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ANDREA PARRA

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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

ANDREA PARRA

*Individually and as administrator of the
estate of Antonio Parra*

c/o The Pattakos Law Firm LLC
101 Ghent Road
Fairlawn, Ohio 44333

Plaintiffs,

v.

FRANK G. JACKSON

*In his personal capacity and official capacity as
Mayor of the City of Cleveland*

Cleveland City Hall
601 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

CALVIN D. WILLIAMS

*In his personal capacity and official capacity
as Chief of the Cleveland Police Dept.*

1300 Ontario Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Defendants.

Case No. _____

Judge _____

Complaint with Jury Demand

I. Introduction

1. This is a civil action against Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Cleveland Police Chief Calvin D. Williams by Andrea Parra, administrator of the estate of her son, Antonio Parra, a 30-year-old Cleveland resident and devoted father of a 9-year-old daughter who was shot to death in broad daylight by two men who fled in a car registered to the Mayor's grandson, Frank Q. Jackson.

2. Mayor Jackson's and Chief Williams's intentional dereliction of their duties in covering up for gang-related crimes involving the Mayor's grandsons respectively caused, and exacerbated the damage arising from, Mr. Parra's murder.

3. The Mayor's grandson, Frank Q. Jackson, and the Mayor's 16-year old great-grandson, live in the Mayor's home in Cleveland and have an extensive history of violent and gang-related criminal activity that has long been known to the Mayor.

4. Despite the Mayor's knowledge of his grandsons' proclivity toward violent and gang-related crime, the Mayor has knowingly and repeatedly used the influence of his public office to obstruct the investigation and prosecution of their criminal activity.

5. In a particularly egregious exercise of the Mayor's wrongful influence, the City Prosecutor attempted to cover up for Frank Q. Jackson despite extensive evidence—including multiple witnesses and surveillance video—showing that Jackson brutally assaulted an 18-year old woman in June of 2019, including by repeatedly striking her with a metal trailer hitch.

6. Antonio Parra was murdered two months later, in the wake of this unpunished assault, two months later, by two men who are believed to be affiliated with the Mayor's grandsons and to have murdered Parra in order to gain favor with them, thereby increasing their status in the "No Limit 700" gang in which the Mayor's grandsons are believed to be leaders.

7. Based on the facts available to date, reasonable minds may conclude that Antonio Parra would be alive today if not for the culture of impunity fostered by the Mayor's intentional obstruction of justice in cases involving alleged criminal conduct by his grandsons.

8. Mayor Jackson and Chief Williams further exacerbated the harm resulting from Parra's murder by obstructing its investigation. At the Mayor's instruction, Cleveland police failed question Frank Q. Jackson or take him into custody on the date of the crime, failed to conduct a gunshot residue test that would have shown if Jackson had fired a gun, and failed to record their interactions with the Jacksons on their body cameras, all despite established departmental policies and procedures to the contrary. To date, despite the obvious conflicts of interest and despite demands

from citizens, public officials, and the press, the Mayor and Police Chief have maintained their refusal to appoint an independent agency to investigate Parra's murder.

9. Thus, as set forth fully below, Andrea Parra is entitled to recover (1) individually and on the estate's behalf for wrongful death against Mayor Jackson under R.C. 2125.01, (2) individually for intentional infliction of emotional distress against Jackson and Chief Williams, and (3) individually and on the estate's behalf for obstruction of justice under R.C. 2921.32(A) and R.C. 2307.60(A)(1) against Jackson and Williams.

II. Jurisdiction and Venue

10. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction under R.C. 2305.01.

11. Venue is proper in this Court under Ohio Civ.R. 3(B) because Defendants' public offices and private residences are located in Cuyahoga County, and because Defendants' actions giving rise to Plaintiffs' claims for relief all occurred in Cuyahoga County.

III. Parties

12. Plaintiffs are the estate of decedent Antonio Parra and Mr. Parra's mother, Andrea Parra. Ms. Parra is also the administrator of Antonio's estate, and a resident of Cuyahoga County, as Antonio was at the time of his death.

13. Defendant Frank G. Jackson is the Mayor of the City of Cleveland in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. As the mayor, it is Defendant Jackson's duty "to act as chief conservator of the peace within the City" and "to supervise the administration of" the City's affairs. Cleveland City Charter, § 71. As Mayor, Jackson has the authority "to appoint and remove directors of all departments and officers and members of commissions not included within regular departments," who serve and may be removed at the Mayor's pleasure. Charter, § 70. In November of 2017, Jackson, with nearly unanimous support of Cleveland's business community that allowed him to raise nearly seven times

as much money for his campaign as his opponent, was elected to an unprecedented fourth term in office, and is the longest serving Mayor in Cleveland history.

14. Defendant Jackson's control over his appointed officers and members extends to the Cleveland Law Department. Defendant Jackson has the power to remove the director of the Law Department. *See* Charter, § 78. In turn, the law director, who is subject to removal by the mayor, "supervis[es] and control[s]" all other persons in the law department. *Id.*

15. Defendant Calvin D. Williams is the Chief of Cleveland's Police Department. As the Chief of Police, Williams "serve[s] at the pleasure of" the Mayor, and has "exclusive control of the stationing and transfer of patrolmen and other officers and employees constituting the police force, under such rules and regulations as may be established by the Mayor." Charter, § 116.

V. Facts

A. Mayor Jackson's grandson and great-grandson, who live in the Mayor's home, have an extensive history of violent and gang-related criminal activity that has long been known to the Mayor.

16. Mayor Jackson's grandson, Frank Q. Jackson, is a leader of a Cleveland street gang known as the "No Limit-700 gang."

17. According to court records, The No Limit 700 gang is believed to be responsible for numerous violent crimes committed in the Cleveland area since December of 2018, including several armed robberies, shootings, and at least one homicide, among other offenses.¹

18. Frank Q. Jackson lives at the Mayor's residence, along with the Mayor's 16-year-old great-grandson, who, according to law enforcement sources, is also a member of the No Limit 700 gang.

Other No Limit 700 gang members are known to "frequent the mayor's home."²

¹ *See Exhibit 1*, Adam Ferrise, *Man who posed for photo with gun in Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway named in gang case involving mayor's great-grandson*, Cleveland.com (Sept. 27, 2019) <https://www.cleveland.com/metro/2019/09/man-who-posed-for-photo-with-gun-in-mayor-frank-jacksons-driveway-named-in-gang-case-involving-mayors-great-grandson.html> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

19. In April of 2017, Frank Q. Jackson was pulled over for having unlawfully allowed passengers to ride in the bed of his pickup truck. Police found a Glock 9M model 19 handgun in the vehicle, as well as that one of Jackson's passengers had a warrant out for his arrest for attempted murder.³

20. When asked about this incident, Mayor Jackson told a reporter that he personally knew the man with the murder warrant who was riding in his grandson's truck, explaining that, "many times that people who run afoul of the law are people that I know and that are people who've stayed over at my house because they've been friends with my grandkids and my great grandkids." "They don't pull guns on me," the Mayor added. "They're respectful to me. They're respectful to me. I don't have those kind of issues or concerns with the young people out on the street."⁴

21. In the same interview, the Mayor further explained that he and his grandson "live in reality," that "if many of the kids have guns, and young men have guns, they are going to have friends who have guns," and that he "struggles and talks to [his grandchildren] every day about what they should do and what they should not do," including "how to ... deal with the element of crime and the violence associated out in the streets." "I wish the world was Pollyanna," the Mayor added. "I wish that Disneyland prevailed. And I wish that the illusion that people think the world is, I wish that were reality. It's not."⁵

² *Id.*

³ See **Exhibit 2**, Carl Monday, *Mayor's grandson pulled over by police, man wanted for attempted murder was passenger*, Cleveland 19 News (April 13, 2017) <https://www.cleveland19.com/story/35147386/police-conduct-traffic-stop-find-man-wanted-for-attempted-murder-in-truck-with-mayors-grandson/> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

⁴ Carl Monday, *Interview with Cleveland mayor after his grandson pulled over by police*, Cleveland 19 News (August 2, 2018), <https://www.cleveland19.com/clip/13248526/interview-with-cleveland-mayor-after-his-grandson-pulled-over-by-police/> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019). See also **Exhibit 3**, Harry Boomer, *A closer look at Mayor Frank Jackson's comment about gun culture in Cleveland*, Cleveland 19 News (April 14, 2017), <https://www.cleveland19.com/story/35154048/a-closer-look-at-mayor-frank-jacksons-comment-about-gun-culture-in-cleveland/> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

⁵ *Id.*

22. The Mayor also said that his grandson “doesn’t own a gun,” and that the “only vice that he may have is illegal riding of dirtbikes.”⁶

