car's front tires and struck the windshield with a knife before continuing through a Burger King parking lot and onto Pulaski.

By that point, two additional squad cars reported to the scene, one of them equipped with a dashboard camera that recorded the deadly shooting. The squad car with the camera followed behind McDonald.

The other squad car pulled up beside, then in front of the teenager and both officers jumped out with their guns drawn. One of those two officers then opened fire and shot McDonald 16 times, all of it captured on videotape.

The shooting officer contends that McDonald was moving toward him and that he opened fire to protect himself.

Video Showing Officer Killing Teen Must Be Released, Judge Rules

DNA INFO // Ted Cox // November 19, 2015

A judge has ruled that the city has until Wednesday to release to the public a controversial dashcam video showing a Chicago Police officer shooting a teenager 16 times a year ago. Cook County Circuit Court Judge Franklin Valderrama on Thursday afternoon issued the order in a case stemming from Wall Street Journal reporter Zusha Elinson's Freedom of Information Act request in May to release the video showing the death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. The city immediately appealed the ruling, asking the judge to delay the release of the video until the appeal was considered.

The hearing came a day after Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office released a ruling from earlier this month finding that Elinson's request was legitimate and that the video should be released. The ruling was signed by Assistant Attorney General Neil Olson, who determined it was not relevant that the shooting is still being investigated by federal and local authorities. The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois has also gone on record saying the video should be released.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration has argued the video needs to be kept from the public's view while the investigations are ongoing, and the mayor has pledged to release it once the cases are closed.

The city has already paid a \$5 million settlement to the mother and sister of McDonald. According to Steve Patton, the city's corporation counsel, the dashcam video argues in McDonald's favor.

According to Patton, officers received a report of a break-in and a man armed with a knife at a truck yard at 41st Street and Kildare Avenue on the evening of Oct. 20, 2014. They trailed a suspect later identified as McDonald, while radioing to request a Taser, as neither officer was equipped with one.

When another car tried to block McDonald near Pulaski Road, Patton said, the suspect stabbed a car tire and continued on. As other squad cars were closing in, one officer stepped from a car and shot McDonald 16 times. No other officer fired a shot, according to Patton.

Tribune columnist John Kass reported the officer was Jason Van Dyke, and that it was later found that McDonald had taken PCP.

Patton stated that McDonald had an "extensive juvenile record," and that the officer said he was "in fear of his life," but added that attorneys for McDonald's family were prepared to use the dashcam video to argue the teen was walking away from the officer when the shots were fired and that "deadly force was not justified."

Judge to rule today on video of fatal shooting by cop; AG says it should be made public

TRIBUNE // Jason Meisner // November 19, 2015

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City officials so far have declined to release the potentially inflammatory video, citing an ongoing federal grand jury probe into the shooting. No charges have been filed against the officer, identified by the Tribune as Jason Van Dyke.

The opinion stemmed from an open records request for the video first filed in May by Wall Street Journal reporter Zusha Elinson. The Chicago Police Department denied the request citing the sensitivity of the ongoing investigation and concern over a fair trial if charges result. Beginning in March, the Tribune also filed a series of FOIA requests for the video to the police department, the city's law department and the Independent Police Review Authority, which investigates shootings that involve police officers. FOIA requests to all three agencies were denied.

After Elinson appealed the decision to Attorney General Lisa Madigan, her office asked police for a confidential copy of the video so it could make a determination on whether rules had been violated. Police refused to comply.

A Cook County judge was set to rule Thursday whether the Chicago Police Department must release dashcam video of a white police officer fatally shooting a black teenage suspect last year. Nov. 19, 2015. (CBS Chicago)

In his opinion, Assistant Attorney General Neil Olson wrote that police had failed to explain how the video's release would damage any investigation or jeopardize a fair trial.

Olson asked police to "promptly provide Mr. Elinson with copies of the records" he requested while also allowing for any redactions of "private information" such as telephone numbers, license plates and Social Security numbers.

The city's law department issued a statement Wednesday saying the city will release the video once the criminal investigation is complete.

"We do not want to do anything that might interfere with the ongoing investigation," the statement read. "This is consistent with the longstanding practice of federal, state and local law enforcement authorities not to release evidence related to ongoing criminal investigations."

City Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton has told aldermen the video shows the officer opening fire on McDonald as the 17-year-old walked along Pulaski Road in the Archer Heights neighborhood, striking him 16 times and killing him.

McDonald, who had PCP in his system, was behaving erratically and refusing police commands to drop a 4-inch folding knife. The police union has maintained the officer fired in fear of his life because the teen lunged at him and his partner with the knife.

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Lawyers for McDonald's family also have declined to release the video but have told the Tribune it shows Van Dyke first opening fire on the teen from about 15 feet, causing McDonald to spin and fall to the ground. A puff of smoke then rose from his body as he was lying in a fetal position, followed by another and another, attorney Jeff Neslund said.

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On Thursday, Judge Franklin Valderrama is scheduled to rule in a monthslong court battle involving Brandon Smith, an independent journalist who fought for the release of the footage after he was denied in his own open records request to the department.

Matt Topic, an attorney for Loevy & Loevy who represents Smith, said in a statement Wednesday that the public has already "waited far too long" for the video's release.

"If we are going to be serious about police accountability, the city needs to stop hiding behind unfounded arguments and immediately release these videos, as many other cities have done," Topic said.

NOVEMBER 18, 2015

Mitchell: Judge should release video of police shooting

SUN TIMES // Mary Mitchell // November 18, 2015

A Cook County judge is expected to decide on Thursday whether to release a dashcam video that reportedly shows a Chicago Police officer shooting Laquan McDonald 16 times in 2014, killing the 17-year-old.

A freelance journalist, who is being represented by the powerful civil rights firm Loevy & Loevy and the University of Chicago's Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, brought the Freedom of Information Act suit.

In what could be a foreshadowing, the Illinois attorney general's office released a letter Wednesday asking the Chicago Police Department to release the video, pursuant to a FOIA request by The Wall Street Journal.

The attorney general's office determined the police department failed to provide any evidence that making the video public would interfere with the ongoing investigation.

Still, it is unlikely the public will actually see the video anytime soon because of the lengthy appeals process.

Meanwhile, the mayor continues to stifle public outrage over McDonald's death by clinging to the "under investigation" excuse.

"Once that investigation is concluded, the city will release the video. Until then, and as we have said from the outset, we do not want to do anything that might interfere with the ongoing investigation," said Bill McCaffrey, a spokesman for the city's law department.

The Independent Police Review Authority also cited the "under investigation" mantra even though the agency has had this case for more than a year.

Frankly, how long will this "independent" agency be allowed to hide behind feeble excuses while its counterparts elsewhere show that investigative officers can move quickly to shed light on controversial police shootings.

Twenty-four hours before the scheduled court hearing, no law enforcement agency had filed an affidavit arguing that the release of the tape would impede its investigation.

So the fact that the mayor is still defending the city's decision to keep the tape secret shows why the Emanuel administration's claim about transparency is a joke.

There is no question something was very wrong with this police-involved shooting.

That was confirmed by the speed in which the City Council approved a \$5 million settlement for McDonald's family even though attorneys had not filed a civil suit.

Jeffrey Neslund, one of the attorneys for McDonald's family who has seen the video, described it as "devastating."

"This video will have a powerful impact on anyone seeing it. But the bigger story is the process. That needs to change," Neslund said. "If the mayor and people in his administration know how

devastating this is, and they can't fire this officer and recommend that he be disciplined and charged, it is ridiculous."

Police have said McDonald was armed with a knife and had PCP in his system. But Neslund denied the teen was "lunging" at the police officer.

Craig Futterman, a professor of law and founder of the Civil Rights Police Accountability Project of the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, is adamant the video should be released.

"This video was not taken in somebody's house or in a private area. The video was taken in a public area and contains something that looks like an execution of a black child by a police officer," Futterman said.

"There is not a greater public interest than the need for honesty when we are talking about a situation when an officer of the state has taken a human life, and particularly the life of a black child," he pointed out.

The city can't hide the truth forever.

[Judge to decide if video of police shooting to be made public](#)

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A Chicago police spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment.

The stonewalling from Chicago police echoes comments last week by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who stuck by his position that it's not "the appropriate time" to release the video, citing the federal investigation into the October 2014 incident.

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NOVEMBER 15, 2015

Judge to Rule on Police Shooting Video that 'Might Rip Chicago Apart'

TIME // Josh Sanburn // November 15, 2015

A judge is set to decide this week whether to make public a video showing Chicago police shooting a black teenager 16 times, footage that those who have seen it say could create the kind of unrest seen in other U.S. cities following police-related deaths.

On Nov. 19, a Cook County judge will rule on a Freedom of Information Act request seeking the release of dashcam footage showing the final moments of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, who was chased by cops before being shot repeatedly by Jason Van Dyke, a white police officer. Two attorneys for McDonald's family who have seen the video believe it could spark violence in Chicago if released to the public. A recent ChicagoTribune op-ed about the video was titled "The video that might rip Chicago apart—and why you need to see it."

"What's on that video is so much more graphic than what we saw from Baltimore or South Charleston," Jeffrey Neslund, an attorney for the McDonald family, told TIME, referring to the police-related deaths of Freddie Gray and Walter Scott. Neslund obtained the video through a probate subpoena.

The incident occurred on Oct. 20, 2014, after police received information that an individual was carrying a knife on Chicago's southwest side. Several squad cars approached McDonald, one of which included a dashcam. Neslund and Mike Robbins, another attorney representing the McDonald family, says one of those vehicles followed McDonald while shining a spotlight on him for several blocks.

According to both attorneys, police chased McDonald into Pulaski Road, a four-lane thoroughfare, and stopped in the middle of the street as they attempted to contain him. Officer Van Dyke then emerged from the passenger side of one vehicle and fired an initial round of shots at McDonald from a distance of roughly 12 to 15 feet, then fired again multiple times

after McDonald collapsed to the ground. The attorneys say that while McDonald refused to drop the knife, he was walking away from officers at the time he was shot.

"You can see he's walking away from the police at an angle when the officer starts to shoot," Neslund says. "There was no threat."

According to the Chicago Tribune, Fraternal Order of Police Spokesperson Pat Camden told reporters that McDonald had PCP in his system and described him as "staring blankly" at officers and had a "crazed" look. Camden said McDonald refused officers' orders to drop the knife and lunged at police before they opened fire. He also said McDonald slashed one of the police vehicle's tires and damaged a windshield.

Robbins says that while McDonald was not acting rationally, he wasn't aggressive and did not threaten officers. An autopsy later showed that nine of the 16 gunshots were fired into the back of McDonald's body.

"You see him spin and go down, and they continued to shoot at him," Robbins says.

According to multiple news reports, Chicago police also allegedly deleted 86 minutes of security camera footage from a nearby Burger King that would've likely showed part of the police chase. The Chicago Police Department declined to comment for this story, citing an ongoing investigation headed up by the FBI. Van Dyke is reportedly on desk duty but still receiving pay. The McDonald family does not want the video made public, having won a \$5 million settlement in April which included an agreement not to release the video. The Nov. 19 ruling stems from a FOIA request from Chicago-based freelance journalist Brandon Smith asking for the police department to release the video.

The city claims that making the video public would impede ongoing investigations of the incident. However, Matt Topic, an attorney representing Smith, says there are currently no affidavits from the FBI. The Chicago Police Department would need detailed affidavits to prove those exemption claims, Topic says.

On Friday, Mayor Rahm Emanuel said he believed that it wasn't appropriate to release the video. "You have, obviously, an investigation," Emanuel said, according to the Chicago Tribune. "And you never would release a video while that investigation is going on."

There will likely be an appeal on Thursday no matter what the judge decides. But the attorneys say the video will likely eventually be released, either through the current FOIA request or once the investigation is complete.

"There will be an uproar" if it's released, Neslund says. "And it could be destructive."

NOVEMBER 13, 2015

Emanuel says Laquan McDonald video should not be released now

TRIBUNE // John Byrne // November 13, 2015

Mayor [Rahm Emanuel](#) on Friday stuck by his position that it's not "the appropriate time" to release a video of a white Chicago police officer fatally shooting an African-American teen, citing an ongoing federal investigation into the 2014 incident.

The mayor's comments came ahead of a hearing next week in Cook County court over whether the police car dashboard camera video of the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald should be released to the public.

"You have, obviously, an investigation," Emanuel said Friday at an unrelated event at Navy Pier. "And you never would release a video while that investigation is going on. At the appropriate time, the appropriate entities and how that video gets to be public will be handled."

"There's an appropriate way to handle when videos become public, and that procedure will be followed," he added.

City Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton has told aldermen the video shows an officer opening fire on McDonald as the 17 year old walked along Pulaski Road in the Archer Heights neighborhood last October, striking him 16 times and killing him. The City Council approved a \$5 million settlement for McDonald's family in April, with Patton saying the dashboard camera footage of the incident was crucial to the city's decision to settle the case before a federal lawsuit was filed.

McDonald, who had PCP in his system, was behaving erratically and refusing police commands to drop a 4-inch folding knife. The police union has maintained the officer fired in fear of his life because the teen lunged at him and his partner with the knife.

The FBI is heading up an ongoing investigation into the officer who fired the shots, identified by the Tribune as Officer Jason Van Dyke.

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Just saw a news alert that chi is not appealing decision.

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A Cook County judge has ruled that the Chicago Police Department should make public by Nov. 25 a dashboard video of a white police officer shooting an African-American teen 16 times.

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[Fox Chicago News at Noon: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video](#)

ANCHOR: In just a couple of hours we'll know if the judge will rule on whether a controversial police shooting video should be made public. That video comes from a dashcam on a police car. It shows what happened on the day that 16-year-old Laquan McDonald was shot 16 times by a Chicago police officer. That shooting happened back in October of 2014. The teen's family has already settled with the city for \$5 million, so dashcam video of the shooting never surfaced at a trial. Independent journalist Brandon Smith, the man that you just saw walking with our Larry Yellen, has sued to have that video made public.

[WGN News at Noon: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video](#)

ANCHOR: Chicago police are expected to find out this afternoon if they must release a video that is said to show an officer shooting a teenager 16 times. WGN News' Nancy Loo reports, neither police nor the teen's family released.

LOO: A ruling by Judge Franklin Valderrama is expected at 2:00 this afternoon. But even if he rules in favor of a public release of this video, the city is expected to appeal immediately. Attorneys for the family that have seen the video say that it and that is disturbing, graphic and explosive.

ROBBINS: Basically what it shows is that Laquan was walking away from the police when he was shot. It shows that he did not threaten any police officers. He certainly didn't lunge at a police officer.

LOO: 17 year old Laquan McDonald was shot 17 times by a Chicago police officer in October last year.

According to the family attorney the incident is accurately described as an execution. However the family does not want the release of the video citing concerns that it will lead to violence and protest. The family accepted a \$5 million settlement from the city back in April. The city has refused to release the video citing an ongoing federal investigation. The lawsuit was filed by an independent journalist. A witness to the deadly shooting spoke anonymously with WGN's Julie Unruh, confirming McDonald was shot in the back and then the officer fired many more times even though the teen was already down.

WITNESS: He was unable to get up. He was helpless. Then there was a pause and the pause was probably the officer putting in another clip, then the officer gave him another 13 shots. I will never understand that

LOO: The officer that was involved in the shooting has been on paid desk duty as the federal investigation continues.

Meantime Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan says the video should be released. It would be inappropriate if the city is serious about police accountability.

NBC5 News at 11:30AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: Today a judge will decide if police must release graphic video showing the shooting death of a teenager. NBC5's Michelle Relerford is live at the Daley Center with both sides of that story. michelle?

RELERFORD: Well, Marion, the officer who shot Laquan McDonald has been placed on desk duty, but McDonald's mother worries that will not be enough for people who want the graphic video. She fears it could turn Chicago into another Ferguson or Baltimore. 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was killed in October of 2014 by a white Chicago police officer. His shooting recorded on police dash cam video. His family's attorney says the video shows McDonald holding a small knife and walking away from officers when a police officer opens fire, shooting McDonald more than a dozen times, continuing to fire as he lay on the ground. An autopsy showed he was shot twice in his back and a total of 16 times. It also showed he had PCP in his system. But the video so disturbing, a city attorney who watched it recommended a \$5 million settlement to McDonald's family. A journalist filed a public records request for the video, but the city refused to release it, saying that would hinder the investigation and prevent a fair trial. Now, Cook County Judge Franklin Valderrama has told attorneys he will announce his decision today, though his decision is expected to be appealed by either side. And we will learn that judge's decision here at the Daley Center. We expect it to come around 2:00 this afternoon.

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accepted a \$5 million settlement back in April. The city has refused to release the video, citing an ongoing federal investigation. The lawsuit was filed by an independent journalist. A witness to the deadly shooting spoke anonymously with WGN's Julie Unruh confirming that the McDonald was shot in the back and then the officer fired many more times even though the teen was already down.

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NBC5 News at 11AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: There are new concerns ahead of a key decision. Today police may be ordered to publicly release a video that shows a police officer shooting and killing a teen. But some people say that could lead to violence. NBC 5's Michelle Relerford live at the Daley Center with what this is all about. Michelle?

RELERFORD: That's right, Stefan. in just a few hours, in fact, a judge will announce whether that video should be released for the public to see. Video that some fear will ignite a powder keg of anger here in Chicago. Thousands demonstrating in Ferguson, Missouri, and rioting in Baltimore, Maryland. The boiling points of communities outraged at the deaths of young black men killed by police. Could this happen in Chicago? The mother of Laquan McDonald fears it will if video of her son's murder goes public. The 17-year-old was killed by a white Chicago police officer in October of 2014. Without even filing a lawsuit his family was granted a \$5 million settlement from the City Council in April because of the video. The brutal moments of McDonald's murder were recorded a police dash cam. His family's attorney says in the video, you see McDonald holding a small four-inch folding knife and walking away from police along Pulaski road in Archer Heights with several officers surrounding him, one of the officers opened fire, hitting McDonald in the back. The attorney says video shows him falling to the ground as the officer continued to fire at him. An autopsy showed McDonald was shot 16 times. The police union maintains the officer who fired was in fear of his life because the teen lunged at him. That officer has been stripped of his police powers and placed on desk duty. The video remains shelved even after a journalist filed a public records request. The city refusing to release it, saying that would hinder the investigation and prevent a fair trial. The state's attorney's office disagrees, calling those claims unsubstantiated and saying the video should be released. And that judge's decision expected at 2:00 here at the Daley center, although either side could appeal. Stefan and Marion, back to you.

ANCHOR: Thank you, Michelle.

WGN News at 11AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: Chicago police may be forced to release video that's said to show an officer shooting a black teenager sixteen times. A Cook County judge is expected to decide today whether to order police to release dashcam video of last year's shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. Police have said McDonald refused to drop a knife when officers confronted him walking down a street. But a McDonald family attorney who has seen the video says the footage shows the teen was holding a small knife and walking away from officers when one officer opened fire.

CBS2 News at 11AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: A video described the shocking and disturbing could be released today that reportedly shows a police officer shooting and killing a suspected tire slasher. This incident happened back in October 2014. A Chicago police officer allegedly shot 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times. The city has already settled this case for \$5 million. Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said the video should be released but the city has resisted the release citing an ongoing federal investigation. We just learned if the judge rules to release the video, the city plans to appeal.

NBC5 News at 5:30AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: Now to an update in the death of a Chicago teenager. Today police may be ordered to release video that shows the officer killing the 17-year-old boy. There are concerns this morning about what would happen if that is made public. Nbc 5's Michelle Relford has details.

RELFORD: Good morning. This video is so graphic and disturbing even Laquan McDonald's own mother does not want it released fearing it could incite riots like in Ferguson and Baltimore. 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was killed in October of 2014 by Chicago police and it was recorded on police dash cam video. His family's attorney says it shows him holding a small knife and walking away from officers when the officer opened fire, shooting McDonald 16 times. Continuing to fire as he lay on the ground. The city attorney who saw the video recommended that the city council approve a \$5 million settlement with the McDonald family. That was though they had not filed a lawsuit. A journalist did file a public records request for the video, but the city refused to release it saying it would hinder and prevent a fair trial. The attorney general's office calling the claims unsubstantiated and asked police to release this video. Well, today a judge could order it. We'll learn the judge's decision this afternoon at 2:00. Stefan?

Nbc 5's Michelle Relford. Thank you.

WGN News at 5AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: A judge is expected to decide today if a dashcam video showing a teenager being shot 16 times by police will be released to the public. Nancy Loo is live at the Daley Center with more on that story.

LOO: A ruling by the judge is expected at two pm and it is highly anticipated. Lawyers for the family are among the few who have seen the dashcam video. It has been described as a disturbing, graphic and explosive.

ATTORNEY: Basically it shows that this boy who was walking away from the police. It shows that he did not threaten any police. He certainly did not lunged at an officer.

LOO: The 17 year-old was shot 16 times by an officer in October of last year. And according to his family's attorney, the incident is accurately described as an execution. However, the family does not want the release of the two- three minute video citing concerns it will lead to violence and protests. The family accepted a \$5 million settlement from the city back in April. The city has refused to release the video citing ongoing federal investigation. The lawsuit was filed by an independent journalist. A witness to the deadly shooting spoke anonymously with wgn Julie Unruh speaking about how he was shot in the back and then the officer fired many more times even though the teenager was already down.

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LOO: The officer involved has been on paid desk duty since the shooting. The attorney general supports the release of the video. If that is the judge's ruling this afternoon, the city is expected to appeal. Back to you.

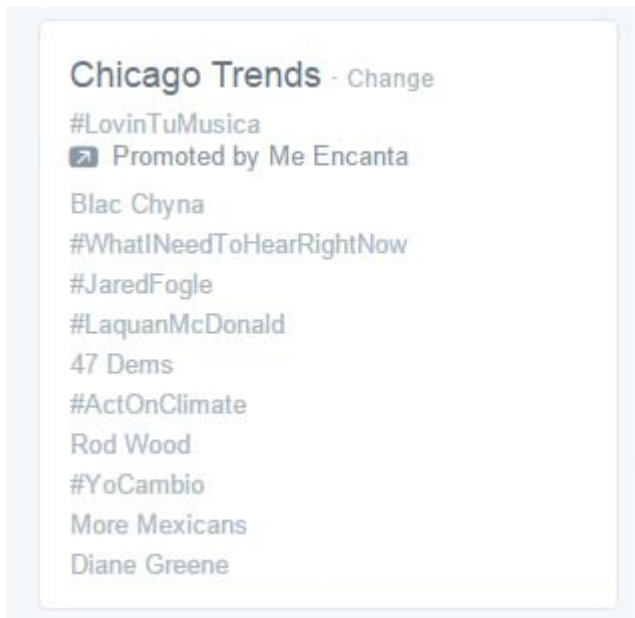
Fox Chicago News at 5AM: Judge to rule on release of Laquan McDonald dashcam video

ANCHOR: Today a judge is expected to rule whether you will be able to see a video of a Chicago teenager being shot and killed by police. A Chicago police officer shot Laquan McDonald 16 times last year. The city settled his family's lawsuit for \$5 million, so the dashcam video was never released at trial. A reporter has sued to have the video made public. The Illinois Attorney General's office is demanding the video to be released. The hearing is scheduled for this afternoon at the Daley Center.

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It's also a trending topic in Chicago:



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Seems like all local and some national press have tweeted once or twice to get the news out—noteworthy is Trib's handle, which was RT over 200x

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Chicago police violated FOIA by not releasing shooting video: Attorney General's office trib.in/1OfKFUs

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@AamerISmad: Judge orders Chicago Police to release video of officer shooting black teen <http://usat.ly/1ja5sgW> via @usatoday

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Time also calls it “the video that will rip Chicago apart”

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Now Time too:

@TIME : Judge rules video of **Laquan** McDonald's shooting can be made public [.ti.me/1OhRJQt](https://t.me/1OhRJQt)

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A few national media organizations are tweeting it:

@TPM: Judge orders Chicago police to release video of cop shooting black teen 16 times <http://bit.ly/1MWP8w8>
@guardian: Judge rules to release video of Chicago teen being shot 16 times by police <http://trib.al/9uAdHkN>
@ThisIsFusion: UPDATE: The police shooting video Chicago doesn't want you to see <http://fus.in/1PCEU6t>

Commentary:

@RichardRBoykin: The Circuit Court ruled correctly in requiring CPD to release the video of Laquan McDonald's shooting. I'd urge the City not to appeal.

From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 3:22 PM
To: PRESS_LIST
Subject: Video

Can someone please monitor social media on the release of the video? Want to see if the drumbeat gets louder.

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From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 7:54 PM
To: Collins, Adam
Subject: Re: how's it going?

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Seems on message so far about servin.

From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 7:48:55 PM
To: Collins, Adam
Subject: Re: how's it going?

Other than the issue that anthony just raised, the meeting is pretty standard so far. Several hundred people here. Servin, laquan Mcdonald and Futterman data are topics so far. Crowd responsive but not out of order.

From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 7:37:30 PM
To: Rountree, Janey; Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org
Subject: how's it going?

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Subject: Tomorrow's News

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CPD:

All: Coverage of court decision to release Laquan McDonald video.

All: Coverage of CPD investigative update on Kyrian Knox murder (toddler remains found in Garfield Park). Detectives released information on persons of interest who were last to care for Kyrian.

All: Coverage of CPD Police Board meeting.

CPS:

DNA Info/Josh McGhee, Maureen McKinney/NPR: Coverage of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless report on homeless youth and families in Chicago, and the impact on education. CPS provided a statement on their STLS program and the waivers they provide for students without stable housing.

WBEZ/Veveya: Story on the board's vote to close Bronzeville Lighthouse Bronzeville Lighthouse school officials are making the case that if the school closes students in the area won't have a good choice school in the area. CPS provided background on the school's scorecard and rationale for proposed closure.

Law:

Crain's/Corfman: Story on pension case and if the city has a chance at winning. Will include comment from Steve Patton that the legislation is constitutional because it does not diminish or impair benefits.

Everyone: Continued coverage on the judge's decision today that the city must release the Laquan McDonald video. The Mayor's office released a statement that we plan to do so in the next week, and hope Chicago can begin to heal.

CDPH:

NBC5/Christian Farr: Interview with Dr. Morita, CDPH Commissioner, on flu preparedness, and where Chicagoans can access the free flu vaccine.

CDA:

Tribune/Hilkevitch: The Tribune is working on a story about the noise recommendations released by the Suburban O'Hare Commission. The new report released today which highlights many similarities with CDA's Goals for noise abatement but questions the FAA's noise contours used to evaluate sound insulation. CDA responded saying that it looks forward to reviewing the report and continuing the conversation at the ONCC meetings which is the appropriate venue for this discussion.

DSS:

Various Outlets: All TV stations were at today's DSS stand up announcing snow removal plans, along with DNA info and WBBM Radio. DSS did Spanish stands up for Univision and Telemundo.

CTA:

Various outlets: CTA announces sponsor for the 2015 Holiday Train and Holiday Bus: Sprint. The Sprint-CTA Holiday Train and Sprint-CTA Holiday Bus are among CTA's most revered assets, delighting thousands of Chicagoans each holiday season. In the first-ever sponsorship agreement, CTA will receive \$300,000 from Sprint--which will not only cover all the operational costs for the train and bus, but also allow CTA to add an extra day of Holiday Train service.

Sun-Times/Tina Sfondeles, WBBM/Bernie Tafoya, Daily Herald/Marni Pyke, possibly other outlets: Stories on Day 1 of the Ventra app. Stories will note generally positive customer response; more than 20K downloads of the app, more than 9,600 metra mobile tickets purchased and other stats. A small issue that arose

with some users' phones' older operating systems was addressed and resolved.

CBS-2/Desk: In preparation for possible snowfall this weekend, CTA is monitoring forecasts and is fully prepared for any winter weather including by readying track switch heaters, sleet scrapers on trains, overhead heaters on platforms and more.

Various outlets: Possible stories on CTA providing extra service this weekend for the Mag Mile Fest and Bears game. In addition, Green/Pink Line service will be temporarily suspended Sunday due to CDOT work on the Lake Street Bridge. Free shuttle buses will provide service to affected stations.

BACP:

Medill / Will Racke: Story on small business owners in the Lincoln Square/Ravenswood area and their positive experiences with BACP.

WBEZ / Monica Eng: Story on “What happened to all of Chicago’s meatpackers and who is left?” and she needed the current number of slaughterhouses licensed. BACP said there are 11 and the licensed slaughterhouses activity falls under the retail or wholesale food license.

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To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Quinn, Kelley
Subject: Re:

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If you hadn't seen it, this quote from GM popped up on WGN and CBS this morning.

MCCARTHY: It's not something that is happening every day. But at the end of the day, unfortunately, this man was armed and he approached the officer. Quite frankly, we have to let this play out.

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Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 10:07 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Quinn, Kelley
Subject: RE:

Second story on ABC, after snow.

GFM: Don't understand why we would be releasing evidence in a possible criminal trial before it happens. Bad shooting as far as visual, but there's not a conviction here. It's being worked on

Ald. Sawyer as interviewed (looks like outside the police board meeting) asked people to remain calm

MRE's statement was mentioned at the end, but only that he did not support the officer and hopes the investigation wraps soon.

NBC used this from GFM...

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To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Quinn, Kelley
Subject: RE:

Just saw this in Sneed's column for tomorrow.

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To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Quinn, Kelley

Subject: RE:

Looked like he was trying to make the point that the investigation is ongoing

From: Ewing, Clothilde

Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 9:20 PM

To: Collins, Adam; Spielfogel, David; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Quinn, Kelley

Subject: Re:

What does he mean by no conviction here?

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Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 9:18 PM

To: Spielfogel, David; Mitchell, Eileen; Ewing, Clothilde; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Quinn, Kelley

Subject: RE:

Per WGN clip, from GFM

Bad shooting visually

There's no conviction here, being worked on

Don't understand why we'd be releasing video in ongoing investigation

To me they're setting up for a defense already

From: Spielfogel, David

Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 8:28 PM

To: Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Ewing, Clothilde; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Quinn, Kelley

Subject: Re:

Thanks. Let's make sure we know what he said.

From: Collins, Adam

Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 8:24 PM

To: Mitchell, Eileen; Spielfogel, David; Ewing, Clothilde; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Quinn, Kelley

Subject:

Garry made some comments to press on his way into the meeting tonight. While we didn't hear the comments first hand, CPD spoke to reporters and got a summary of comments GM made. Working to get more info.

Two reporters apparently said that GM disagreed with the decision to release the video.