23. Two months later, in June of 2017, Frank Q. Jackson was arrested by Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police for unlawfully possessing a handgun and three magazines containing 85 rounds of ammunition. He was shortly released on a personal bond.⁷

24. In May of 2019, Frank Q. Jackson threatened two men and concealed from police that he had a handgun and oxycodone pills in his vehicle. In July, he pled guilty to resulting charges of aggravated menacing, aggravated disorderly conduct, and attempted drug abuse.⁸

25. On July 16, 2019, the Mayor’s 16-year-old great-grandson was arrested in connection with an incident where he is accused of driving a car in which a 17-year-old passenger fired gunshots at Cleveland police officers who were investigating a group of people drinking in the middle of East 86th Street near Quincy Avenue. According to gang-unit detective Michael Harrigan, one man in this group saw the officers and tossed a gun as he ran into a nearby home, then jumped out the window of the home and ran through its backyard toward East 84th Street. As Harrigan got into his car to chase this man, the car driven by Mayor Jackson’s great-grandson sped by him, stopped, and then a passenger got out of the car and fired two gunshots in Harrigan’s direction. Shortly thereafter, other Cleveland police officers spotted this car and stopped it, arresting the Mayor’s great-grandson, as well as the passenger, who tried to run from the officers and tossed a gun but was shortly

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ See **Exhibit 4**, Cassie Nist, *Police Report: Mayor’s grandson arrested with Glock, 85 bullets and marijuana*, Cleveland 19 News (June 14, 2017), <https://www.cleveland19.com/story/35661554/police-report-mayor-jacksons-grandson-arrested-with-glock-85-bullets-and-marijuana> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

⁸ **Exhibit 5**, Drew Scofield, *Cleveland mayor’s grandson found guilty on drug, menacing charges*, News 5 Cleveland (Jul. 10, 2019), <https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/cleveland-metro/cleveland-mayors-grandson-found-guilty-on-drug-menacing-charges> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

captured and arrested.⁹ In or around early August of 2019, both teens were charged with felonious assault, discharging a firearm, improperly handling a gun in a car, and criminal damaging.¹⁰

26. In August of 2019, local media outlets published a photograph depicting Shawn Murray, who, according to law enforcement sources, is also a member of the No Limit-700 gang and is friends with the Mayor's grandson and great grandson. In this photo, Murray was posing in the Mayor's driveway with his hands full of cash and a large gun protruding from his pants pocket. The same photograph shows a Cleveland police car in the background.¹¹ At the time, the Mayor told reporters, "what happens in my house and my yard isn't anyone's business."¹²

27. A few months later, in or around October of 2019, Murray was indicted on charges of criminal gang activity, aggravated theft, theft, carrying concealed weapons, receiving stolen property, and having weapons while under disability. Mayor Jackson's great-grandson is also charged in the same case with participating in a criminal gang. According to Cleveland.com reporters, the August publication of the photo of Murray in the Mayor's driveway led to increased scrutiny over the City's

⁹ **Exhibit 6**, Adam Ferrise, *Cleveland mayor's teenage great-grandson could face charges in adult court, accused of involvement in shooting at police*, Cleveland.com (Sept. 3, 2019), <https://www.cleveland.com/crime/2019/09/cleveland-mayors-teenage-great-grandson-could-face-charges-in-adult-court-accused-of-involvement-in-shooting-at-police.html> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

¹⁰ See **Ex. 1**, Sept. 27, 2019 Ferrise report.

¹¹ **Exhibit 7**, Adam Ferrise, *Suspected gang member poses for photo with gun, cash in Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway, sources say*, Cleveland.com (Aug. 30, 2019), <https://www.cleveland.com/metro/2019/08/suspected-gang-member-poses-for-photo-with-gun-cash-in-cleveland-mayor-frank-jacksons-driveway-sources-say.html> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

¹² **Exhibit 8**, Mark Naymik, Stephanie Metzger, and Tyler Carey, *Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson's grandson charged with brutal beating of girlfriend*, WKYC TV (Sept. 4, 2019), <https://www.wkyc.com/article/news/local/cleveland/cleveland-mayor-frank-jackson-grandson-assault/95-df02d0f5-db05-44ef-b9a2-4eef1a191e72> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

handling of criminal cases involving the Mayor's relatives, including the violent beating of an 18-year-old woman and the deadly shooting of Antonio Parra.¹³

B. In June of 2019, Cleveland prosecutors, with the Mayor's knowledge and assent, covered up for the Mayor's grandson despite extensive evidence that he brutally assaulted an 18-year-old woman.

28. On June 10, 2019, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police were called to respond to an alleged assault of an 18-year old woman that started at a gas station near East 40th Street and Quincy Ave. and concluded nearby on East 49th Street. According to a police report documenting the statements of the victim and two witnesses, Jackson first punched the victim in the face and strangled her "profusely" as they were sitting inside of his truck in the gas station's parking lot. Then, after one of the witnesses, who was also in the truck, asked that Jackson drop her and the victim off at a location on East 49th Street, Jackson pulled the victim from the truck, pulled her through the grass by her hair, continued to choke her and strike her multiple times with a closed fist, and picked up a metal trailer hitch with which he beat the victim multiple times in her left knee. The victim and witnesses screamed for someone to call the police, but Jackson fled from the scene.¹⁴

29. When police arrived at the scene to interview the victim and witnesses, a truck registered to Frank Q. Jackson, with Jackson inside, drove by the officers. Several witnesses pointed Jackson out to the police and said he was the man who attacked the victim.¹⁵

¹³ **Exhibit 9**, Kaylee Remington, *Cuyahoga County grand jury indicts man who posed with gun in Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway*, Cleveland.com (Oct. 5, 2019) <https://www.cleveland.com/crime/2019/10/cuyahoga-county-grand-jury-indicts-man-who-posed-with-gun-in-mayor-frank-jacksons-driveway.html> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

¹⁴ **Exhibit 10**, Chris Anderson, *Cleveland mayor's grandson Frank Q. Jackson repeatedly choked and beat woman during June incident, according to police report*, Cleveland 19 News (Sept. 4, 2019) <https://www.cleveland19.com/2019/09/04/cleveland-mayors-grandson-frank-q-jackson-repeatedly-choked-beat-woman-during-june-incident-according-police-report> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

¹⁵ **Exhibit 11**, Adam Ferrise, *Cleveland prosecutor declined to charge Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson in beating of woman witnessed by others, records say*, Cleveland.com (Sept. 3, 2019).

30. The officers then tried to stop the truck, but it backed up and sped away down the wrong way of a one-way street. Shortly thereafter, the police noted that Frank Q. Jackson's mother drove by the scene, along with other of Jackson's family members. The victim told the officers at the scene that she feared that Jackson's family members would retaliate against her.¹⁶

31. Two days later, a Cleveland police detective obtained surveillance footage from the nearby CMHA housing complex that showing the truck registered to Frank Q. Jackson speeding from the area, with a passenger getting out of the car and running from the scene.¹⁷

32. Despite this video evidence, as well as the victim's immediate report, clear evidence of injuries resulting from the attack, and recorded statements from multiple witnesses naming Jackson as the assailant, Cleveland Prosecutor Aaric Kinast not only declined to pursue charges for the assault, he failed to refer the matter to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor.¹⁸

33. Kinast reports to Cleveland's Law Director Barbara Langhenry, who was appointed by the Mayor, serves at the Mayor's pleasure, and "supervis[es] and control[s]" all employees of the City's law department, including the City Prosecutor's office. Charter § 78. The City Prosecutor's decisions not to prosecute Jackson in this case, and not to refer the matter to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's office, would not have been made and were not in fact made without the Mayor's knowledge and assent.

34. Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Terese McKenna, who oversees felony prosecutions for the office later told Cleveland.com reporters that, (A) her office never received the case from the

<https://www.cleveland.com/metro/2019/09/cleveland-prosecutor-declined-to-charge-mayor-frank-jacksons-grandson-in-beating-of-woman-witnessed-by-others-records-say.html> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *Id.*

City, (B) such cases are referred to the County Prosecutor's office as a matter of "routine," and (C) that it is "common" for prosecutors to pursue such cases even when the victim is unwilling to testify against the defendant.¹⁹

35. By early September of 2019, the City's handling of this incident became subject to public criticism. In response, the City's Law Department claimed that the CMHA police had withheld evidence from City prosecutors.²⁰ The CMHA police immediately denied this accusation, publicly stating that, (A) "the Assistant City Prosecutor was briefed on the matter and was provided all pertinent facts," (B) the Prosecutor "gave a cursory review of the investigation file and decided not to prosecute," and (C) "CMHA's police department did not withhold any evidence nor was any additional evidence requested by the Assistant Prosecutor."²¹

36. On September 4, 2019, a Cuyahoga County grand jury indicted Frank Q. Jackson on charges of felonious assault, abduction, and failure to comply with police.²² Jackson was arrested after the Mayor personally negotiated for his surrender with U.S. Marshals.²³ The charges remain pending with a trial currently set for mid-December.