He acknowledged the shooting was bad and made some reference to not agreeing video should be released amid a federal investigation.

He may have made some comments about offender being armed and something to the effect of officers will be alright.

They asked him about the city response and he said something along the lines of being prepared and focused on counterterrorism.

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From: Guglielmi, Anthony [anthony.guglielmi@chicagopolice.org]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 8:04 AM
To: Mc Carthy, Garry F.
Subject: Fwd: (NEWS) SUN TIMES: Sneed: Rev. Pfleger's tearful nights over child killings

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SUN TIMES // Michael Sneed // November 19, 2015

The Tyshawn case . . .

It never stops . . .

The murderer of Tyshawn Lee is still at large.

The monster who killed a 9-year-old child who weighed only 83 pounds and was four inches shy of five-feet-tall is still out there.

How does someone handle the fact that they shot a boy who may have held up his right hand to deflect a bullet that entered the right side of his head, lacerating his scalp and the membrane enveloping his brain and spinal cord — and partially amputated his right thumb?

If Tyshawn had seen his killer and paused to make sense of what was about to happen to him before his execution, it would not have been for very long. The bullet lacerated his optic nerve.

Shot at 4:15 p.m, Tyshawn was pronounced dead at 4:39 p.m on Nov. 2.

The Rev. Michael Pfleger, the activist priest who assisted at Tyshawn's funeral, is dealing as best he can.

"Since I stood out on Damen Avenue the night Tyshawn was executed, my heart has been broken . . . and I have not slept well, I go between tears and screaming, because I am full of pain and anger. . . . I wake up at three and four in morning . . . break down crying. . . . I keep waking up and seeing the faces of these children and remember all the other children I've seen in caskets.

"It's just evil and the babies in caskets are getting smaller and smaller.

"I'm tired of seeing our babies, our future, in caskets. Last Saturday I went to the visitation of Kaylyn Pryor, the 20-year-old model who was fatally shot as she visited her grandparents' home on the South Side.

"On Tuesday, I buried J'Quantae Riles, the 14-year-old who had just returned to Chicago from Virginia where he had moved with his mother, who wanted to get him away from all the violence. They were here only nine days when he was killed coming home from a barbershop.

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A Madigan memo . . .

So what does powerful House Speaker Mike Madigan think of Gov. Bruce Rauner's decision to block new Syrian refugees from Illinois?

"The speaker is out of town at the funeral of his father-in-law," said Madigan spokesman Steve Brown. "But I think it is safe to say most people understand the governor has no power or authority over who crosses the border — especially if people keep leaving Illinois!"

Sneedlings . . .

The legendary Arny Granat (President of JAM Productions for the past 30 years) and Irene Michaels (local model and actress) are getting married this Sunday at Oak Park Country Club. Over 500 people invited. Lots of celebs. Congrats. Today's birthdays: Joe Biden, 73; Carlos Boozer, 34 and Beth Heller, ageless and priceless.

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Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 9:08 AM
To: Spielfogel, David
Subject: Re: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo

Not a bad idea at all.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Spielfogel, David
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 8:38 AM
To: Ewing, Clothilde
Subject: Fw: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo

From: Patton, Stephen
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 8:34 AM
To: Mitchell, Eileen; Spielfogel, David; Rountree, Janey; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: FW: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo

FYI. Graham is a leading African American lawyer in town and a friend.

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Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 8:28 AM
To: Patton, Stephen
Subject: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo

Steve,

I love Chicago and I'm concerned that the city may erupt when and if the video gets out. What if the Mayor and some community leaders such as Fr. Pfleger lead a peaceful demonstration with 100+ African-American youth wearing red mortar boards to symbolize education as the solution while also invoking the image of Laquan McDonald in a positive manner. See images below. You can get red mortar board caps for \$10 bucks a piece. I'll pay for 100 of them.

Please let me know if I may be of assistance in helping in any way.
Graham Grady

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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I will call everyone.

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I already asked him.

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Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 10:14 AM
To: Stepien, Michael C. (Chicago)
Cc: Ritter, Amber; Rocks, Patrick J. (Chicago); Notz, Jane; Franklin, Liza; Platt, Thomas
Subject: RE: please acknowledge receipt foia

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Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 10:05 AM
To: Peters, Lynda
Cc: Ritter, Amber; Rocks, Patrick J. (Chicago)
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Hi Lynda,

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Thanks,
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Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 8:47 PM
To: Rocks, Patrick J. (Chicago); Stepien, Michael C. (Chicago)
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FYI

Lynda Peters
City Prosecutor

From: Mosbach, Carleen R. <Carleen.R.Mosbach@abc.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 7:48 PM
To: LAWFOIA
Cc: McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: please acknowledge receipt foia

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting any and all video regarding the Oct 20, 2014 death of 17 YR Laquan McDonald who was shot and killed by a Chicago police officer near 41st and Pulaski Road in Chicago. I am also requesting any video that was recovered as evidence in the case. This includes...but not limited to .. squad car(s) dashboard camera video with or without audio, any video from the street cameras, POD cameras, cameras from private businesses or passersby, etc. Please notify me as soon as it is available. Carleen Mosbach at abc7news 312-750-7381. Thank you.



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Still 2 to 4 inches downtown and 4 to 8 in northwest Cook. It's just going to be a heavy, sloppy snow. Suburbs will get hit harder.

> On Nov 20, 2015, at 10:06 AM, REMOC <REMOC@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

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> How much snow then. Since Joe deal is calm

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>> Yes. All snow coverage, and I expect that to carry through since it has been upgraded to a storm warning.

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MRE RELEASES STATEMENT ON JUDGE RULING TO RELEASE LAQUAN MCDONALD VIDEO

[WGN News at 9PM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video](#)

ANCHOR: Now the latest on a developing story. The court has spoken and the city has given up the fight. The police dashcam videotape showing the shooting of a Laquan McDonald will be seen by the public and soon. The tape has been the subject of a tug of war between lawyers and the city WGN's Julie Unruh is live at police headquarters at 35th and Michigan with the story. Julie?

UNRUH: People close to the case suspect that the videotape is being released because federal prosecutors are inching closer to indicting the man who shot the fired the shots.

[Fox Chicago News at 9:30PM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video](#)

ANCHOR: The graphic video of a police officer shooting and killing a 17-year-old boy will be released to the public. A judge ordered the video be made public after a court hearing today, and initially the city planned to fight the decision but has now done an about face and has dropped plans to appeal. Our Craig Wall is live at Chicago Police Headquarters where police are now planning for the public's reaction to the video. Craig?

WALL: Yeah, dawn. Chicago police have standard plans in place for heading all kinds of major events, and now they are gearing up for the inevitable protests and march and possible violence that could come with the release of this video, the deadline next Wednesday. But the big question now is exactly when will the city release it.

CBS2 News at 10PM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: Tonight, the city has agreed to release a video depicting a police officer fatally shooting a teenager 16 times. Tonight's Superintendent Garry McCarthy doesn't understand why. CBS 2's Dana Kozlov is live in the newsroom. And Dana, does this signal possible charges against the officer?

KOZLOV: Well, the attorney for the dead teenager's family believes it does, rob, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel believes releasing the video will help prosecutors wrap their investigation. But not everyone is happy with the about face.

MCCARTHY: We have to let it play out.

NBC5 News at 10PM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video

**B-Roll of MRE speaking with a reporter outside of Shakespeare 400 event.*

ANCHOR: A major development in a story NBC 5 has pursued for months. Tonight, City Hall says it will comply with the judge's order and release the dashcam video in the police shooting of a teenager named Laquan McDonald.

CALLOWAY: This is about justice, it's about transparency.

MARIN: But transparency doesn't come until a year after 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was shot and killed. That happened on the night of October 20th, 2014, a teen with a knife, five police squads, one officer firing 16 times, many of the shots to his back.

ABC7 News at 10PM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: The video of a police officer shooting a teenager 16 times could be made public anytime now. The City of Chicago said will not appeal a judge's order to release the individual. Eric Horng has the story and live from police headquarters where superintendent Garry McCarthy commented tonight, Eric.

HORNG: City officials have till next Wednesday, the day before thanksgiving to release the video. Multiple sources say the images are alarming. They could spark on rest, there is a concern. Things got heated at tonight's police board meeting. The crowd calling for the firing of various officers involved in the shooting including the one seen killed Laquan McDonald.

CBS2 News at 5AM: Judge orders release of Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: Developing this morning, the city will release dash cam video showing a Chicago police officer shooting and killing a 17-year-old boy. The question now is, when? CBS 2's Jeremy Ross is live at Chicago police headquarters with what the people involved are saying about the judge's decision. Good morning, Jeremy.

ROSS: Some believe this will provide additional transparency for the Chicago police department. Still others are concerned that this could be a flash point igniting potential civil unrest. Want to take you back to this scene. A police tape, squad cars, in particular a judge ordering the dash cam video be released bid thanksgiving. Penned in October of last year in the area of 41st. The video allegedly shows 17- year-old McDonald shot 16 times.

Fox Chicago News at 5AM: Judge orders release of Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: Chicago police are now gearing up for the protests and marches that are expected to come after a graphic police video is released to the public. Yesterday a judge ordered an officer to release the police dashcam video showing the officer shooting and killing 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. The shooting happened a year ago on the southwest side. The mayor said the city will not appeal the ruling and will release the video by next Wednesday. The deadline set by the judge. Police initially claim McDonald lunged at an officer with a knife. McDonald was shot 16 times while walking away from officers. The family settled a civil claim earlier this year for \$5 million.

CBS2 News at 5:30AM: Judge orders release of Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: 5:33 is the time. And the after months of fighting not to release the video of a Chicago police officer shooting a teen, the city says now it will comply with the judge's order to make that video public. Cbs 2's Jeremy Ross is live as the city's top cop says he does not understand this decision, Jeremy.

ROSS: Good morning, Lionel. Police superintendent Garry McCarthy telling us he believes this video is evidence. Evidence that could be used in a criminal prosecution of the officer involved. Typically, you would not see this video before a charging decision is made, but clearly this case is very atypical of other ones out there. I want to take you back to the scene where all this is generated. A judge ordering the police dash cam video of this crime scene be released by thanksgiving. It happened in October of last year, in the area of 41st.

WGN News at 5:30AM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: Chicago police will release dashcam video showing one of its officers shooting an unarmed black teen 16 times. Wgn's Judy Wang is in the newsroom with reaction to the judge's decision.

WANG: People who have seen it to describe it as graphic, disturbing and difficult to watch. Members of the city council black caucus and black clergy joining the chorus of those who believe the public needs to see the video. Or when, the only thing Emanuel administration spokesperson will say is that the city will meet the judge's deadline which is Wednesday.

NBC5 News at 6AM: Judge orders release of Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: The city of Chicago says it will not fight a judge's order to release dash cam video from the deadly police shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. That happened last year and an officer fired 16 times and many shots hit the boy in the back. Chicago police say the teen had a knife and the officer's life was in danger. Attorneys for the family say that the video proves otherwise.

ROBBINS: What I think is important is that the city be told -- the community be told the truth about what happened. It's very important.

ANCHOR: Police refused to release the video citing an ongoing federal investigation. But after that judge's ruling yesterday, the city now says it will be out by next Wednesday.

WGN News at 6:30AM: Judge orders release of Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: A controversial police video that shows an unarmed black teen being shot 16 times by Chicago police will be released to the public. The police dashcam video of the shooting of Laquan McDonald was recorded last year. And yesterday, a judge ordered that it be released no later than November 25th. The officer who pulled the trigger is on desk duty pending the outcome of an investigation. The family has already accepted a 5 million dollar settlement from the city. Coming up in the seven o'clock hour, we'll get reaction to the judge's ruling from one of the family's attorneys.

Fox Chicago News at 6:30AM: Judge orders release of Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: We are waiting for dash-cam video to be released showing a black teenager being gunned down by police. A judge ruled yesterday that the video must be made public. Lisa Chavarria live in Chicago police headquarters. What is the latest?

CHAVARRIA: Well, Chicago police are preparing, of course, for the potential protests and marches that are certainly expected once this video is scene by the general public. A judge ordered the city to release the dash-cam video showing the police shooting Laquan McDonald. It happened last October on the southwest side. Mayor Rahm Emanuel says the city will release the video by next Wednesday. The community activists are happy that the judge is forcing the city to release the video.

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST: This is about justice and transparency. We came together to do this to date. I hope this sets precedence, not just in Chicago, but across the nation.

[Judge orders video of fatal police shooting released; city forgoes appeal](#)

TRIBUNE // Jason Meisner and Jeremy Gerner // November 19, 2015

The fatal shooting of African-American teenager Laquan McDonald by a white Chicago police officer garnered scant attention when it happened in October 2014, even though it occurred in the midst of a national outcry over the questionable killings of minority suspects.

It wasn't until the city's unusual decision in April to approve a \$5 million settlement for McDonald's family that details began to surface of a disturbing video that allegedly shows the officer firing 16 rounds into McDonald's body, many as he lay prone on the ground.

Now, as a federal criminal probe of the incident continues, the final, violent moments of McDonald's life are poised to finally be broadcast around the world

CITY PREPARES FOR SNOW THIS WEEKEND

[Fox Chicago News at 9PM: City prepares for snow this weekend](#)

ANCHOR: Not as much snow expected for downtown Chicago but city officials say they'll be ready for it any way. The Streets and Sanitation Commissioner says more than 200 plows will be on the streets, and the timing of the storm couldn't be much better.

WILLIAMS: It's a fortunate part of it. It's a Saturday, so we will have that benefit of it in our favor. It will not impact commuting. We anticipate clearing the storm very quickly. Again, safely and efficiently.

ANCHOR: And the commissioner says Chicago has a stockpile of 330,000 tons of salt, more than enough to make it through the winter.

[NBC5 News at 10PM: City prepares for snow this weekend](#)

ANCHOR: More on storm preparations tonight from the city to the suburbs, people are getting ready. NBC 5's Trina Orlando is live in west town for us tonight.

ORLANDO: We are one of the cities many salt piles behind me, quiet here this evening. But that will certainly be changing by this time tomorrow. Get ready, Chicago, seems like it's on the one.

CHICAGOAN: It will suck, honest opinion.

CHICAGOAN: I'm excited about it.

ORLANDO: The city is getting ready. The city has 330,000 tons of salt ready to be distributed when the snow begins to fall. Main roads will get plowed first

WILLIAMS: If you don't keep your arterial streets open, nothing gets through. Your emergency vehicles can't get through, buses can't get through.

[ABC7 News at 10PM: City prepares for snow this weekend](#)

ANCHOR: City and state snowplows are ready to hit the streets. IDOT asking drivers to give plow operators plenty of room to do their jobs. The city's Streets and Sanitation Department has more than 200 vehicles ready to deal with the snow. We have a whole winter's worth of salt stockpiled.

[CBS2 News at 5AM: City prepares for snow this weekend](#)

ANCHOR: If you haven't already, it's time to get out the scarves, hats, and the winter boots.

Don't forget to find your scrapers and shovels and rev up the snow blowers. The first real snowfall of the season is on its way. CBS 2's Susanna Song is live at a salt pile with a look at how the city is preparing to deal with our first winter storm.

SONG: Good morning Lionel. We are, indeed, in front of the big salt pile. Take look. This means one thing, as you've heard, snow is on the way. When it gets here tonight, streets and san will have nearly 300 plows and trucks out clearing the roads and spreading salt for your safety. City officials say they are ready to handle the first snowfall of the year and make the roads safe.

[ABC7 News at 6AM: City prepares for snow this weekend](#)

ANCHOR: I want to talk about some of the snowfall that Tracy is talking about and how the city is going to prepare for it and we did have an opportunity to talk to Chicago streets and san, and ask them how they are getting things ready. They have told us not only will they have their usual 280 plows out there removing snow, but they have actually added 20 new snowplows for the winter this year, which is great news, especially with the approaching snowfall, and it got over 300,000 tons of salt at 19 different salt piles across the city so I think they are well prepared for what's to come.

[Fox Chicago News at 6AM: City prepares for snow this weekend](#)

ANCHOR: Downtown Chicago not expected to get as much snow as the suburbs. City officials will be ready for whatever comes their way. The Streets and Sans Commissioner says more than 200 plows will be out on the streets.

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ANCHOR: The commissioner says, Chicago has a stockpile of 330,000 tons of salt. More than enough to make it through the winter. We will help you get through the winter storm and all of the storms that come up with the fox weather app. Download it now to be ready for the snow.

[NBC5 News at 6AM: City prepares for snow this weekend](#)

ANCHOR: Right now at 6:04, across the Chicagoland area, snowplows are on stand-by. Crews preparing for the first snowstorm of the season and it could be a big one. Nbc 5's Lauren petty is joining us live along Michigan Avenue. We have a big parade there this weekend. Lauren, are they ready?

PETTY: That's right, they're getting ready for the mag mile lights festival and the christkindlmarket opens today. Another tradition, snow prep, because the flakes are about to fly. Are Chicagoans ready?

CHICAGOAN: I'm ready. Thanksgiving is around the corner.

OTHER MRE NEWS

[Emanuel wants 5-year extension of construction set-aside program](#)

SUN TIMES // Fran Spielman // November 19, 2015

Ten years after Chicago's construction set-aside program was overhauled to satisfy the demands of a federal judge, Mayor Rahm Emanuel wants to extend the set-asides until December 2020. After surviving Chicago's first-ever mayoral runoff with 57.3 percent of the black vote and 39 percent among Hispanics and promising to be more sensitive to both groups in a second term, the last thing Emanuel wants to do is to eliminate a program that has given both groups a leg up on city contracts. The mayor quietly introduced an ordinance Wednesday to extend the program, which is set to end Dec. 31. The ordinance justifies extending the contract set-asides based on studies and consultations with Dartmouth College economics professor Dr. David Blanchflower; the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago; attorney Don O'Bannon; and the law firm of Pugh Jones & Johnson.

[What are the odds Emanuel wins pension case? Not so good](#)

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[New Apple Store could shift retail farther south on Michigan Ave.](#)

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The Chicago Plan Commission on Thursday got a courtesy look at a glitzy project with the potential to shift retail farther south on Michigan Avenue: a futuristic and translucent Apple Store overlooking the Chicago River that would be accessed by a glass box entrance on Pioneer Court. Apple has estimated that as many as 4,000 people each day will walk down a grand staircase at 401 N. Michigan Ave. — or take an elevator, if need be — to a 20,000-square-foot store adjacent to the riverwalk. The Plan Commission did not vote on the project, which

has the go-ahead from the city's Department of Planning and Development. But because it's a marquee location with potential to serve as a catalyst for development further south, city officials and downtown Ald. Brendan Reilly (42nd) thought it important to hold a public hearing. "I'm very pleased to be welcoming a new Apple flagship store to this section of Michigan Avenue. Clearly, Apple understands the value of location. . . . Apple has hit the bullseye again by choosing this prominent location along the Chicago River," Reilly said.

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[Morning Spin: 2 Illinois House Dems join in calling for tougher vetting of Syrian refugees](#)

TRIBUNE // TRIBUNE STAFF // November 20, 2015

It's Friday, Nov. 20, almost Thanksgiving week. But before sliding into the holiday, two Illinois Democrats joined a veto-proof House majority in Washington, D.C., on Thursday in passing a bill to require more stringent security checks on refugees from Iraq and Syria who want to enter the U.S. The measure, drawn up after the Paris terror attacks, passed 289-137. Joining all eight House Republicans from Illinois in supporting the bill were Democratic Reps. Dan Lipinski of Western Springs and Cheri Bustos of East Moline. The state's eight other House Democrats voted no. Altogether, the bill drew support from 47 Democrats. Passage came despite a White House threat to veto the measure, which is called the American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act.....*Mayor Rahm Emanuel is in China at a trade conference.

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COLUMNISTS AND EDITORIALS

[Trust in police demands a full accounting](#)

SUN TIMES // Editorial Board // November 19, 2015

Between now and Wednesday, the Chicago Police Department will release a video of an officer shooting a teenager 16 times, killing the young man. When or before the department releases that potentially incendiary video, as ordered Thursday by a Cook County judge, it should also provide a detailed explanation.....Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who left for China on Thursday night, also argued for delaying the video's release.....The buckshot: "If the video shows the cop repeatedly firing into Laquan McDonald's body, while five other officers

responding to the incident showing restraint, it might force Mayor Emanuel to change his mind about keeping Superintendent McCarthy," said a top city source. "Shockingly, the police officer who shot McDonald is still working at the CPD."...Sneedlings....The legendary Army Granat (President of JAM Productions for the past 30 years) and Irene Michaels(local model and actress) are getting married this Sunday at Oak Park Country Club. Over 500 people invited. Lots of celebs.

[Chicago children keep being murdered, and politicians keep moving on](#)

TRIBUNE // Editorial Board // November 19, 2015

Sunrise January 23, 2006. Sunset November 02, 2015. — Embroidered in red on the white interior of Tyshawn Lee's child casket "Tyshawn, you my friend. I am going to miss you. You will always be my friend. See you later. Hope you like your ball. Bye, friend." — Inscribed with a black marker on the basketball that former classmate Demetrius Alexander brought to St. Sabina Catholic Church the day of Tyshawn's funeral Chicago politicians are pretty much over Tyshawn Lee. No disrespect intended. But he's almost three weeks dead, the gunshot holes to his temples now sealed with mortician's wax and caressed smooth. He is attired for eternity in a double-breasted white tuxedo and red bow tie. White gloves, too. A red flower rests atop his stilled heart. It's not the roiling criminal saga of Tyshawn Lee's death that's over. Police detectives keep working this latest Chicago case to provoke awestruck news coverage nationwide.

[Chicago City Council ethics standards? Emanuel didn't care](#)

TRIBUNE // Kristen McQueary // November 19, 2015

Faisal Khan certainly did not go quietly, nor should he. Khan, hired to investigate alleged wrongdoings of the Chicago City Council, left this week in a huff when his term expired. The former inspector general turned over records of ongoing investigations to the FBI. He bad-mouthed aldermen publicly. And he called the system of ethics oversight "rigged from day one." Set aside whatever animosity Khan generated for himself. The truth is that aldermen and Mayor Rahm Emanuel consistently bullied Khan like a band of fraternity brothers. They relished watching him flail around. They dropped dimes on him to reporters. Emanuel's floor leader called him an "idiot." Emanuel at one point dismissed Khan entirely, saying he had neither the time nor interest in reading reports from Khan's office. That set the tone that it was OK for aldermen to discredit Khan and his work, and to perpetuate a system that feigned oversight but never had it.

[Video of police shooting gets political rollout in Chicago](#)

TRIBUNE // John Kass // November 20, 2015

The Chicago cop who shot teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times as he lay on the ground should stop what he's doing and look up in the sky. He'll see that federal hammer falling down upon him. Mayor Rahm Emanuel signaled as much in his abrupt about-face Thursday over the dash-cam video, the one an attorney for the city has acknowledged shows Officer Jason Van Dyke emptying his gun into the 17-year old. Chicago politics is often described as brutal, greedy and corrupt. But Chicago politics is not stupid. And Mayor Emanuel is not a stupid man. Here's how this will work: The mayor would serve up Officer Van Dyke, and even police Superintendent Garry McCarthy if he had to, to stop Chicago from erupting. Rahm doesn't want this heater case in his lap, burning him. He wants it gone. That's my takeaway from Thursday's surprise move by the mayor over the video.

BUSINESS

[Tyson Foods to close Chicago plant, lay off 480 workers](#)

TRIBUNE // Greg Trotter // November 19, 2015

Tyson Foods announced Thursday that it will close one of its Chicago plants next year as it consolidates production at other facilities. The shutdown of the facility at 4201 S. Ashland Ave., which will occur before Oct. 1, 2016, will mean the loss of 480 jobs. The company also plans to close a pepperoni plant in Jefferson, Wis. The age of both facilities and the anticipated cost to renovate them was a factor in the decision, as was the distance of the Chicago plant from supplier facilities. The Ashland Avenue plant makes prepared meals for the hospitality industry, among other clients, said Worth Sparkman, Tyson Foods spokesman. Items like tempura chicken, meatballs, crepes, omelets, soups, sauces and chicken cordon bleu are made there.

[Chicago Plan Commission approves tower that would be city's 3rd tallest](#)

TRIBUNE // Blair Kamin // November 19, 2015

Plans for a \$1 billion hotel and condominium tower that would be Chicago's third tallest skyscraper easily won approval Thursday from the Chicago Plan Commission.

At 1,186 feet, about 40 feet higher than previously announced, the glass-sheathed Wanda Vista Tower, designed by noted Chicago architect Jeanne Gang, would supplant the 1,136-foot Aon Center as the city's No. 3 tower by height. It would rank behind only the 1,451-foot Willis Tower and the 1,389-foot Trump International Hotel & Tower. "This is going to be an iconic tower in the heart of downtown Chicago," said Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, before the vote, which amended an agreement governing development in the Lakeshore East area near the Aon Center. The previous height ceiling for the vacant lot on which Wanda Vista would rise was 640 feet. The amendment allows a tower of up to 1,200 feet.

CHICAGO

[City, FAA underestimated impact of O'Hare expansion, study claims](#)

TRIBUNE // Jon Hilkevitch // November 19, 2015

More than 45,000 people will be adversely affected by jet noise if the runway expansion project at O'Hare International Airport is completed, according to a new analysis released Thursday that said Chicago and the Federal Aviation Administration severely understated how many residents would be significantly disturbed. The study also said that the number of nighttime flights will be almost double what the FAA estimated in assessing the environmental impact of the \$10 billion O'Hare overhaul. Aviation consultants and former FAA air traffic controllers at O'Hare who were hired by the Suburban O'Hare Commission to conduct the research are scheduled to present their findings Friday at a meeting with Chicago Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans, officials said. The commission's team of experts will ask city officials to implement up to 20 strategies to mitigate noise and disperse it over wider areas.

[Top-ticketing speed cameras not where most kids have been hit, Tribune finds](#)

TRIBUNE // David Kidwell and Abraham Epton // November 20, 2015

The 15 speed cameras generating the most fines in Mayor Rahm Emanuel's "Children's Safety Zone" program are located along well-traveled stretches of major Chicago roads where records show no children have been hit by speeders for more than a decade. A Tribune examination of crash data since 2004 shows many children have been injured by vehicles throughout Chicago — more than 11,000 — but speeding is rarely cited as a cause, according to Chicago Police Department reports. Those accidents typically happen on smaller streets,

such as in the city's neighborhoods where balls are kicked into streets, where parents are backing from driveways and where there are no speed cameras standing watch.

'Professor Fraud' named city Board of Election Commissioner

SUN TIMES // Tina Sfondeles // November 19, 2015

Bill Kresse is a self-described “endangered species” — a Republican college professor and union member who lives in Beverly. And on Friday he’ll be sworn in by Chief Cook County Judge Timothy Evans as a Chicago Board of Elections Commissioner. The man whose expertise on combating various swindles earned him the nickname “Professor Fraud” was chosen out of eight qualified applicants. On Thursday evening, he rushed over to his mother’s home to get the family Bible for his swearing in. His mother died nearly two weeks ago. “This is kind of a bittersweet week for me. I got this appointment but my mother passed. When something like this happens the first person you want to call is your mother. But I’m sure she’s looking down and smiling,” Kresse, 57, said. Kresse will fill the Republican seat on the three-member board that became vacant with the death of Commissioner Richard A. Cowen. Evans is also starting another application process to fill the seat held by Election Board Chairman Langdon Neal, who announced he’d resign on Dec. 31.

FULL ARTICLES

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One of the five justices is Lloyd Karmeier, who wrote the unanimous May 8 opinion that struck down the state's pension law. He seemingly would be a tough vote for the city to win.

That means the administration has to persuade all four remaining justices to its side.

COUNTING QUESTIONS

Studies show that the lawyer who receives the most questions during oral arguments tends to lose, even without considering the substance of the questions.

That's an ominous sign for the Emanuel administration, because during the Nov. 18 argument the justices put 17 questions to Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton, compared with two for lawyers representing city workers and retirees, according to Kirk Jenkins, a Chicago-based appellate lawyer who tracks the court.

“That would suggest the city is looking at some pretty long odds,” said Jenkins, a partner in law firm Sedgwick. “When you are—this isn't really a word—outquestioned by that large a margin, the winning percentage drops substantially.”

Putting aside the lopsided margin, the party that simply received the most questions won just 27 percent of all split decisions between 2008 and 2014, according to a study by Jenkins of civil cases in the state Supreme Court.

Interpreting the justices' questions to determine how they might vote can be unreliable, Jenkins notes. Even so, the questions of Justices Robert Thomas and Mary Jane Theis "suggested a fair amount of skepticism about the city's position," Jenkins said. "They didn't see this as a dramatically different issue than 'In re Pension Reform Litigation,'" the court's landmark decision in May.

Karmeier and Justice Thomas Kilbride did not pose any questions during the argument. Chief Justice Rita Garman asked one question of each side.

A spokesman for the city's Law Department said, "We cannot speculate on how individual judges or the court will rule."

BURKE'S DILEMMA

The Emanuel administration appealed after Circuit Judge Rita Novak ruled against the city July 24. Freeman recused himself Aug. 13, when without explanation he did not participate in court orders scheduling the case for argument. A court spokesman told Crain's that Freeman declined to participate because he is the surviving spouse of a city worker and receives an annuity from the Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago, one of the retirement plans involved in the case.

Freeman wrote the 2014 opinion last year that barred changes to the retirement health care benefits of state workers. That might mean he would have been a hard vote for the city to win. Burke was the sole dissenter. Burke dropped out of the city pension case without explanation Sept. 15, when the court issued another routine order. Her recusal came three days after Crain's published a story raising questions about whether she also had a conflict of interest because her husband, Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, is covered by the same fund. Justice Burke declined to comment for that story.

A court spokeswoman now says Justice Burke informed her colleagues of her decision Sept. 2. That was nearly two weeks after Crain's started putting questions to the court spokesman about her potential conflict of interest in light of Freeman's decision not to participate.

[Morning Spin: 2 Illinois House Dems join in calling for tougher vetting of Syrian refugees](#)

TRIBUNE // TRIBUNE STAFF // November 20, 2015

Welcome to Clout Street: Morning Spin, our weekday feature to catch you up with what's going on in government and politics from Chicago to Springfield.

Topspin

It's Friday, Nov. 20, almost Thanksgiving week. But before sliding into the holiday, two Illinois Democrats joined a veto-proof House majority in Washington, D.C., on Thursday in passing a bill to require more stringent security checks on refugees from Iraq and Syria who want to enter the U.S.

The measure, drawn up after the Paris terror attacks, passed 289-137.