¹⁹ *Id.*

²⁰ **Exhibit 12**, Peggy Gallek, *We were able to work it out: U.S. Marshals release new details on the surrender of Mayor Jackson's grandson*, Fox 8 Cleveland (Sept. 6, 2019) <https://fox8.com/2019/09/06/we-were-able-to-work-it-out-us-marshals-release-new-details-on-the-surrender-of-mayor-jacksons-grandson/> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

²¹ **Exhibit 13**, Peggy Gallek, *CMHA says detective did not withhold information in case of mayor's grandson*, Fox 8 Cleveland (Sept. 9, 2019), <https://fox8.com/2019/09/09/cmha-says-detective-did-not-withhold-information-in-case-of-mayors-grandson> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

²² *Id.*

²³ **Exhibit 14**, Adam Ferrise, *Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson and U.S. Marshal negotiated surrender of mayor's grandson*, Cleveland.com (Sept. 6, 2019) <https://www.cleveland.com/metro/2019/09/cleveland-mayor-frank-jackson-and-us-marshal-negotiated-surrender-of-mayors-grandson.html> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

37. Had the Mayor not interfered with, obstructed, or otherwise failed to ensure the prosecution of his grandson for his notorious violent assault of this 18-year-old woman, Frank Q. Jackson would have immediately been prosecuted for the crime, as any ordinary citizen would have been.

C. The culture of impunity fostered by the Mayor with respect to his grandsons' criminal conduct culminated in the "very brutal homicide" of Antonio Parra, who, on August 28, 2019, was shot to death in broad daylight by two men who fled the scene in a vehicle registered to the Mayor's grandson.

38. On the morning of August 28, 2019, Andrea Parra received a phone call from her 30-year-old son, Antonio Parra, who expressed his excitement that he was hired to work at Zanzibar, an African restaurant in Cleveland.

39. Later that day, Mr. Parra visited Cleveland's Clark-Fulton neighborhood to buy shoes to wear at his new job.

40. At around 4:30 pm, while Mr. Parra stood outside of First Class Barber Shop on Clark Avenue, two men wearing black hooded sweatshirts approached him and, without any apparent cause or provocation, immediately shot him multiple times with handguns.

41. The assailants immediately fled from Clark Avenue in a blue 2006 Volkswagen Passat.

42. Antonio Parra was pronounced dead at the scene in what was later described by Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley as "an execution on Clark Avenue in broad daylight," "a very brutal homicide."²⁴

43. Witnesses at the scene provided Cleveland police officers with the license plate number of the blue Volkswagen Passat in which the assailants fled. The police shortly determined that this vehicle was registered to Frank Q. Jackson and went to the Mayor's house to investigate further.

²⁴ **Exhibit 15**, Hannah Catlett, *Cleveland mayor's grandson named as 'prime suspect' in West Side murder case; police not planning to hand over investigation to another agency*, Cleveland 19 News (Sept. 10, 2019) <https://www.cleveland19.com/2019/09/10/cleveland-mayors-grandson-named-prime-suspect-west-side-murder-case-police-not-planning-hand-over-investigation-another-agency/> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

D. Mayor Jackson obstructed the Cleveland Police Department's investigation of Antonio Parra's murder, which, as with other cases involving the Mayor's grandsons, has been marked by anomalous and unexplained deviations from established police policies and procedures.

44. When Cleveland police officers arrived at the Mayor's home, they found the Mayor, his grandson Frank Q. Jackson, and an unidentified juvenile there.

45. The police questioned the juvenile about Parra's murder, arrested him, and took him into custody.

46. The police did not, however, question Frank Q. Jackson, or take him into custody, even though he owned the blue Volkswagen Passat that witnesses identified as having fled the scene of the homicide.²⁵

47. Suspected criminals generally have the right to remain silent in response to police questioning, as well as to consult with an attorney before speaking. But, as confirmed by local law enforcement sources and reported in Cleveland.com, the officers' decision to not take Frank Q. Jackson into custody on this evening was an "anomaly," especially given that "this was a homicide investigation."²⁶

48. According to these sources, "in a typical case, the officers would take the person into custody and wait for an attorney to show up before the interview. This gives investigators time to

²⁵ **Exhibit 16**, Misty Stiver and Sara Goldenberg, *Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson responds to ethics questions regarding homicide investigation involving grandson*, Cleveland 19 News (Sept. 20, 2019) <https://www.cleveland19.com/2019/09/20/cleveland-mayor-frank-jackson-responds-ethics-questions-regarding-homicide-investigation-involving-grandson-video> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

²⁶ **Exhibit 17**, Adam Ferrise, *Anomalies add up in deadly shooting investigation involving Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson*, Cleveland.com (Sept. 9, 2019) <https://www.cleveland.com/metro/2019/09/anomalies-add-up-in-deadly-shooting-investigation-involving-mayor-frank-jacksons-grandson.html> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

collect certain evidence, including gunshot residue tests that would have shown if Frank Q. Jackson fired a gun recently.”²⁷

49. It is important to perform gunshot residue tests as soon as possible. Once a gun is fired, it releases matter from both the front and back of the gun that tends to remain on the shooter’s hands and clothing. Once hands and clothes are washed, however, the residue becomes substantially more difficult or impossible to detect. According to one law enforcement expert who spoke with Cleveland.com reporters about this case, “even putting your hands in and out of your pockets, that gets rid of [the residue].”²⁸

50. Police are not required to obtain a warrant to perform a gunshot residue test. They need only have reasonable suspicion that the test would be warranted.²⁹

51. The police never performed gunshot residue tests on Frank Q. Jackson.

52. The police officers’ decisions not to question Frank Q. Jackson on that evening, not to take him into custody, and not to perform a gunshot residue test on him, were made after the Mayor told the officers that his grandson would not answer their questions.³⁰

53. Additionally, “[m]ultiple law enforcement sources” told local media outlets “that the mayor told detectives investigating [Parra’s] homicide not to use their body cameras while at his house,” despite the Cleveland Police Department’s policy that officers “hit record before taking any police

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ *Id.*

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ *Id.*

action,” and “are only supposed to turn off their body cameras when the incident is over, or a supervisor tells them to stop.”³¹

54. This was not the first time that Cleveland police have failed to comply with the department’s body camera policy in incidents involving Frank Q. Jackson. For example, in July of 2016, Jackson was stopped by Cleveland police for illegally riding a dirtbike and ended up in a physical altercation with the police in which he was accused of “assaulting a police officer” and “resisting” arrest. This alleged assault was not captured on the officers’ body cameras because the cameras “weren’t turned on in a timely manner.”³² The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor recommended that Jackson be allowed to avoid prosecution for this alleged assault pursuant to a diversion program for this incident, despite that Jackson had earlier been prosecuted in a criminal trespassing case, and two other matters involving controlled substance and burglary charges.³³

55. Additionally, in response to public records requests for body camera video of the 2017 traffic stop discussed above where a handgun and a passenger wanted for murder were found in Jackson’s car, the City represented that “there is no body camera video” in connection with this incident.” When asked by a reporter in 2017 about why his “grandson had two run-ins with police

³¹ See, e.g., **Exhibit 18**, Sarah Goldenberg, *Sources say Cleveland mayor told officers not to use body cams while investigating grandson*, Cleveland 19 News (Sept. 10, 2019) <https://www.cleveland19.com/2019/09/10/sources-say-cleveland-mayor-told-officers-not-use-body-cams-while-investigating-grandson> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

³² See **Exhibit 19**, Carl Monday, *Body camera video of Cleveland mayor’s grandson’s arrest released after 10 months of record requests*, Cleveland 19 News (May 8, 2017) <https://www.cleveland19.com/story/35371449/body-camera-video-of-cleveland-mayors-grandsons-arrest-released-after-10-months-of-record-requests/> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

³³ **Exhibit 20**, Carl Monday, *Cleveland mayor’s grandson in court after scuffle with police*, Cleveland 19 News (Oct. 4, 2016) <https://www.cleveland19.com/story/33317204/cleveland-mayors-grandson-in-court-after-scuffle-with-police> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

where officers didn't have their body cameras on at all, or didn't turn them on until several minutes into interaction with him," the Mayor said, "you need to ask them," referring to the police."³⁴

56. While the Cleveland police department's body camera policy also states that people at home have the right to demand that police shut off cameras before talking, Mayor Jackson has denied that he asked the officers to turn off their body cameras.³⁵

57. The morning after Parra's murder, Frank Q. Jackson's attorney told the police that Jackson would not answer any of their questions.³⁶

58. While at the Mayor's house on the evening of Parra's murder, the police did not find the 2006 Volkswagen Passat that witnesses reported to have fled the scene. They did, however, tow away the pickup truck—also involved in the alleged assault of the 18-year-old woman, described above—that was registered to Frank Q. Jackson.³⁷

59. Two days later, on August 30, 2019, the Cleveland Fire Department found the Passat on fire behind an abandoned church in the 9200 block of Holton Avenue, approximately 2.5 miles from the Jacksons' home. The Fire Department shortly issued a report concluding that the vehicle was intentionally set on fire. While police could not find license plates and could not initially find a vehicle identification number on the burned-out car, they did find a Volkswagen emblem nearby,

³⁴ **Ex. 19**, May 8, 2017 Monday report.