Joining all eight House Republicans from Illinois in supporting the bill were Democratic Reps. Dan Lipinski of Western Springs and Cheri Bustos of East Moline.

The state's eight other House Democrats voted no. Altogether, the bill drew support from 47 Democrats. Passage came despite a White House threat to veto the measure, which is called the American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act.

Refugees already are vetted. The measure requires the FBI director to certify that each "covered alien" has undergone a background check sufficient to determine whether he or she is a threat to the U.S.

"Covered alien" means an Iraqi or Syrian national or anyone who has lived in one of those countries any time since March 2011.

One supporter, Republican Rep. Peter Roskam of Wheaton, said after the vote that the Paris attacks were "a wake-up call."

"In the days since, (the Islamic State) has declared its intention to carry out terrorist attacks on Washington, D.C., and New York City," Roskam said. "This bill is simple: Pause the refugee resettlement program until the administration can verify with 100 percent certainty that we know who exactly is entering our country and what their intentions are."

Lipinski explained his vote by saying the U.S. needs to be sure who's coming in. "While most of those seeking asylum in the United States are well-meaning families, children and women fleeing the horrific war and terrorism in Syria, Iraq and the surrounding countries, we need to have the highest level of certainty that no threats to the U.S. from (the Islamic State) or other groups enter under the cover of refugee status," he said. Lipinski noted that the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, intelligence agencies and others already use a long vetting process for refugees. "But I think it will help strengthen our security to require extra steps to be taken to assure the concurrence of all intelligence and security agencies before allowing any Syrian or Iraqi refugee entrance into our country," he said.

The Senate will take up the issue after the Thanksgiving recess.

How to deal with Syrian refugees has become a hot button issue in Illinois since the Paris attacks. Gov. Bruce Rauner announced the state would temporarily stop accepting refugees from Syria because of security concerns. The Chicago City Council responded by calling on the state to continue accepting the refugees, with Mayor Rahm Emanuel likening the decision to not allow refugees in to northern states refusing to give safe haven to runaway slaves before the Civil War.

The Rauner administration has in recent days refused to say whether it has cut off resettlement services for Syrian refugees, as other states have. (Katherine Skiba)

What's on tap

*Mayor Rahm Emanuel is in China at a trade conference.

*Gov. Bruce Rauner has no public schedule.

From the notebook

*Park District to hike program fees: The Chicago Park District on Thursday unveiled a proposed 2016 budget that raises fees on many programs.

The \$458 million budget proposal includes fee hikes that average 2 percent per program for things like swim lessons, gymnastics and day camps at parks across the city, according to a Park District news release.

The fee hikes will help raise about \$9.5 million in increases to the budget compared with this year's spending plan. The 2016 proposal contains no property tax increase.

The sword hanging over the Park District's finances is the lawsuit filed last month by the Service Employees International Union Local 73, which represents about 5,500 district employees.

The union is challenging a 2014 deal worked out by Mayor Rahm Emanuel that reduces Park District workers' annual cost-of-living increases, raises their retirement ages and lowers their disability benefits in an effort to improve the funding levels of their pension system.

The suit contends those changes all violate the state constitutional clause that public pension benefits "shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired."

Earlier this year, a Cook County judge cited that clause when overturning similar changes to pension benefits for city workers and laborers. Emanuel appealed the case to the Illinois Supreme Court, where earlier this week justices appeared skeptical of the city corporation counsels arguments in favor of keeping the agreement in place.

The Park District could actually face reduced 2016 costs of around \$20 million if the court completely overturns the deal, though long-term pension payments would be much higher.

The budget will be presented to the Park District Board at a public hearing Dec. 2. The board will vote on the spending package at its Dec. 9 meeting. (John Byrne)

*Fitch hits Preckwinkle budget: A major New York bond rating agency issued a warning Thursday that Cook County Board Toni Preckwinkle's plan to dramatically increase taxpayer contributions to the county's public worker pension plan could face a legal challenge.

Preckwinkle's 2016 budget, approved Wednesday, includes a far higher contribution to the pension system than required under Illinois law. So the county took the unusual step of entering an agreement with the pension fund to contribute more money.

Next year, the county plans to contribute \$270.5 million in additional money to the pension fund, using most of the proceeds from a penny-on-the-dollar sales tax Preckwinkle convinced a bare majority of commissioners to approve in July.

Preckwinkle's plan "has the potential to advance the discussion on appropriate funding of public pensions in Illinois," Fitch Ratings said in a statement released Thursday. But "if legal challenges invalidate (the plan), the county will again become reliant upon state legislative action to improve pension funding."

Preckwinkle had sought state legislation to lower benefits and increase contributions while in exchange guaranteeing health benefits for retired workers. But that legislation has not been able to clear the necessary legislative hurdles.

In response to the Fitch statement, Preckwinkle's office issued its own: "We appreciate that Fitch Ratings recognizes our efforts to help address the solvency of the Cook County Pension Fund. ... We are making tough and responsible decisions to stabilize our fiscal structure and not kick the can down the road to future generations." (Hal Dardick)

*Rush to run again: House Democrat Bobby Rush plans Friday to announce he's running for a 13th term in Congress. The Chicago lawmaker will make it official at a 10:30 a.m. news conference at the Gary Comer Youth Center, 7200 S. Ingleside Ave.

The 68-year-old Democrat is declaring his candidacy for re-election as the deadline looms for potential challengers to file nomination petitions to run for his seat. A cancer survivor, Rush missed several House votes this year and last because of his wife's poor health and has been the subject of retirement rumors for some time.

In a statement Thursday, Rush said: "For over two decades, I have been honored and humbled to represent the great citizens of the First District and while we have accomplished a lot during this time, there yet remains much more to be done."

(Katherine Skiba)

*Sunday Spin: On the Sunday Spin, broadcast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on WGN AM-720, Tribune political reporter Rick Pearson speaks to state Rep. David McSweeney, R-Barrington Hills, about the Springfield stalemate. Also joining the show will be Pearson's daughter, Kate, a senior at the University of Missouri, about controversies at Mizzou. And from SEIU-Healthcare, Jaquie Algee, to discuss child care cuts and restorations and the politics behind it. (Rick Pearson)

What we're writing

*Judge orders release of video showing police officer fatally shooting 17-year-old

What we're reading

*The fancy people Taste of Chicago to again offer discounted tickets

*Winter!

Follow the money

*Latino Caucus to hold Field gala: The not-for-profit arm of the 11-member City Council Latino Caucus is holding a first-ever gala Friday evening to fund scholarships and other programs for Latino youth.

It's a \$1,000-a-ticket event from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the posh Stanley Hall venue at The Field Museum. A 10-seat "Diamante" package with "premier seating" at the City Council Latino Caucus Foundation event has a \$30,000 price tag, according to the invitation.

The goal is to raise \$500,000, said Ald. George Cardenas, 12th, the Latino Caucus chairman. So far, about 250 guests are signed up, he said.

Although the foundation was created three years ago, it has yet to file an annual report with the IRS, according to public records. Cardenas said that the foundation is just starting to raise money and will file the required paperwork for this year.

Although aldermen are asking folks to attend, Cardenas said there's no political pressure being applied.

"Everybody fundraises separately for their political campaigns," Cardenas said. "This is simply an effort by all in the council to do the right thing." (Hal Dardick)

*Track campaign contribution reports in real time with this Tribune Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/ILCampaignCash>

Beyond Chicago

*Presidential race, Republican side: Trump calls for surveillance of Muslim communities

*Presidential race, Democratic side: Hillary Clinton calls for empowering Iraqi forces, Syrian opposition to fight Islamic State

*Officials say suspected Paris attacks mastermind died in raid

[Top-ticketing speed cameras not where most kids have been hit, Tribune finds](#)

TRIBUNE // David Kidwell and Abraham Epton // November 20, 2015

The 15 speed cameras generating the most fines in Mayor Rahm Emanuel's "Children's Safety Zone" program are located along well-traveled stretches of major Chicago roads where records show no children have been hit by speeders for more than a decade.

A Tribune examination of crash data since 2004 shows many children have been injured by vehicles throughout Chicago — more than 11,000 — but speeding is rarely cited as a cause, according to Chicago Police Department reports.

Those accidents typically happen on smaller streets, such as in the city's neighborhoods where balls are kicked into streets, where parents are backing from driveways and where there are no speed cameras standing watch.

The analysis raises new questions about the motivations behind the 2-year-old speed camera program, which was sold to the public, state lawmakers and City Council as a measure to protect children walking near parks and schools. Critics have long suggested the measure was more about generating revenue for a cash-strapped city.

In a six-month investigation, the Tribune found City Hall has ignored its own rules for the cameras, issuing millions of dollars in bogus or questionable citations at times when cameras should be off, when warning signs were lacking and when schoolchildren were not at risk as required under state law. The examination of more than 2 million tickets also bolsters concerns — raised when Emanuel first pitched the program — about the extent of the problem he aimed to address.

"Nobody is cavalier about children being hit by cars, but there are relatively very few of those accidents, and even fewer where speeding is the reason," said Paul Jovanis, a Pennsylvania State University traffic expert who questioned how the city chose the camera locations. "It appears to me the mechanism they used to pick these sites is obviously wanting, and where they are placing these cameras has no relationship to where kids are being hit by speeding cars.

"If you are truly interested in protecting children, this is not the way to go about doing it."

The city's top transportation official said whether or not children are injured by speeders on any particular stretch of road, the cameras are already changing driver behavior by slowing them down in what her office has identified as areas of highest risk to children.

"We are not going to wait for a child to die to put a camera up," said Rebekah Scheinfeld, who oversees the program as commissioner of Chicago's Transportation Department. "Speeding is illegal, and it's illegal because

it causes serious injury and fatality in crashes. There's a reason we have speed limits. There's a reason we have laws, and it's not OK to speed — anywhere."

She said the city relies on an in-depth safety analysis when deciding where to locate its cameras. It includes speed studies, census data and an examination of police data on all types of crashes whether or not they involve speeding — from fender benders at the intersections down the block to major pileups on the entrance ramps of nearby expressways.

"Potential revenue is not a factor in our ranking," Scheinfeld said during a recent interview with the Tribune.

"It's not a factor in our camera siting process.

"When we started this program, there was a lot in the media that said this is going to be making, you know, huge (revenues)," she said. "I am not the one that's in charge of the dollars on it, but I know enough in terms of the magnitude of it, it's not where all the doomsday people were."

A review of the more than 2 million tickets issued since October 2013 shows the city has issued more than \$81 million in fines at the 146 cameras in operation at 61 safety zones through Sept. 1. More than a third of those fines — \$34 million — came from the 15 top-earning cameras.

Consider the city's most prolific camera, which is at 445 W. 127th Street in the West Pullman neighborhood on the Far South Side. Since the camera went live in the first days of the program, it has generated nearly 100,000 warnings and nearly \$4 million in fines. It was erected to protect children at the intersection of the four-lane highway and Major Taylor Bike Trail.

Police reports going back to 2004 show one child on a bicycle was hit and injured where the bike path meets 127th, the area protected by the camera. No cause was listed on the report.

There were 29 children on foot or bike injured by cars within a block of the 6-mile bike path, most on smaller, residential streets far from the camera but still in the safety zone as defined by the city. Speed was listed as a factor in only one of the accidents near the bike path, more than a mile north of the camera.

The third-highest-ranking camera for fines protects a Southeast Side bike path near the Indiana state line. The camera is at 10318 S. Indianapolis Ave., a six-lane thoroughfare. It is near the alleyway entrance to John "Beans" Beniac Greenway, a path that continues for blocks behind residential garages.

Records show no child has been hit by a car along that stretch of Indianapolis since 2004 but six children have been hit along smaller, residential streets farther into the greenway. Speeding was not listed as a factor in any of the crashes. The camera has issued 78,000 tickets and generated nearly \$3.2 million in fines.

The No. 2 highest-earning camera is in the middle of the 367-acre Washington Park, where it has issued more than 84,000 citations worth more than \$3.5 million in fines.

There have been 50 accidents where children were hit in the park safety zone in the last decade, but almost all of those were outside the park itself — typically on streets bordering the park. The camera is at 536 E. Morgan Drive, a four-lane road that bisects the park. None of the five children hit by cars in the park since 2004 was on that major thoroughfare, though several were hit on connecting roads. Speeding was not listed as a factor in the park accidents.

Another camera is on the outskirts of the park at 5330 S. Cottage Grove Ave., near where one child was injured by a speeding car in 2007.

But the absence of such accidents near camera locations is a scenario that repeats itself over and over again throughout the program.

"It looks to me like another solution looking for a problem," said Joseph Hummer, a traffic safety expert at Wayne State University in Michigan. "It's an example of what you should not do with such an intrusive countermeasure."

Supporters of automated traffic enforcement suggest it doesn't matter that few children are being hit by speeding cars at some camera locations. They say what matters more is that the speed cameras are slowing drivers down, and that makes streets safer for everyone — including children.

"The fact is more people are less likely to speed because of these types of population-wide deterrents," said Libby Thomas, a traffic safety researcher at the University of North Carolina's Highway Safety Research Center.

"And we know that lower speeds are directly related to safer streets. I don't know where people got this idea it is unfair to enforce a speed limit at any time or at any place."

"Politicians often rely on emotional appeals to get laws approved," she said, "but it is important to take a step back and look at the whole picture."

Since his first days in office, Emanuel has pushed to expand the city's embattled red-light camera program to include speed cameras. Both he and Scheinfeld have used inaccurate crash statistics to exaggerate the safety benefits of cameras in support of the controversial measures. Within months after he took office in 2011, state lawmakers agreed to allow cameras within one-eighth mile of the 1,500 parks and schools throughout Chicago.

But amid a series of Tribune reports that exposed corruption, the overblown safety claims, failed oversight and unfair enforcement in the city's decade-old red light camera program, Emanuel decided to downsize the program by limiting it to a maximum of 300 "Children's Safety Zones" near the parks and schools where the city says kids face the greatest risk.

Posted on the city's website is a spreadsheet Scheinfeld says was used by her office to rank each park and school zone based on crash statistics. The analysis used crash data from 2009 through 2012, and included all types of crashes — pedestrians, fender benders and speed-related crashes, as well as crashes that had nothing to do with speed.

Scheinfeld said the city weighted speed-related crashes more heavily than others in the rankings. In addition to speeding, the city also considered all "speed-related" crashes in which police listed the cause as "failing to reduce speed to avoid a crash," "exceeding safe speed for conditions" and reckless driving.

Experts interviewed said those categories include many accidents that often don't involve speeding.

The Tribune, however, decided to zero in on the problem Emanuel told lawmakers and City Council members he was trying to address: children hit by speeders near parks and schools.

In the 11-year period from Jan. 1, 2004, through Dec. 31, 2014, crash reports show 11,514 children on foot or bike were hit by motor vehicles in Chicago, including 108 in which police listed "exceeding the authorized speed limit" as a contributing cause. Using the city's broader definition of speed-related crashes, the number of children pedestrians hit by cars since 2004 was 1,090. For this report, children on foot or bike were considered pedestrians.

Looking only at the 61 parks and school zones that were equipped with cameras, 923 children were hit by cars, including 13 in which speeding was listed by police as a cause, and 85 under the city's definition of speed.

One of those accidents was fatal.