³⁵ **Exhibit 21**, Mark Naymik, *Mayor Frank Jackson did not ask officers at his home to turn off body cams, Cleveland Police say*, WKYC TV (Sept. 12, 2019) <https://www.wkyc.com/article/news/local/cleveland/mayor-frank-jackson-did-not-ask-officers-at-his-home-to-turn-off-body-cams-police-say/95-1334a2c3-51c3-47e1-85af-e060078a8481> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

³⁶ *Id.*

³⁷ **Exhibit 22**, Adam Ferrise, *Cleveland mayor's grandson's vehicle tied to deadly daylight shooting, sources say*, Cleveland.com (Aug. 28, 2019) <https://www.cleveland.com/metro/2019/08/cleveland-mayors-grandsons-vehicle-vehicle-tied-to-deadly-daylight-shooting-sources-say.html> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019). *See also* **Ex. 21**, Sept. 12, 2019 Naymik report.

and the City's Vehicle Impound Unit shortly found a vehicle identification number to confirm that this was the Passat registered to Frank Q. Jackson.³⁸

60. Frank Q. Jackson told Cleveland police that he sold the Passat prior to Parra's August 28 murder,³⁹ but no record of this sale has been produced and court records show that Jackson was cited for a traffic violation while driving the vehicle as recently as August 13.⁴⁰

61. On September 10, 2019, The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office issued a statement confirming that Frank Q. Jackson, is a "prime suspect" in Parra's murder.⁴¹

62. Local law enforcement officials, including Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley, as well as elected members of Cleveland City Council, have urged that the Cleveland police department appoint an independent investigation of Parra's murder by an outside agency due to the conflicts of interest and appearance of impropriety created by Mayor Jackson's relationship to the crime.⁴²

³⁸ **Exhibit 23**, Scott Noll, *Report links burned-out car to mayor's grandson and August homicide*, News 5 Cleveland (Oct. 11, 2019) <https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/continuing-coverage/frank-q-jackson/report-links-burned-out-car-to-mayors-grandson-and-august-homicide> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

³⁹ **Exhibit 24**, Peggy Gallak, *Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson tells I-TEAM he has not interfered with grandson's criminal cases*, Fox 8 Cleveland (Sept. 12, 2019), <https://fox8.com/2019/09/12/cleveland-mayor-frank-jackson-tells-i-team-he-has-not-interfered-with-grandsons-criminal-cases/> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

⁴⁰ **Ex. 23**, Oct. 11, 2019 Noll report.

⁴¹ *See* **Ex. 15**, Sept. 10, 2019 Catlett report.

⁴² **Exhibit 25**, Mark Naymik, *Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley joins call for independent investigation of murder that led police to May Frank Jackson's home*, WKYC TV (Sept. 12, 2019), <https://www.wkyc.com/article/news/local/cuyahoga-county/county-prosecutor-michael-omalley-joins-call-for-independent-investigation-of-murder-that-led-police-to-mayor-frank-jacksons-home/> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

63. Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams, who was appointed by Mayor Jackson, is the only City official authorized to appoint an independent investigation by an outside agency.⁴³ Williams has to date refused to appoint an independent investigation, and has stated that he has no plans to do so.⁴⁴ Mayor Jackson has also denied that an independent investigation is necessary, telling reporters, “why fix something that is not broken?”⁴⁵

64. On October 10, 2019, Mayor Jackson delivered his annual “State of the City” speech where he refused to address the issues surrounding his administration’s handling of the gang-related crime in which his family is implicated other than to say, “my family is my family ... and I do not apologize to anybody about my family.”⁴⁶

E. Antonio Parra’s murder was a foreseeable result of the Mayor’s intentional obstruction of justice in cases involving his grandsons.

65. On information and belief, Antonio Parra was murdered by one or more of Mayor Jackson’s relatives, or one or more affiliates of Mayor Jackson’s relatives.

66. On information and belief, Antonio Parra was murdered by one or more affiliates of Mayor Jackson’s relatives who murdered Parra in order to gain status or favor with Mayor Jackson’s relatives, and increase their status in the No Limit 700 gang.

67. The Mayor knew that his grandsons were affiliated with numerous individuals with the propensity to commit violent crimes. Indeed, the Mayor admitted as much in the interview quoted at

⁴³ **Exhibit 26**, Drew Scofield and Scott Noll, *Cleveland mayor’s grandson, Frank Q. Jackson, named as a suspect in homicide investigation*, News 5 Cleveland (Sept. 11, 2019) <https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/continuing-coverage/frank-q-jackson/cleveland-mayors-grandson-frank-q-jackson-named-as-suspect-in-homicide-investigation> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

⁴⁴ **Ex. 15**, Sept. 10, 2019 Catlett report.

⁴⁵ **Ex. 24**, Sept. 12, 2019 Gallek report.

⁴⁶ See **Exhibit 27**, John Deike, *State of the City: Mayor Frank Jackson unapologetic over family members embroiled in violent crime cases*, Cleveland 19 News (Oct. 10, 2019) <https://www.cleveland19.com/2019/10/11/state-city-mayor-frank-jackson-unapologetic-over-family-members-embroiled-violent-crime-cases/> (accessed Nov. 6, 2019).

paragraphs 20–22, above, where he said that “over half of the young people” in “the neighborhood [he] lives in” “have guns,” that “these kids do not walk around and *not* have their guns on them,” that crime is “prevalent” and the “threat” of “harm” from gang-related violence is “constant.”

68. The Mayor knew or should have known that his obstruction of justice and the City’s departure from established policies and procedures in cases involving his grandsons would cause his grandsons and their affiliates to believe, reasonably, that they were above the law, and that any crimes they committed would not be investigated or prosecuted as vigorously as crimes committed by others, if at all.

69. The Mayor knew or should have known that his obstruction of justice and the City’s departure from established policies and procedures in cases involving his grandsons would cause his grandsons and their affiliates to continue to engage in violent crime to an increasing degree, increasingly believing that they could do so with impunity.

70. Even if the Mayor did not take any affirmative act to prevent or prohibit the Cleveland Prosecutor from pursuing charges against Frank Q. Jackson for his notorious violent assault of the 18-year-old woman described above, the Mayor knew that the Prosecutor was affording his grandson special treatment, contrary to law and public policy, due solely to his status as the Mayor’s grandson. Despite this knowledge, the Mayor intentionally refrained from acting to ensure that his grandson’s case was processed consistently with law and public policy, and in doing so committed an act of intimidation and obstruction of justice under R.C. 2921.32(A).

71. Had the Mayor not interfered with, obstructed, or otherwise failed to ensure the immediate prosecution of Frank Q. Jackson for his notorious violent assault of the 18-year-old woman described above, Frank Q. Jackson would have lacked the ability to murder Antonio Parra and would have lacked the ability to motivate his affiliates to murder Antonio Parra.

72. Had the Mayor not interfered with, obstructed, or otherwise failed to ensure the immediate prosecution of Frank Q. Jackson for his notorious violent assault of the 18-year-old woman described above, Antonio Parra would be alive today.

VI. Claims

Count One: Wrongful Death under R.C. 2125.01

73. Plaintiffs reincorporate the allegations stated above and below.

74. This Count One is stated by Plaintiffs against the Defendant Mayor only, in his personal and individual capacities.

75. The Mayor's actions and omissions in obstructing the prosecution of his grandson for the assault of the 18-year-old woman, described above, were intentional, constitute wrongful conduct under Ohio's wrongful death statute, R.C. 2126.01, and constitute the crime of obstruction of justice in violation of R.C. 2921.32(A).