Six-year-old Breeanna Lord was in her neighborhood around 6 p.m. May 10, 2005, when a 25-year-old drunken driver with no valid license careened down the street and struck her and her 5-year-old sister while they crossed West Pryor Avenue several blocks away from Morgan Park High School — one of the 28 schools in Chicago now protected by speed cameras.

The driver was charged with reckless homicide, reckless driving, aggravated driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident. Breeanna died of multiple injuries, and her sister Leeanna suffered a broken leg, according to news reports at the time.

City officials said the absence of accidents involving children walking near the major roads where cameras are located does not mean there is no risk.

"We have focused cameras within zones where we believe there is great risk for speed-related crashes, especially those affecting youth," Scheinfeld said, adding that she believes drivers even in the interior neighborhoods away from the cameras are driving slower because of a "spillover effect."

"There's also the practical feasibility of where you are putting cameras," she said. "We are trying not to put cameras right in front of people's living rooms — flashing in their living rooms, for example, so you have different types of siting criteria that you are balancing."

She insisted the program's earning potential for a city in fiscal crisis is not part of that balancing.

"This is not motivated by revenue," she said.

The city last week issued a news release crediting the cameras with reducing crash rates in 21 of the safety zones that have had cameras since 2013. The city reported an 18 percent reduction in all injury crashes between 2012 and 2014, during a less-dramatic reduction in such crashes citywide.

Yet in 2014, speed-related injury crashes in all safety zones were higher than they've been since 2004, according to the Chicago police crash reports.

Experts interviewed cautioned against relying too heavily on police reports to assess whether crashes truly involve speed, even though they acknowledge there is no other measure available. They say police showing up after the fact are often unable to determine the cause.

Crash data show that in roughly half of all the pedestrian accidents in the city, police were either unable or unwilling to list any contributing cause.

Thomas, the speed expert from UNC, said she supports the appropriate use of speed camera technology to address safety concerns.

"Speed cameras can be political, but camera programs administered correctly — without the kind of corruption and mismanagement you found in the red light camera program — can be more objective than a human being stopping a car," she said.

Thomas agreed with Scheinfeld that the absence of accidents where cars are violating speed limits does not necessarily mean a speed camera is inappropriate.

"You have to consider the circumstances and the issues you are trying to address," she said. "Chicago is a very dense urban environment, and cars are not the only ones using it. Perhaps the reason there are no accidents along a particular stretch of road is that people are intimidated because of the speed at which cars are traveling.

"One goal of slowing them down is to address that intimidation."

Hummer, of Wayne State, took a more critical view.

"It seems to me like a very flimsy body of evidence for such an intrusive program that is taking a lot of money out of people's pockets," he said.

"Speed camera programs should be applied gingerly and as a last resort," Hummer said.

"If you've got a speeding problem on a specific stretch of roadway, what did you do first to address it?" he said. "There are literally dozens of effective methods to mitigate for speed, and that kind of a draconian enforcement program should be last on the list."

[Chicago City Council ethics standards? Emanuel didn't care](#)

TRIBUNE // Kristen McQueary // November 19, 2015

Faisal Khan certainly did not go quietly, nor should he.

Khan, hired to investigate alleged wrongdoings of the Chicago City Council, left this week in a huff when his term expired. The former inspector general turned over records of ongoing investigations to the FBI. He bad-mouthed aldermen publicly. And he called the system of ethics oversight "rigged from day one."

Set aside whatever animosity Khan generated for himself. The truth is that aldermen and Mayor Rahm Emanuel consistently bullied Khan like a band of fraternity brothers. They relished watching him flail around. They dropped dimes on him to reporters. Emanuel's floor leader called him an "idiot." Emanuel at one point dismissed Khan entirely, saying he had neither the time nor interest in reading reports from Khan's office. That set the tone that it was OK for aldermen to discredit Khan and his work, and to perpetuate a system that feigned oversight but never had it.

This saga was not about Khan. This was about aldermen demanding special treatment for themselves and their staffs. Every other city employee, elected official, appointee, contractor and business falls under the jurisdiction of the more powerful and better-resourced city inspector general, Joe Ferguson. But not the City Council. Go figure.

Instead, aldermen and their staffs for the last four years had Khan, who tried to police corruption but didn't have the tools to be effective. Aldermen gave Khan a plastic knife for a gunfight. And laughed about it. In his first year on the job, Khan reviewed complaints directed at aldermen and their staffs that included abuse of authority, conduct unbecoming, conflict of interest, deceptive practices, harassment, fraudulent record-keeping, negligence of fiduciary duty, prohibited political activity, residency and witness tampering. All serious charges.

The aldermen would like us to think complaints were politically motivated or trumped up. That's the excuse they continue to give. That's why they couldn't possibly, possibly, be subjected to more oversight. Everyone is out to get them.

Nonsense. The citizens of Chicago who registered complaints with Khan's office could not do so anonymously, under the rules. So people stuck their necks out. And I hate to break it to you, aldermen, but you're not that important. You don't deserve special protection from complaints that the rest of city workers, and other elected officials including the mayor, don't get.

Aldermen Michele Smith, 43rd, and Ameya Pawar, 47th, introduced another ordinance Wednesday to empower the City Council's watchdog and increase oversight of aldermen. The ordinance would give the council's inspector general the same powers as Ferguson. But there's little reason to think the council will do anything other than stall. It took them 18 months to hire Khan back in 2011.

Not all of the complaints Khan received were founded, of course. But they represented the views of citizens who believed they experienced or saw wrongdoing. Citizen complaints should never be universally brushed aside.

Yet that's exactly what Emanuel allowed to happen. He didn't get involved in the standoff. He didn't call out the tantrum-throwers. He didn't lean on his staunch ally, rules committee Chairman Michelle Harris, to at least hold a hearing on proposals that have been sitting in her committee to strengthen City Council oversight.

Harris is now running for Cook County Circuit Court clerk. Now that it serves her political purposes to appear concerned about ethics, some believe she'll finally move on the issue. But don't forget she sat on it for years. Emanuel, too, stayed firmly and decisively on the sidelines — ignoring four years of repeated calls to give Joe Ferguson the power to investigate aldermen and their staffs. In doing so, Emanuel created a two-tiered system for his own city employees, some of whom fall under the jurisdiction of Ferguson and others who work for aldermen and aren't subject to the same scrutiny.

Emanuel likes to pivot from the issue and said again this week that it's "up to the council" to determine how to proceed.

It shouldn't be. The council has proven itself feckless. Emanuel should have taken a lead role. He can't tout how he raised ethics standards throughout city government when he didn't use his bully pulpit to press for change on the council itself.

[Video of police shooting gets political rollout in Chicago](#)

TRIBUNE // John Kass // November 20, 2015

The Chicago cop who shot teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times as he lay on the ground should stop what he's doing and look up in the sky.

He'll see that federal hammer falling down upon him.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel signaled as much in his abrupt about-face Thursday over the dash-cam video, the one an attorney for the city has acknowledged shows Officer Jason Van Dyke emptying his gun into the 17-year old.

Chicago politics is often described as brutal, greedy and corrupt. But Chicago politics is not stupid. And Mayor Emanuel is not a stupid man.

Here's how this will work: The mayor would serve up Officer Van Dyke, and even police Superintendent Garry McCarthy if he had to, to stop Chicago from erupting. Rahm doesn't want this heater case in his lap, burning him. He wants it gone.

That's my takeaway from Thursday's surprise move by the mayor over the video.

For months now, through his election campaign, Emanuel has fought the public release of the dashboard camera video of the McDonald shooting. The city in April settled the case quickly for \$5 million. Just the other day, Emanuel said the video should not be released, pending a federal and state investigation.

McDonald was high on PCP and armed with a small knife. The union representing police said that on Oct. 20, 2014, he lunged at an officer who feared for his life.

But I'm told the video shows otherwise. I'm also told the video is as shocking as anything you'll ever see, the cop pulling the trigger again and again, 16 times in all, McDonald's arms and legs and body jerking with each penetrating round.

An eyewitness to the shooting — one who has already testified before a federal grand jury — described it for me in a recent column.

"I was there, I saw it," said the man. "He (McDonald) wasn't attacking anybody. He was looking for a way out. He was just trying to turn away. The kid turned away, was dropped at the first shot or two, and the police kept shooting and shooting. You could see his body moving.

"It freaked me out. It freaked my son out."

Most of the day Thursday, in the tiny, cramped courtroom of Cook County Associate Judge Franklin Valderrama, lawyers for the Chicago Police Department fought the release of the video.

Valderrama ruled in favor of petitioner and independent journalist Brandon Smith, saying that the police violated state Freedom of Information laws in withholding the dash-cam video.

City lawyers said they'd keep fighting. But then, just a couple of hours later, Emanuel reversed course and said he'd release the whole thing to the public.

Emanuel said the officer violated the public's trust "at every level" and that the evidence was sent to state and federal investigators.

"In accordance with the judge's ruling, the city will release the video by November 25, which we hope will provide prosecutors time to expeditiously bring their investigation to a conclusion so Chicago can begin to heal," Emanuel said in the statement.

Since I wrote the column last week about the video that could rip the city apart, I've heard from angry cops, and from activists thrilled at the prospect of the video going viral.

But this is not a game. Street theater can turn ugly. People may be hurt and property destroyed.

Yes, the video belongs to the public. And the public has the right to see what happens in their city. But the video isn't the whole story.

It might not show you the officers who did their job that night, following McDonald patiently on foot, calling for Tasers, being professional.

It will show you, I'm told, that white cop with the gun pumping rounds into that young black man, and if you understand Chicago and its long history of violence you've got to be thinking:

If it is released, let it be in winter, with 2 feet of snow on the ground, not on some muggy afternoon in late June.

It's clear to me now that Emanuel has decided to play this out in acts, to dull the impact of the video. But this play needs one more act: A federal indictment.

Do I have inside knowledge of grand jury proceedings? No. It's just a hunch, but I've been around for a while. I'm talking political reality here, the reality of Chicago, the politics that swims just under the surface.

Somebody's going down. And it won't be the mayor of Chicago.

If there is an indictment before Nov. 25, defense lawyers could argue against the video being released so as not to prejudice the federal jury pool.

Will the city be torn apart then? Not if the people believe justice is being done.

That's why this exercise is so important, this series of acts that can be expected to include a grand jury announcement, the prosecutors at their news conference, and the ritual of the perp walks. It's all ice for a burn.

Outside Valderrama's courtroom on Thursday, Smith talked about his fight to have the video released.

"Videos speak a lot louder than descriptions of videos, you know," Smith said. "And it's been over a year since the incident. If there's such a clear record of what happened, it doesn't make sense to investigate it so long and doubt what happened."

We'll know more when we see the video. I'm sure you'll see it, too. The world will see it.

And what will Van Dyke see? He's got to be seeing that federal hammer coming down.

Chicago children keep being murdered, and politicians keep moving on

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Sunrise January 23, 2006. Sunset November 02, 2015."

— *Embroidered in red on the white interior of Tyshawn Lee's child casket*

"Tyshawn, you my friend. I am going to miss you. You will always be my friend. See you later. Hope you like your ball. Bye, friend."

— *Inscribed with a black marker on the basketball that former classmate Demetrius Alexander brought to St. Sabina Catholic Church the day of Tyshawn's funeral*

Chicago politicians are pretty much over Tyshawn Lee. No disrespect intended. But he's almost three weeks dead, the gunshot holes to his temples now sealed with mortician's wax and caressed smooth. He is attired for eternity in a double-breasted white tuxedo and red bow tie. White gloves, too. A red flower rests atop his stilled heart.

It's not the roiling criminal saga of Tyshawn Lee's death that's over. Police detectives keep working this latest Chicago case to provoke awestruck news coverage nationwide. A 9-year-old boy? Executed in some alley? Collateral damage in a gang feud? Really?

Hard to be sure just yet. If and when the police lay out their theory of what occurred and file charges, yes, Tyshawn will again be very big news. But only for a while. Then, unless this case is startlingly different, the Chicago pols will move on.

Some Chicagoans never get to move on, of course. The many people consigned to live on streets terrorized by gangbangers have to put up with perpetual gunplay. They pray that their children, their grandchildren, don't fall to some weapons-crime felon who did a customarily brief sentence and now roams free. They pray that someone stops the next shooter with a score to settle before he tucks another child into a coffin.

We understand why other Chicagoans' adrenalized horror over someone murdering a little boy can fade with time. No one should feel guilty that emotions come and go. People don't even mourn their own family members forever. When a youngster dies this way, Chicagoans are outraged, they're discouraged, they move on. The next time a child is slaughtered here, all those Chicagoans will be just as outraged, just as discouraged. But if they're fortunate enough to live on safe streets, they'll move on from that youngster, too. Again, no disrespect intended.

State legislators and aldermen shouldn't move on. Yet they always do:

- In the weeks since someone killed Tyshawn, how many Chicago state senators and representatives have you heard pledging to toughen Illinois' light sentences for gun offenders? Two years ago, the legislators' power play blocked a mildly stronger gun-sentences bill that united Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the National Rifle Association as odd-couple supporters. We don't know if that legislation would have protected Tyshawn. We do know that by keeping shooters off the streets longer, and maybe deterring some gun crimes, it would make Chicago safer. Yet Chicago's lawmakers, legislative leaders included, do nothing.

- In the same three weeks, how many of Chicago's aldermen have you heard leading new initiatives for the fed-up citizens in their wards? Initiatives encouraging neighbors to get past their fears and tell the police who

traffics guns, who did the killing, who ran from the scene. To help parents learn whether beat cops and tactical officers see their children hanging with gang members.

Nah, you don't hear that. When a Tyshawn Lee hits the ground and the front pages, most pols shrewdly lie low and hope nobody notices. They're fringe players, irrelevant, and comfortable in that bit role. They show up for wakes. But, quick now, when is the last time you heard one of them own the chronic violence in his or her district? In his or her ward?

True, the aldermen do get antsy when, in any given month, the city's homicide toll drifts above whatever the horrific but evidently tolerable level was last year. They call news conferences to blame mayors or police superintendents for the killings of the aldermen's constituents. They're expert at denying that they have any responsibility to take direct actions that could coalesce their constituents and make them safer. That's the cops' job.

Against that practiced Chicago inertia, a case like Tyshawn's doesn't have a prayer of outing derelict public officials. The pols figure they must be doing something right. Voters keep electing them but never demand action from them to confront the ritual slaughter.

The politicians are very busy. But we hope they read Tribune reporter Peter Nickeas' story about the undertakers, the barber and others who lovingly prepared Tyshawn Lee for burial. Ask your legislators, your alderman, if they've read it. You too: www.chicagotribune.com/tyshawn.

The pols will move on. Tyshawn Lee's lyrical name joins the list of massacred young Chicagoans — Dantrell Davis, Chastity Turner, Blair Holt, Hadiya Pendleton ...

The crisis isn't that Chicagoans won't stay focused on any one case.

The crisis is that Chicago legislators and aldermen don't feel threatened enough — by violent crime or public fury — to pass the laws and launch the initiatives that would deliver solutions.

It's easiest for Chicago politicians to loudly denounce violence, as children like Tyshawn Lee keep getting added to the list.

Tyson Foods to close Chicago plant, lay off 480 workers

TRIBUNE // Greg Trotter // November 19, 2015

Tyson Foods announced Thursday that it will close one of its Chicago plants next year as it consolidates production at other facilities.

The shutdown of the facility at 4201 S. Ashland Ave., which will occur before Oct. 1, 2016, will mean the loss of 480 jobs.

The company also plans to close a pepperoni plant in Jefferson, Wis. The age of both facilities and the anticipated cost to renovate them was a factor in the decision, as was the distance of the Chicago plant from supplier facilities.

The Ashland Avenue plant makes prepared meals for the hospitality industry, among other clients, said Worth Sparkman, Tyson Foods spokesman. Items like tempura chicken, meatballs, crepes, omelets, soups, sauces and chicken cordon bleu are made there.

Sparkman said the facility is limited in its ability to meet changing demands but declined to provide additional details. "We may have a different type of product that can't be produced there, but can be produced elsewhere," said Sparkman, who declined to say what locations would absorb Chicago's work.

The 480 jobs to be cut at the Chicago plant are mostly hourly, production-line jobs, Sparkman said. Tyson Foods bought the plant in 1994.

Tyson's two other Chicago facilities, a plant at 3548 N. Kostner Ave., which makes steaks, and offices at 400 S. Jefferson St., will continue to operate, Sparkman said.

Closing the Jefferson, Wis., plant will mean the loss of an additional 400 jobs.

"We examined many options before we turned down this road," Donnie King, president of North American operations for Tyson, said in a statement. "This affects the lives of our team members and their families, making it a very difficult decision. But after long and careful consideration, we've determined we can better serve our customers by shifting production and equipment to more modern and efficient locations."

City, FAA underestimated impact of O'Hare expansion, study claims

TRIBUNE // Jon Hilkevitch // November 19, 2015

More than 45,000 people will be adversely affected by jet noise if the runway expansion project at O'Hare International Airport is completed, according to a new analysis released Thursday that said Chicago and the Federal Aviation Administration severely understated how many residents would be significantly disturbed. The study also said that the number of nighttime flights will be almost double what the FAA estimated in assessing the environmental impact of the \$10 billion O'Hare overhaul.

Aviation consultants and former FAA air traffic controllers at O'Hare who were hired by the Suburban O'Hare Commission to conduct the research are scheduled to present their findings Friday at a meeting with Chicago Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans, officials said.

The commission's team of experts will ask city officials to implement up to 20 strategies to mitigate noise and disperse it over wider areas.

The proposals include requiring the use of at least two runways for departing flights between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. to help spread out jet noise, regardless of the number of flights scheduled, and developing a more aggressive "fly quiet" program during overnight hours.

Another priority in the analysis is to continue using O'Hare's diagonal runways, which currently are being lightly utilized because five out of six planned east-west parallel runways have been opened since 2008.

O'Hare officials plan to demolish two of the airport's four diagonals.

"O'Hare is big and it is getting bigger. We are not fighting that battle any longer. But the noise impact is going to be far greater than what is being said. We just want to minimize it as much as possible," Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson, who is also chairman of the Suburban O'Hare Commission, told the Tribune on Thursday.

The results and recommendations are being reviewed by the city, a spokesman for Evans said Thursday, declining to address any specifics.

The FAA did not respond to a Tribune inquiry.

The city spokesman, Owen Kilmer, pointed out that in July, Evans released a 24-point conceptual plan that included revamping the city's voluntary fly-quiet program and rotating on a weekly or perhaps monthly basis the runways that are used at night. Details have not been provided yet so it's unclear whether the FAA would approve the changes.

Almost 3 million noise complaints have been filed with a city-run hot line and website through September of this year, according to the city. The number of complaints have soared from about 268,000 during all of last year and about 29,000 in 2013, records show. The spike comes in the wake of a change in flight patterns at O'Hare in late 2013. The vast majority of flights now operate in westerly and easterly directions.

Earlier this year, the Suburban O'Hare Commission hired JDA Aviation Technology Solutions, based in Bethesda, Md., to carry out technical studies as well as investigate a widespread public perception that noise contour maps created by Chicago and the FAA did not accurately depict the areas affected by O'Hare noise.

"Errors" made by the FAA in setting the proper decibel level that constitutes significant noise impacts resulted in 84 percent fewer people being included in the noise contour map — 24,694 individuals instead of 45,449, the JDA Aviation researchers said. Instead of the current 65-decibel threshold, which has been widely criticized as outdated and subjective, the consultants said a lower threshold, a 55-decibel average over 24-hour periods, should have been used.

The FAA is conducting a nationwide study evaluating whether to change the 65-decibel threshold, which determines the areas in which homeowners are eligible to receive insulated doors and windows paid for by the federal government. The FAA study is not expected to be released until 2017, officials said.

Evans said this summer that the city will seek a change in federal rules so government funding could be used to replace or supplement the soundproofing on about 200 previously insulated homes closest to the airfield. Using public funds for reinsulation work is not permitted under the existing rules.

The JDA Aviation report also said that 10.5 percent of O'Hare flights are expected to occur at night after the runway project is completed, which may be as early as 2021. If that projection turns out to be accurate, it is almost double the 5.6 percent that was assumed in the simulation modeling that the city and the FAA used under the 65-decibel criteria.

The study also warned of "a noisier fleet mix at O'Hare" because the airlines are replacing smaller regional jets with larger, louder planes. In addition, O'Hare officials are working with freight carriers to increase cargo operations, which are concentrated in the overnight hours when there are few passenger flights.

The Suburban O'Hare Commission, consisting of 10 suburbs and DuPage County, said it spent about \$285,000 on the research to convince the city to work more aggressively to reduce the effects of airplane noise on residential areas around O'Hare.

"We are not trying to cut the airport down," Johnson said. "None of our recommendations will impact capacity or safety."

The JDA Aviation analysis is contained in several reports posted at www.oharenoiseproject.com.

[Chicago Plan Commission approves tower that would be city's 3rd tallest](#)

TRIBUNE // Blair Kamin // November 19, 2015

Plans for a \$1 billion hotel and condominium tower that would be Chicago's third tallest skyscraper easily won approval Thursday from the Chicago Plan Commission.

At 1,186 feet, about 40 feet higher than previously announced, the glass-sheathed Wanda Vista Tower, designed by noted Chicago architect Jeanne Gang, would supplant the 1,136-foot Aon Center as the city's No. 3 tower by height. It would rank behind only the 1,451-foot Willis Tower and the 1,389-foot Trump International Hotel & Tower.

"This is going to be an iconic tower in the heart of downtown Chicago," said Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, before the vote, which amended an agreement governing development in the Lakeshore East area near the Aon Center. The previous height ceiling for the vacant lot on which Wanda Vista would rise was 640 feet. The amendment allows a tower of up to 1,200 feet.

The riverfront skyscraper is backed by the Wanda Group, a leading Chinese real estate developer, and Chicago's Magellan Development Group. Located in the 300 block of East Wacker Drive, it would be built alongside a viaduct that creates multiple street levels. The lowest one, known as Sub Wacker Drive, is home to a city auto pound.

The developers want to start construction next summer and complete the tower by 2020, Magellan Executive Vice President Sean Linnane said after the vote. He expressed confidence that the project can avoid the fate of the Chicago Spire, a planned 2,000-foot tower which received plan commission approval but lapsed into bankruptcy after construction began.

Financing for the Wanda Vista Tower is still being arranged, the developers said.

City Council approval is required, but is considered likely because Mayor Rahm Emanuel has thrown his political weight behind the venture.

The Tribune reported in February that executives, employees and other people associated with Magellan Development have donated more than \$63,000 to Emanuel. Reilly has also received thousands of dollars from Magellan sources, campaign records show.

The lone moments of tension Thursday arose when a plan commission member, Bishop John R. Bryant, pressed Linnane to hire minority contractors to help build the skyscraper. Linnane replied that Magellan often works with minority contractors, but doesn't keep a record of such hires.

"My spirit was not at peace with your answer," Bryant said. Other commission members seconded his concern.

The three-tiered, 1.6 million-square-foot tower would have 210 hotel rooms in its lower portion and, above, 410 condominiums. The uppermost 20 floors would consist of full-floor condominiums whose prices are sure to be stratospheric.

The project's backers listed several features Thursday that seek to make the Wanda Vista palatable to nearby residents.

Among them are an eastward extension of Upper East Wacker Drive that would have an entrance to the tower's hotel and a landscaped overlook with views of Navy Pier. The current terminus of Upper East Wacker is a nondescript cul-de-sac.

At Sub Wacker Drive, the project would introduce a ground-level pedestrian passageway that runs beneath the central section of the skyscraper. It would link the park at the center of Lakeshore East with the riverwalk on the south bank of the Chicago River. The passageway would be illuminated to make the now-forbidding area inviting to pedestrians.

To make traffic flow more smoothly, new streets would lead from Upper East Wacker into Lakeshore East.

In other business Thursday, the commission greenlighted a 76-story skyscraper at 113 E. Roosevelt Road that would contain 792 rental units. That tower is designed by New York architect Rafael Vinoly, whose projects include the business school at the University of Chicago, and developed by Miami-based Crescent Heights.

The commission also was presented with plans, previously approved by the city's Department of Planning and Development, for a new Apple store that would occupy the southern portion of the Pioneer Court pedestrian plaza at 401 N. Michigan Ave. Preservation Chicago, an advocacy group, urged that the store be reduced in size to maintain the plaza's open space.

Designed by the London-based firm of Foster + Partners, the riverfront store would be the firm's first completed building in Chicago. Foster + Partners designed a corporate headquarters for Hyatt, but the project was shelved after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

[Judge orders video of fatal police shooting released; city forgoes appeal](#)

TRIBUNE // Jason Meisner and Jeremy Gorner // November 19, 2015

The fatal shooting of African-American teenager Laquan McDonald by a white Chicago police officer garnered scant attention when it happened in October 2014, even though it occurred in the midst of a national outcry over the questionable killings of minority suspects.

It wasn't until the city's unusual decision in April to approve a \$5 million settlement for McDonald's family that details began to surface of a disturbing video that allegedly shows the officer firing 16 rounds into McDonald's body, many as he lay prone on the ground.

Now, as a federal criminal probe of the incident continues, the final, violent moments of McDonald's life are poised to finally be broadcast around the world.

In a packed Daley Center courtroom Thursday, a Cook County judge ordered the release of the police dashboard cam video by Wednesday, saying in an 18-page ruling that lawyers for the city had failed to prove that making the recording public would jeopardize any ongoing investigation.

Judge Franklin Valderrama also rejected the city's attempts to delay his order pending an emergency appeal. Within hours, the city did an abrupt about-face, dropping its court fight and saying it would comply with the judge's order by making the potentially inflammatory video public before Thanksgiving.

As recently as last week, Mayor Rahm Emanuel had said it would be inappropriate to release the video in the midst of a pending criminal investigation. In a statement emailed to reporters Thursday, however, the mayor said he hoped prosecutors would bring their investigation to a conclusion by the time the video is released "so Chicago can begin to heal."

"Police officers are entrusted to uphold the law, and to provide safety to our residents," the mayor said. "In this case unfortunately, it appears an officer violated that trust at every level."

The officer, who has been identified by the Tribune as Jason Van Dyke, remains on paid desk duty pending the outcome of the probe. His lawyer, Daniel Herbert, said Thursday that he would have preferred that the footage not become public but cautioned that it shows only one perspective of a case that is not clear-cut.

"The video is graphic, disturbing and difficult to watch, as any video of a man being shot to death would be," Herbert said. "It's impossible from viewing the video to determine exactly what my client was experiencing at the time in which he fired the shots. ... It's not showing from his eyes, which is an important distinction."

City Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton has told aldermen the video shows the officer opening fire on McDonald as the 17-year-old walked along Pulaski Road in the Archer Heights neighborhood. The disturbing images played a key role in the city's decision to compensate the teen's family before a lawsuit was even brought, Patton told the city's Finance Committee in April.

McDonald was behaving erratically and refusing police commands to drop a 4-inch folding knife. The police union has maintained the officer fired in fear of his life because the teen lunged at him and his partner with the knife.

Lawyers for McDonald's family said Thursday that McDonald's mother, Tina Hunter, has not seen the video but understands that it's crucial for the public to know the truth of what happened that night.

"We've talked to her at length about this," attorney Michael Robbins told reporters outside the courtroom.

"What mother would want to see the execution of her son over and over again on the nightly news or on YouTube? She is in therapy, she is in counseling and does not want to see it."

Speaking to the Tribune, McDonald's uncle, Shyrell Johnson, said he had mixed feelings about the video's release. While he's confident the video will show that Van Dyke was not justified in shooting McDonald, he lamented that having his nephew's death showcased worldwide on the Internet and cable news networks will be extremely difficult for the family.

"It's overwhelming because we have to deal with the pain and suffering," Johnson said.

A lawsuit brought earlier this year by independent journalist and activist Brandon Smith accused the Police Department of violating the state's Freedom of Information Act by refusing to release the video and other documents related to McDonald's shooting.

Beginning in March, the Tribune had also filed a series of FOIA requests for the video to the Police Department, the city's law department and the Independent Police Review Authority, which investigates shootings that involve police officers. The requests to all three agencies were denied.

Valderrama's detailed ruling was based on a careful reading of the 2010 amendment to the Illinois statute that states that an ongoing investigation only qualifies as an exemption to public disclosure of records if the agency that received the request is the one conducting the probe, experts in open records law told the Tribune.

Margaret Kwoka, an assistant professor at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law, said that because the law is so clear, the city would have been fighting an uphill battle on appeal. She also said public relations likely played a big role in the decision not to move forward, especially given the national focus on police-involved deaths of civilians.

"Police departments are being very cautious about how they treat these cases," said Kwoka, who previously taught law at John Marshall Law School in Chicago. "They're being pushed to be more transparent. In this case they probably decided it was not going to be a winner, and it was not worth the public relations hit they would take by continuing to keep fighting the video's release."

Van Dyke and his partner were on patrol Oct. 20, 2014, when they received an emergency call to the 4100 block of South Pulaski Road, where McDonald was acting erratically outside a Burger King restaurant and refusing police commands to drop the knife, records show.

Officers trailed McDonald for nearly half a mile that night, from a trucking yard where he had been breaking into vehicles through the parking lot of a Burger King and onto busy Pulaski Road. As officers awaited backup units armed with Tasers, they tried to corral McDonald to keep him away from passers-by. At one point, McDonald used the knife to slash the front tire of a squad car trying to block his path.

Within moments of arriving at the scene, Van Dyke jumped out of his squad car with his gun drawn and opened fire on McDonald, killing him, city officials have said.

Lawyers for the McDonald family said the officer emptied his semi-automatic. None of the five other officers there fired a shot, according to city officials.

At the scene that night, Fraternal Order of Police spokesman Pat Camden said the officer had fired in fear of his life after McDonald lunged at him with the weapon. All Camden said about the teen's wounds was that he had been struck in the chest.

But documents from the Cook County medical examiner's office show McDonald was shot 16 times, including in the scalp, neck, both sides of his chest, back, both arms, and his right hand and leg. The bullets left about two dozen entrance and exit wounds over the teen's body.

McDonald also had PCP, or phencyclidine, in his system when he died, the documents show. Also known as "angel dust," PCP can cause its user to become aggressive and combative.

The Tribune in April first revealed that Van Dyke was the officer who shot and killed McDonald after city officials refused to disclose his identity, citing a provision in its union contract that bars the city from identifying officers unless they're convicted of a crime or the police board rules on their case.

A union official said Thursday the release of the video should have been delayed while federal authorities decide whether criminal charges should be filed against Van Dyke.

"The main thing is that we're disappointed that it's being released while there's an ongoing investigation," field Tom McDonagh said.