76. The Mayor's actions and omissions in obstructing the prosecution of his grandson for the assault of the 18-year-old woman, described above, constitute intentional, reckless, and wanton neglect and disregard of the Mayor's duties to the public "to act as chief conservator of the peace" and "to supervise the administration of" law enforcement within the City limits.

77. The Mayor's intentional, wrongful, and criminal conduct, and his intentional, reckless, and wanton neglect and disregard of his public duties in obstructing the prosecution of his grandson for the assault of the 18-year-old woman, described above, directly, proximately, and wrongfully caused the death of Antonio Parra.

78. Andrea Parra, in her capacity as the Administrator of her son Antonio Parra's Estate, claims damages under R.C. 2125.01, for the exclusive benefit of Mr. Parra's beneficiaries and next of kin.

79. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, Andrea Parra and Antonio Parra's estate have been forced to incur funeral and burial expenses and have suffered and will continue to

suffer the permanent loss of Mr. Parra's services, future income, protection, care, assistance, society, companionship, comfort, guidance, counsel and advice. Additionally, Defendants' conduct directly and proximately caused Antonio Parra to suffer extreme pain and suffering for which his estate is entitled to recover, along with punitive damages and attorneys' fees.

Count Two: Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

80. Plaintiffs reincorporate the allegations stated above and below.

81. This Count Two is stated by Andrea Parra in her individual capacity only against each Defendant in both their personal and official capacities.

82. The anomalies and deviations from established policies and procedures in the Cleveland Police Department's investigation of Antonio Parra's murder, described at paragraphs 44–64 above, were the result of intentional conduct by the Defendants, including the Mayor's explicit and implicit instructions to the Police Department, undertaken to shield the Mayor and his administration from public scrutiny and to shield the Mayor's relatives from liability for their criminal conduct. Defendants undertook this conduct with conscious disregard of the rights of Mr. Parra, his kin, and his estate, and with certainty of inflicting severe harm on them.

83. A mayor's or police chief's intentional obstruction of a murder investigation to further their own personal ends constitutes extreme and outrageous conduct that is utterly intolerable in a civilized community.

84. Plaintiffs did not consent to Defendants' actions.

85. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' extreme and outrageous conduct in obstructing the investigation of her son's murder, Andrea Parra has suffered severe harm, including anxiety, depression, and post traumatic stress disorder, for which Ms. Parra is entitled to recover along with punitive damages and attorneys' fees.

**Count Three: Obstruction of Justice under
R.C. 2921.32(A) and R.C. 2307.60(A)(1)**

86. Plaintiffs reincorporate the allegations stated above and below.

87. This Count Two is stated by Plaintiffs against each Defendant in both their personal and official capacities.

88. The anomalies and deviations from established policies and procedures in the Cleveland Police Department's investigation of Antonio Parra's murder, described at paragraphs 44–64 above, were the result of intentional conduct by the Defendants, including the Mayor's explicit and implicit instructions to the Police Department, taken to shield the Mayor and his administration from public scrutiny and to shield the Mayor's relatives from liability for their criminal conduct.

89. This conduct constitutes the crime of obstruction of justice in violation of R.C. 2921.32(A).

90. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' criminal conduct in obstructing the investigation of Antonio Parra's murder, Mr. Parra's estate and kin, including his mother Andrea Parra and his 9-year-old daughter, have and will continue to endure pain and suffering, including the severe harm described in Paragraph 84 above, for which compensatory damages are available under R.C. 2307.60 in an amount to be proven at trial.

VII. Prayer for Relief

Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendants in an amount in excess of \$25,000 together with punitive damages, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, and any other relief to which the Plaintiffs may be entitled or that the Court deems equitable and just.

VIII. Jury Demand

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all issues within the Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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Man who posed for photo with gun in Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway named in gang case involving mayor's great-grandson

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Shawn Murray, 19, poses with a gun in his pocket in Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway.

By [Adam Ferrise, cleveland.com](#)

CLEVELAND, Ohio — A 19-year-old man who posted a photo of himself with a large gun in his pocket in Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway is named in new court documents in a gang case involving the mayor's great-grandson.

[Shawn Murray Jr.](#) is named as one seven suspected members of the No Limit-700 gang in charges filed in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.

Four juveniles, including the mayor's 16-year-old great-grandson, are charged with participating in a criminal gang. Three adults, including Murray, are named as co-defendants, but have not been formally charged.

Murray, who has previously been convicted of several felonies and is currently fighting charges of illegal gun possession, sometime this summer posted a photo of himself standing the mayor's driveway, with a large gun in his pocket and two handfuls of cash. A Cleveland police cruiser is visible over Murray's shoulder.

Law enforcement sources told cleveland.com that Murray is part of a gang that frequents the mayor's home and is friends with the mayor's grandson and the great-grandson who is charged in the case.

The photo, previously published by cleveland.com, sparked a debate about Jackson's law and police departments' handling of two cases involving his grandson, Frank Q. Jackson, including a deadly daytime shooting and a separate attack on an 18-year-old woman.

The gang is accused of operating from at least the Dec. 31, 2018 through July, according to court records. They are accused of being responsible for committing shootings, armed robberies, burglaries, illegal gun possession and other offenses, according to court records.

The mayor's great-grandson [is expected to face charges](#) as an adult after being accused of driving a car as his passenger opened fire on a Cleveland police officer. Cleveland.com typically does not release the name of juvenile criminal suspect unless they are charged as adults.

His attorney, Sydney Strickland-Saffold, did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Judge Kristin Sweeney on Sept. 3 ordered the case bound over to adult court. A Cuyahoga County Common Pleas grand jury has not voted on whether to indict him and a 17-year-old co-defendant as adults.
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Both are charged in juvenile court with felonious assault, discharging a firearm, improperly handling a gun in a car and criminal damaging. Both have pleaded not guilty.

That incident happened about 11:45 p.m. July 17 on Quincy Avenue near East 86th Street.

Cleveland police gang unit detective Michael Harrigan was in an unmarked car trying to chase after a man who ran from police in an unrelated incident. As he looped around the block, the 16-year-old boy's car drove by the officer, prosecutors said.

He stopped his car and the passenger got out and fired at least three shots at Harrigan's car. None of the bullets hit Harrigan or his car, but one bullet ripped through a nearby convenience store, according to court testimony.

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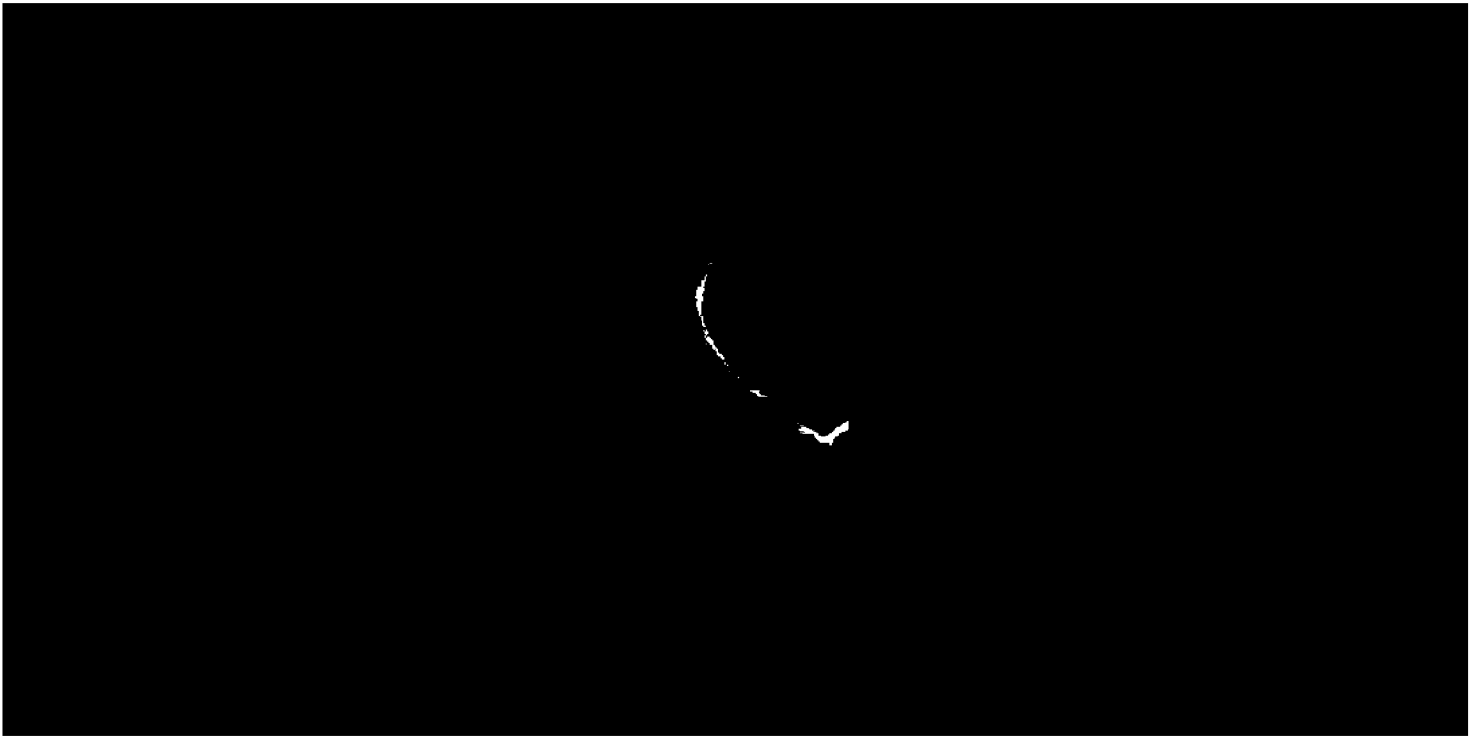
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Mayor's grandson pulled over by police, man wanted for attempted murder was passenger



By Carl Monday | April 13, 2017 at 9:45 PM EDT - Updated August 12 at 12:41 PM

CLEVELAND, OH (WOIO) - Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's 20-year-old live-in grandson, Frank Jackson III, was pulled over by Cleveland Police this past week.

Jackson III was pulled over Sunday around 4:30 p.m. He has been accused of letting a passenger to ride in the bed of his pick-up truck as he was merging onto Interstate 77 southbound in downtown Cleveland.

A minor offense for Jackson III, but not for those inside his truck.

According to a police ticket, the mayor's grandson had three passengers inside his Ford F-150 truck and a fourth in the outside bed of the truck. Inside, police found a Glock 9M model 19 weapon on the back seat. It wasn't loaded.

One of Jackson III's passengers, Antonio Dulaney, 22, had a warrant out for his arrest for attempted murder.

Dulaney was arrested by Cleveland police on site for the attempted murder warrant, and a second passenger, 22-year-old Mark Crawford, was arrested for improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle and without a CCW.

A third passenger was cited for not having his safety belt on.

Cleveland 19 wanted to know what the mayor thought about the crowd his live-in grandson was hanging out with, and whether he knew of the incident.

"Don't think I don't have a conversation," he said, when asked. "That's why he doesn't carry a gun. That's why he doesn't steal. That's why he doesn't sell drugs. Because I have these conversations with him."

Click here for the full interview with Mayor Jackson.

The mayor went on to say that his grandson lives in an environment where that is prevalent, adding that is not unusual in many neighborhoods in the city of Cleveland.

"Particularly the one I'm living in," the mayor said.

When asked about the young adults his grandson is keeping company with, the mayor said his grandson is going to have friends.

"If many of the kids have guns, they are going to have friends with guns," he said.

This **isn't Jackson III's first run-in with the police**. He's been involved in several other cases in the Cleveland area.

Jackson III has a traffic court date on April 24, though he is not required to appear.

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A closer look at Mayor Frank Jackson's comment about gun culture in Cleveland



DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND, OH (WOIO) - Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson, Frank Jackson III, was recently pulled over for letting someone ride in the open bed of his pickup truck. Police found an unloaded gun in the truck, and one of Jackson's passengers had an arrest warrant out for him on an attempted murder charge.

When confronted by Cleveland 19 investigative reporter Carl Monday, Mayor Jackson responded: "If many of the kids have guns, and young men have guns, they are going to have friends who have guns."

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Was that too casual of an answer or the reality on the streets of Cleveland?

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And as the leader of Cleveland, was that enough for the mayor to say about his grandson or other youths hanging around friends who may have guns?

"This is not about his grandson. This is about the answer that he gave," said Councilman Zack Reed, an outspoken critic of the mayor.

Reed, a potential mayoral candidate, says the mayor's comment didn't go far enough.

"How do we work with our young people to ensure that they understand that they should not be walking around with guns? And as the leader of our city that should be the answer that we should be bringing out. Not that we should be just getting used to this, that we should be resigned to the fact that, it is what it is," said Reed.



The mayor and City Council have tried under Home Rule to implement some gun restrictions, but the state legislature and Gov. John Kasich stopped them.

"This is reality. I live in reality," the mayor said. "My grandson lives in reality and I will guarantee you that I could take you from here and take you out on the streets of the city of Cleveland and find another grandfather just like me, who struggles and who talks to their kids about what they should do and what they should not do."



The mayor says his grandson doesn't have a gun, doesn't do drugs, and doesn't steal because he talks to him about what is right and what is wrong.

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Police Report: Mayor's grandson arrested with Glock, 85 bullets and marijuana

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By **Cassie Nist** | June 14, 2017 at 1:06 PM EDT - Updated August 11 at 10:22 AM

CLEVELAND, OH (WOIO) - The police report has just been released in the arrest of Frank Q. Jackson, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson. Chief Investigator Carl Monday broke the story Saturday, and now has disturbing details about the incident.

Take a look at this picture the Cleveland 19 investigative unit just received from CMHA Police. Items police found in Jackson's possession Friday night. Along with a handgun, police recovered a 40 caliber magazine, containing "12" live rounds of ammunition. A second magazine with "31" rounds. And a third with "42" rounds. If you're counting, that's 85 bullets. Police also found some loose marijuana and a scale.

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Jackson faces charges of carrying a concealed weapon. A charge that could result in 18 months in jail. And a potential problem for his grandfather, Mayor Frank Jackson who's running for re-election.

Many people are questioning why Jackson was released on personal bound, given the seriousness of the charges. Cleveland 19 is asking the same question. The Cleveland 19 Investigative team has asked for records of other individuals who have faced the same charges, to see if the Mayor's grandson, indeed got a break.

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06/09/2017	Evidence/Seized	Other			.40Cal S&W Hollow Point Rounds	
06/09/2017	Evidence/Seized	Other			Glock .40 Cal Magazine Containing 12 live rounds	
06/09/2017	Evidence/Seized	Gun	Glock	23		
06/09/2017	Evidence/Seized	Other			.40Caliber 50 Round Drum Containing 42 live rounds	

The real question is what was Frank Jackson, who still lives with the mayor, doing with all that ammunition?

The police report makes no mention what he planned to do with a handgun, and nearly 90 rounds of ammo.

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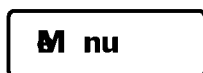
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Cleveland mayor's grandson found guilty on drug, menacing charges

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CLEVELAND — Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson’s grandson pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges stemming from a traffic stop in mid-May.

Frank Q. Jackson, 22, has been convicted of aggravated menacing, aggravated disorderly conduct and attempted drug abuse. All of the charges are misdemeanors.

On May 18, Jackson threatened two men and then “failed to promptly inform police that he possessed a concealed handgun in his vehicle.” Court records state that when police searched Jackson’s car, they also discovered two oxycodone pills wrapped up in a dollar bill.

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Jackson was also charged with two counts improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, but according to Cleveland Municipal Court records, those charges have been dropped.

Jackson is scheduled to appear in court on July 22 for sentencing.