In the hallway outside Valderrama's courtroom, Smith, the journalist who brought the lawsuit against the city, said he hoped the video release would finally paint a clear record of what led to McDonald's shooting.

"I think the public has the right to be angry about what happened that day," Smith said. "This is about justice. This is about transparency. ... We have a duty to hold accountable the people who protect us."

FULL TRANSCRIPTS

[CBS2 News at 10PM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video](#)

ANCHOR: Tonight, the city has agreed to release a video depicting a police officer fatally shooting a teenager 16 times. Tonight's Superintendent Garry McCarthy doesn't understand why. CBS 2's Dana Kozlov is live in the newsroom. And Dana, does this signal possible charges against the officer?

KOZLOZ: Well, the attorney for the dead teenager's family believes it does, rob, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel believes releasing the video will help prosecutors wrap their investigation. But not everyone is happy with the about face.

MCCARTHY: We have to let it play out.

KOZLOZ: Chicago Police Superintendent, Garry McCarthy is clearly not pleased with the judge's decision to release the video or the city's decision not to fight it.

MCCARTHY: I don't understand why we would be releasing evidence in a possible criminal trial before it happens.

KOZLOZ: A judge ordered the police dash cam video be released before thanksgiving, which shows the 17-year-old being shot 16 times by Chicago police officer, Jason Van Dyke in October 2014. At the time a police union spokesperson said McDonald was armed with a knife and acting crazy.

CAMDEN: He leaves them no choice at that point, but to defend themselves.

KOZLOZ: According to those who have seen it, the video shows Van Dyke firing into the teen long after he hit the ground. Last spring, the city settled with McDonald's family for \$5 million. But the call for Van Dyke to be charged continued. In a statement Mayor Rahm Emanuel said, in this case, it appears an officer violated that community trust at every level.

ROBBINS: I think what's important is that the community be told the truth about what happened. About how he was shot.

KOZLOZ: We attempted to speak with officer Van Dyke at what we believe is his home. We heard voices, but no one answered the door. There's some who fear the release of the video showing his actions will incite violence. Former alderman and Cliff Kelly who discussed this matter on his show hopes that doesn't happen.

KELLEY: Their response is to get politically involved. And certainly not go out and riot. That's not going to do anything for anybody.

KOZLOZ: The officer's attorney says he would have preferred the video not become public, but isn't surprised with the judge's decision. He adds the video is graphic, disturbing, and difficult to watch. Doesn't mean it shows illegal actions by his client and he doesn't think van dyke should have to fear for his safety when it's released. In the newsroom, Dana Kozlov, CBS 2 news. Rob, Erica.

ANCHOR: This evening, i spoke to CBS 2 legal analyst about the next legal step this case.

MILLER: You know, we have two grand juries in this town. One in the Federal Courthouse and one in California. One of those two grand juries will hear this case and there will be charges. It could be a homicide charge, it could be a violation of civil right charge at the federal courthouse.

ANCHOR: It's a few days until they have to release that video. That's a quick time line, but in terms of possible indictments, those next steps that could be coming at the federal or local level, how quickly do you think that will happen?

MILLER: It can be done in a day. This case has been prepared and reviewed over and over again. By both Prosecutor's Office. They are ready to run with it. The question is, do they want to run with it? I think this forced their hand a little bit. That is the release of the video. Now it will go into the public realm and the public will say, what's going on here? Why hasn't there been a charge federally or state?

ANCHOR: Miller believes the city did not fight the judge's order because they would have lost.

NBC5 News at 10PM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video

**B-Roll of MRE speaking with a reporter outside of Shakespeare 400 event.*

ANCHOR: A major development in a story NBC 5 has pursued for months. Tonight, City Hall says it will comply with the judge's order and release the dashcam video in the police shooting of a teenager named Laquan McDonald.

CALLOWAY: This is about justice, it's about transparency.

MARIN: But transparency doesn't come until a year after 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was shot and killed. That happened on the night of October 20th, 2014, a teen with a knife, five police squads, one officer firing 16 times, many of the shots to his back. Police said the officer's life was in danger. But the unreleased video, said attorneys for the family of McDonald, proved otherwise. But the city would not release that video or police records, citing a federal investigation that now appears to be nearing an end.

NESLUND: We fully expect the feds will do the right thing in this case.

MARIN: Following the ruling by the judge, the city was forced to do an about-face, with Mayor Emanuel saying the officer who fired the shots violated his public trust and the city will release the video by November 25th so Chicago can begin to heal. Still, the mother of McDonald remains opposed to the graphic videos released.

ROBBINS: She's not looking forward to the day when this video is released.

MARIN: That video even when released won't answer all of the questions being raised as we've reported for months now. Like, why is there no audio on any of the dash cameras? Why is it that not all of the dash cameras were working at all? And why is it that at the Burger King across the street, some of its video went missing after Chicago police went to visit it that night.

ANCHOR: Tonight, Chicago police superintendent Garry McCarthy was questioned about the video.

MCCARTHY: I don't understand why we would be releasing evidence in a possible criminal trial before it happens. I think what's happening is it's setting up for a defense already.

McCarthy says this is an unfortunate case and he could not comment further.

ABC7 News at 10PM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: The video of a police officer shooting a teenager 16 times could be made public anytime now. The City of Chicago said will not appeal a judge's order to release the individual. Eric Horng has the story and live from police headquarters where superintendent Garry McCarthy commented tonight, Eric.

HORNG: City officials have till next Wednesday, the day before thanksgiving to release the video. Multiple sources say the images are alarming. They could spark on rest, there is a concern. Things got heated at tonight's police board meeting. The crowd calling for the firing of various officers involved in the shooting including the one seen killed Laquan McDonald.

MCCARTHY: I don't understand why would we be releasing evidence in a possible criminal trial before it happened.

HORNG: Those who fought for the video's release celebrated after court. The police dashcam showing a white officer firing 16 shots into the 16-year-old McDonald, several bullets hitting him in the back. Police say McDonald was armed with a knife police.

CHAPMAN: This is another example of the Chicago Police Department being reckless.

HORNG: McDonald's family received a \$5 million award from the city and said it doesn't want the video released thinking it may spark unrest similar to Ferguson, Missouri.

THAYER: I'm sensing anger. In what direction the anger goes, who knows.

SAWYER: I want people to remain calm. Be angry, be frustrated, but work within the system. HORNG: The officer who shot McDonald has not been charged and remains with the force on desk duty. The case is now before a federal grand jury.

MCCARTHY: Look, it's a bad shooting as far as the visual of it quite frankly, but there is no conviction here. It's being worked on.

HORNG: A written statement by Mayor Emanuel was not supportive of the officer in question, the mayor saying he hopes federal prosecutors conclude their investigation soon.

WGN News at 9PM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video

ANCHOR: Now the latest on a developing story. The court has spoken and the city has given up the fight. The police dashcam videotape showing the shooting of a Laquan McDonald will be seen by the public and soon. The tape has been the subject of a tug of war between lawyers and the city WGN's Julie Unruh is live at police headquarters at 35th and Michigan with the story. Julie?

UNRUH: People close to the case suspect that the videotape is being released because federal prosecutors are inching closer to indicting the man who shot the fired the shots. But this is a city in waiting and preparing for what could happen when that graphic video surfaces. A disturbing case. The arrest of ... For what you have seen. An order to release the video tape showing a 17 you're a black teenager shot 16 times by white police officer a year ago.

MCCARTHY: Looks, it's a bad shooting as far as the visual of it, quite frankly, but there's no conviction here. It's being worked on so I don't understand why would be released evidence in a possible criminal trial before happens. I think what's happening is it setting up for a defense already and that's why it should not be released.

ACTIVIST: The video is one piece in a larger puzzle of what violence looks for black folks in Chicago.

UNRUH: The death of Laquan McDonald described as an execution and what followed a police cover-up, sources say evidence was destroyed and witnesses intimidated like this man, a truck driver who doesn't want to be identified for fear of his own safety. He says police work off track from the start. "

WITNESS: Another at what I've seen is the truth

UNRUH: the tapes will be made public no later than November 25th. The family doesn't want them released after racial riots in Ferguson and other places and his mother fears now for her community. Her lawyer responds after the hearing

ROBBINS: I understand the city's concerns, I share their concerns and I am glad we don't have big role in releasing this videotape but I think it's important that they can meet be told what happened.

UNRUH: Mayor Emanuel responded too. The mayor says that police officers are entrusted to uphold the law and provide safety for our residents but it appears this officer violated trust at every level and as a result the Independent Police Review Authority sent this case and the evidence to state and federal prosecutors who have been investigating for almost year. In accordance with the judge's ruling, the city will release the tape by November 25th which we hope that investigators will advance their investigation.

NESLUND: If there is a federal indictment, this would be the first time a uniformed officer was indicted by the Department of Justice for the fatal shooting of a person in Chicago.

JACKSON: By keeping the video shield, we will never know the truth and young men will keep dying in the alleys by the hands of our people who are supposed to serve and protect.

UNRUH: That officer is yet to be charged by federal authorities, remains on the force tonight but stripped of his police powers and on desk duty but he collects a paycheck all the while. As for the MacDonald family, they have agreed to \$5 million settlement with the city after lawyers for the family subpoenaed that videotape.

[Fox Chicago News at 9:30PM: MRE releases statement on judge ruling to release Laquan McDonald video](#)

ANCHOR: The graphic video of a police officer shooting and killing a 17-year-old boy will be released to the public. A judge ordered the video be made public after a court hearing today, and initially the city planned to fight the decision but has now done an about face and has dropped plans to appeal. Our Craig Wall is live at Chicago Police Headquarters where police are now planning for the public's reaction to the video. Craig?

WALL: Yeah, dawn. Chicago police have standard plans in place for heading all kinds of major events, and now they are gearing up for the inevitable protests and march and possible violence that could come with the release of this video, the deadline next Wednesday. But the big question now is exactly when will the city release it. When 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was shot and killed by police on October 20th, 2014, police initially said that McDonald had lunged at an officer with a knife, but the video reportedly shows he posed no threat and was walking away when shot 16 times. This video of the incident near a warehouse shows McDonald walking down the street with a police officer and a squad car following him just prior to the shooting. McDonald's family settled with the city earlier this year for \$5 million. His mother has not seen the police dash cam video and does not want it released but her attorney thinks otherwise.

ROBBINS: It's of paramount importance that the conduct of the police be public and that what transpires in connection with something like this, a fatal shooting, that the truth come out.

Independent journalist Brandon Smith took the city to court to force them to release the video under the Freedom of Information Act.

SMITH: I think we deserve to see what officers of the law are doing in our name. You know, we give them that power. We need to be able to hold them in check.

WALL: State and federal prosecutors have been investigating the shooting, and today Mayor Emanuel issued a statement saying in part, in accordance with the judge's ruling, the city will release the video by November 25th, which we hope will provide prosecutors time to expeditiously bring their investigation to a conclusion so Chicago can begin to heal. But the question on many people's minds is will there be Ferguson like violence when people see the video. Smith is hoping protesters will be peaceful.

From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 10:48 AM
To: Rountree, Janey; Spielfogel, David; Patton, Stephen; Mitchell, Eileen; Bennett, Kenneth; Collins, Adam
Subject: Re: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo

Understood

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 10:34 AM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Patton, Stephen; Mitchell, Eileen; Bennett, Kenneth; Collins, Adam
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From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 9:17:16 AM
To: Spielfogel, David; Patton, Stephen; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Bennett, Kenneth; Collins, Adam
Subject: Re: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo

A smaller group of us is meeting this morning and will discuss this as well. I like the concept.

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From: Spielfogel, David
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 9:15 AM
To: Patton, Stephen; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Bennett, Kenneth; Ewing, Clothilde; Collins, Adam
Subject: Re: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo

Not a bad idea. We have five days to build community buy in and dialogue. We shouldn't waste a second. Janey/Ken, are you coordinating this effort? Let me know what you need. Can pull in more than just your teams if needed. Thanks.

From: Patton, Stephen
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 8:34 AM
To: Mitchell, Eileen; Spielfogel, David; Rountree, Janey; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: FW: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo

FYI. Graham is a leading African American lawyer in town and a friend.

From: Grady, Graham C. [mailto:GGrady@taftlaw.com]

Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 8:28 AM

To: Patton, Stephen

Subject: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo

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Please let me know if I may be of assistance in helping in any way.
Graham Grady

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From: Graham SBC <graham.grady1@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 11/20/2015 8:20 AM (GMT-06:00)

To: "Grady, Graham C." <GGrady@taftlaw.com>

Cc:

Subject: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo



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From: Kirkos, Bill <Bill.Kirkos@turner.com>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 11:27 AM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam
Subject: CNN request-Laquan McDonald case-video release

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Hello Kelley and Adam,

With the city's decision to not appeal Judge Valderrama's decision Thursday, and on behalf of multiple CNN platforms, I am seeking clarification on when and how the video will be released by the city.

I am writing a piece for CNN.COM that will post this afternoon and I appreciate any details you can provide me to include in the write-up. In an effort to streamline requests to your office from multiple CNN platforms, I will forward the details to all of our people as well.

Please email or call me anytime with any information.

Thank you very much.
Bill

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From: Elizabeth Campbell (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <ecampbell14@bloomberg.net>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 11:56 AM
To: Collins, Adam;Poppe, Molly
Cc: tjones58@bloomberg.net;Quinn, Kelley
Subject: Bloomberg News query

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Hi Kelley, Molly and Adam, Happy Friday - just reaching out to see if you can provide any insight on when the city plans to release the Laquan McDonald video. I saw Mayor Emanuel's statement last night that it would be BY Nov. 25. If you can provide any more specifics on timing, even off-the-record, that would be much appreciated.

Thanks for your time. I'm at 312.443.5941.

Best,
Elizabeth

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From: Collier, Laurie
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 12:35 PM
To: Rountree, Janey;Collins, Adam
Cc: Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Conference call draft....
Attachments: Laquan McDonald incident.doc

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Per the request of Ken, he asked that I forward you a draft of the conference call invitation. Please note that this is only a generic draft, not final.

I am aware that the draft has to be within legal boundaries, and that the verbiage may need to be tailored.

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From: Collins, Adam
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To: Quinn, Kelley

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From: Guglielmi, Anthony <Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 2:40 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley
Cc: Collins, Adam
Subject: RE: URGENT

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I know, this was not deliberate. Bobby got called by DNA and I did my best to try and walk back what was said about the planning.

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Please do not speak to the press on this unless we have OKd the statement.

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Subject: RE: Fact sheet_LM_Nov. 18.doc
Attachments: Fact sheet_LM_Nov 18.doc

One suggested edit. We should get to law for review. If no one has comment in the next 5, I am going to add Patton to the chain.

From: Rountree, Janey
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 12:23 PM
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Subject: Fact sheet_LM_Nov. 18.doc

Here is the fact sheet we discussed. Will you guys edit and comment before I send to the lawyers and others? Any key questions or facts missing here?

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Attachments: Grady, Graham C.vcf

Thank you!

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Cc:

Subject: RE: Peaceful demonstration with red mortar board caps symbolizing education not violence but suggestive of Laquan McDonald photo

Graham, thank you for your email, and your concerns and offer. I relayed it immediately to my colleagues who are working this aspect of this issue, whose initial reaction was favorable. As you can imagine, there are a number of ideas being considered and they need to be coordinated, but I will keep you apprised. Thanks again. I really appreciate your offer and we may well take you up on it.

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