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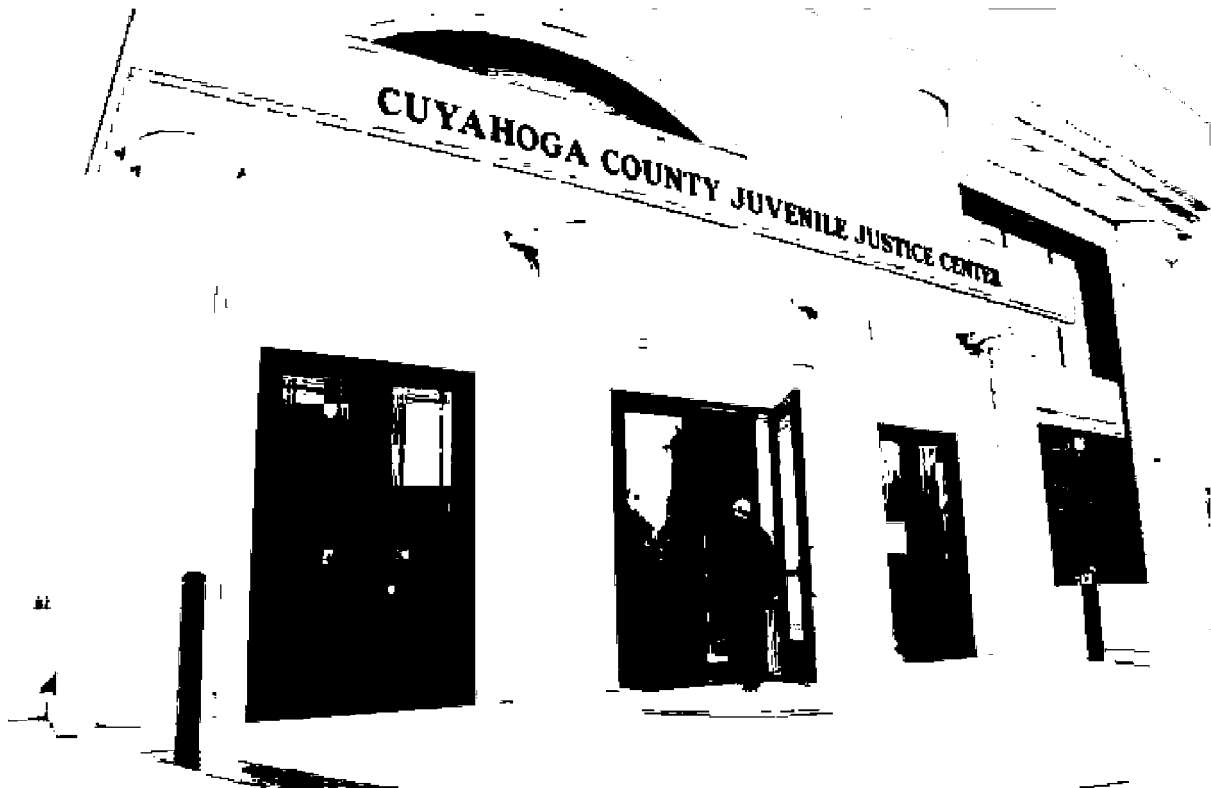
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Cleveland mayor's teenage great-grandson could face charges in adult court, accused of involvement in shooting at police

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A Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court judge ordered that Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's great-grandson be tried as an adult.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio — Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's great-grandson could face charges as an adult in a case where he is accused driving a car as a passenger fired gunshots at Cleveland police officers.

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Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Judge Kristin Sweeney on Tuesday set the case involving Jackson's 16-year-old great-grandson and a 17-year-old co-defendant for another hearing in which the judge could

decide to send the case to adult court or keep it in juvenile court.

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Both are charged in juvenile court with felonious assault, discharging a firearm, improperly handling a gun in a car and criminal damaging. Both have pleaded not guilty.

The incident happened about 11:45 p.m. July 17 on Quincy Avenue near East 86th Street.

Cleveland police gang unit detective Michael Harrigan testified that he and a group of other detectives were investigating after officers came across a large group of people drinking in the middle of East 86th Street.

Neither the mayor's great-grandson nor the co-defendant were part of the group, Harrigan and other officers testified.

A man in the group saw the officers and tossed a gun as he ran into a nearby home, Harrigan said. The man jumped out of the window and ran through the home's backyard toward East 84th Street.

Harrigan testified that he got into his car and went to loop around the block. A car sped by him on Quincy Avenue. Harrigan said he heard a pop as he turned the car around and looked back and saw the car stop, the passenger get out and fire two more shots in his direction.

The car sped away. None of the bullets struck Harrigan or his car. One bullet ripped through a nearby convenience store, the store's owner testified.

Harrigan said on cross-examination by defense attorney Sydney Strickland Saffold that he could not identify the driver or shooter.

Officers later found two fired bullet casings in the road. Saffold sought in her questioning to show that the bullet casings could have been there before the shooting and that Harrigan had driven his car over that patch of road in search of the car.

Officer Christian Childs testified that he and his partner patrolled on East 93rd Street and Union Avenue and were on the lookout for the car involved in the shooting.

Childs said he spotted the car and stopped it. The mayor's great-grandson was driving the car and was arrested. He eventually vomited and was taken to the hospital before the officers took him to the Juvenile Detention Center.


His passenger, a 17-year-old boy, ran from officers and tossed a gun. Officers caught up to him and arrested him. The officers later found the gun.

Childs also testified he found an empty gun-magazine in the center console of the car.

Frank Jackson has never commented on the arrest.

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Suspected gang member poses for photo with gun, cash in Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway, sources say

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Shawn Murray, 19, poses with a gun in his pocket in Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway.

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By [Adam Ferrise, cleveland.com](#)

CLEVELAND, Ohio — A suspected gang member with a history of felony convictions posed for a photo in Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway.

The photo obtained by cleveland.com and verified by multiple sources shows 19-year-old Shawn Murray holding a wad of cash with what appears to be a gun with an extended clip sticking out of his pocket.

Murray has previously been convicted of robbery, receiving stolen property in a carjacking in Cleveland Heights and currently faces charges of possessing a weapon, also in connection with an armed robbery investigation, according to police and court records.

Murray, according to the sources, is a member of the gang No Limit-700. Members who belong to that gang are suspected of committing several armed robberies, shootings and at least one homicide, according to the sources.

The photo was posted on Instagram sometime in July. The Instagram account has since been deactivated.

The photo takes on new meaning after a car speeding away from the scene of a deadly shooting on Wednesday was registered to the mayor's grandson, Frank Q. Jackson, at the mayor's address, where the photo was taken.

Homicide detectives went to the mayor's home on Wednesday and took a juvenile who showed up there in a truck also registered to the mayor's grandson into custody. That was truck was towed from the home.

Around 11 a.m. Friday, police found a car matching the description of the one that fled the scene of the fatal shooting, according to law enforcement sources. Officers found the car burning next to an abandoned building on Holton Avenue near East 93rd Street.

Investigators believe it was the car that was registered to Frank Q. Jackson that sped from the daytime slaying of Antonio Parra in front of a barbershop in Cleveland.

No charges have been filed in the case and police have not accused the mayor's grandson of any crimes connected to the shooting.

Sydney Strickland-Saffold, a defense attorney representing Frank Q. Jackson, said Friday that her client had "absolutely no involvement" in the crime. She said she advised him not to give a statement to Cleveland police.

Several law enforcement sources said friends of the mayor's grandson, who lives at the home, and great-grandson -- a juvenile accused of driving a car in which the passenger shot at police officers -- go in and out of the mayor's home regularly.

The home is guarded around the clock by at least one Cleveland police officer.

A spokeswoman for the mayor said he declined to comment.

Murray's first felony conviction happened for a 2015 robbery on East 13th Street and Chester in downtown Cleveland. He pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property in connection with the carjacking on Jan. 3, 2018 in Cleveland Heights.


Three men carjacked a woman at gunpoint, and sped off in her car. Murray was one of two charged in connection with the case. He was a witness in the case of another juvenile, who was convicted of robbery.

Murray was sentenced July 1 to three years on probation. He was arrested again Aug. 1 on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and receiving stolen property.

Cleveland gang detectives investigating activity in the Carver Park housing development found Murray inside a stolen car with a loaded gun, police reports say. He tried to run from police, but was caught, police reports say.

A woman reported to police that the stolen car belonged to her, but was “evasive” when investigators asked how it was stolen and when. Murray pleaded not guilty to the charges and was released after posting a \$25,000 bond.

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
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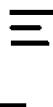
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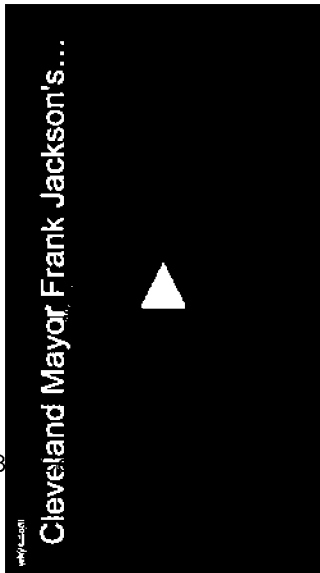
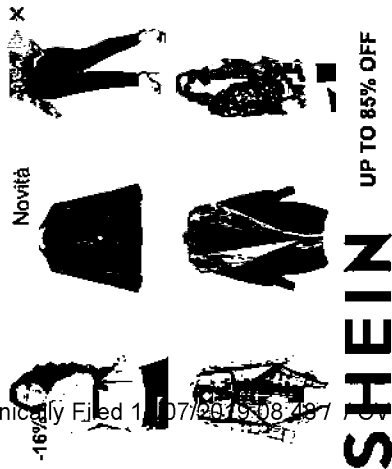
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Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson's grandson charged with brutal beating of girlfriend

The alleged incident happened nearly three months ago, although no charges were filed until now.

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EXHIBIT 8



CLEVELAND — A Cuyahoga County grand jury on Wednesday indicted Frank G. Jackson, the grandson of Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson, for allegedly beating his teen girlfriend.

The 22-year-old Jackson faces felony charges of felonious assault, abduction, and failure to comply. If convicted, he could face multiple decades in prison.



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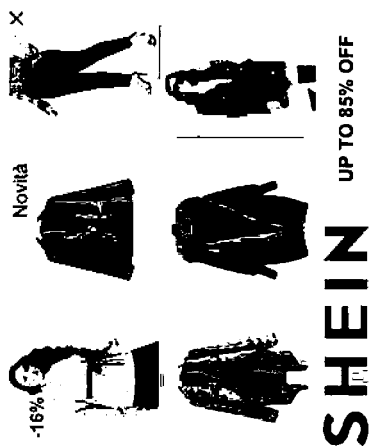
The indictment comes nearly three months after the alleged incident. The Cleveland Prosecutor's Office declined to file charges, despite police reports and witness statements that corroborated the assault. The victim, who is an 18-year-old woman, did not want to press charges, according to Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority police reports.

"The Grand Jury reviewed the facts of this case and has come to this determination," Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office spokesman Ryan Midday said in a statement. "The message is that it is not acceptable to violently abuse women in Cuyahoga County."

Mayor Jackson, for his part, is remaining tight-lipped about the situation, although he said Wednesday he was unaware the city prosecutor's office did not bring charges against his grandson. The mayor refused to discuss his reaction to that news and say if he spoke to his grandson about the incident.

"If there are things I need to discuss with family, that's between me and my family," he said. "How I feel is how and how I think is not a public record."

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"What happens in my house and my yard isn't anyone's business," he said.

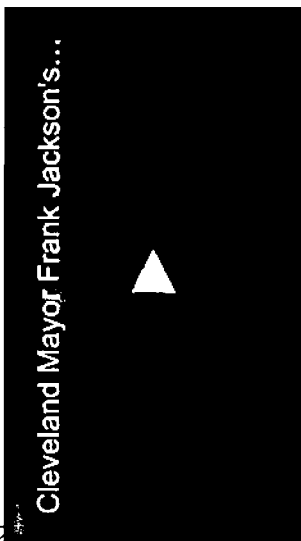


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ESPN analyst says Freddie Kitchens' use of Odell Beckham Jr. is close to 'fireable'

According to ESPN's Dan Orlovsky, Freddie Kitchens' use of Odell Beckham Jr. is 'as close to a fireable offense' as the Cleveland Browns head coach has had.

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June 13. Detectives made four attempts to speak with a witness from the scene, all of which were unsuccessful, according to records.

Jackson said Wednesday the victim "needs to follow the process" if she has concerns.

On July 24, records state that the city prosecutor declined to file charges due to the victim's refusal to press charges.

Frank Q. Jackson's name also surfaced last week, when his attorney held a news conference to insist he had no involvement in a deadly shooting that occurred on Cleveland's west side. A truck that was reportedly at the scene of the shooting was towed from Frank G. Jackson's east side home. A juvenile at the home was also questioned and later released to a parent.

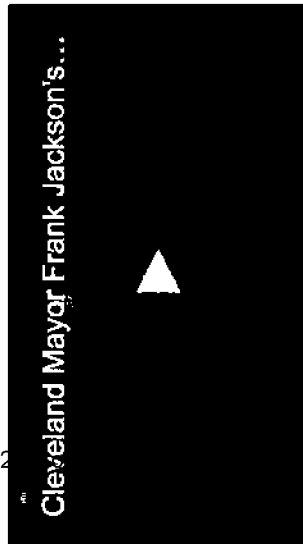
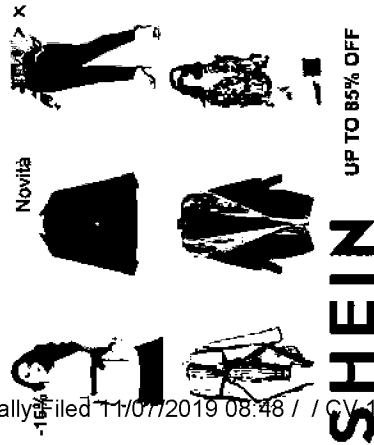
One arrest was made the day of the homicide, though authorities have not released that suspect's name.

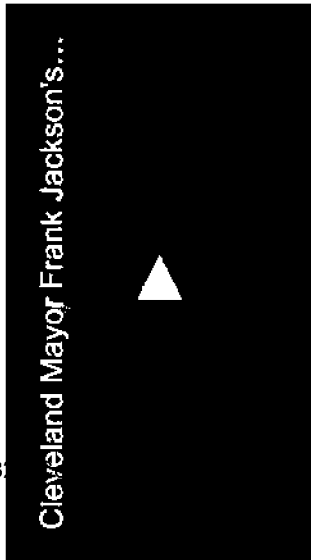
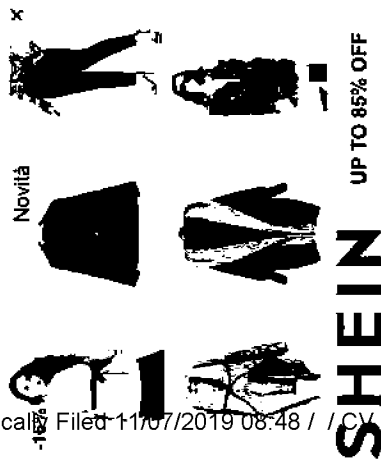
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Frank Q. Jackson pleaded guilty to charges of carrying a concealed weapon and improper handling of a firearm inside a motor vehicle last year. The deal allowed him to potentially have his felony gun charges erased from record and avoid prison time.

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Channel 3 asked Jackson for his reaction to a photo, first reported by cleveland.com, that shows a suspected gang member posing with a gun visible in his pants and flashing money ~ while standing in the mayor's driveway.





Witness statements completed by the victim's friend and a witness at the scene matched the victim's account of the incident.

As police were talking with the victim and witnesses, the truck returned to the scene, and the involved parties told officers the truck's driver, Jackson, was the assailant. When an officer stepped in front of the truck and ordered Jackson to pull into a nearby parking spot, Jackson put the truck in reverse at a high rate of speed and fled the scene, the report says.

Officers ran the truck's license plate and confirmed it belongs to Frank Q. Jackson.

After Jackson fled, the victim became agitated and irate, insisting she was scared to be seen with police officers.

"I want to go inside," the victim told officers, according to the report.

Another vehicle arrived at the scene, which the victim said she immediately identified as Frank Q. Jackson's mother's. Jackson's relatives began to "tour the area" according to the report, causing the victim to become fearful that the family would retaliate once officers left the scene.

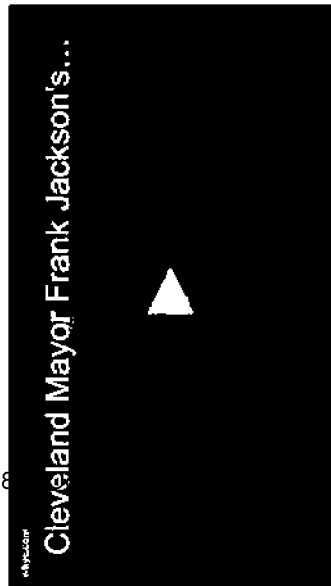
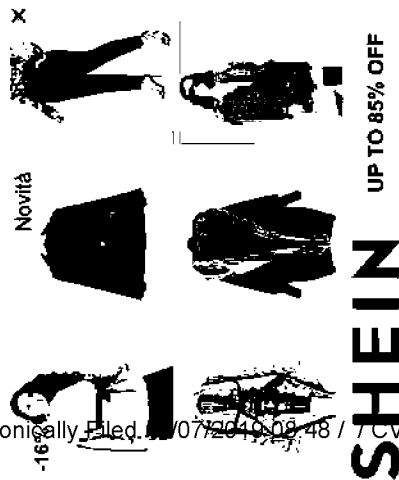


The victim refused treatment by a medic though she suffered "multiple injuries," including swelling to her neck and knee, and small lacerations to an elbow and above her left eye, according to the report.

A supplemental CMHA police report says officers later obtained video of Jackson's truck fleeing the scene before a person can be seen exiting the truck, running into a nearby property.

CMHA police records state that the victim signed a non-prosecution form following an interview with police





But the mayor said he has not interfered with any investigations into his possible criminal investigations involving his family.

"But in terms of your question about me interfering with things - that does not happen," he said.

CMHA police say the incident occurred on June 10, in the 2000 block of E. 49th Street. The victim reported that she and a friend were sitting in the back seat of a Ford F-150 truck parked outside a gas station. The victim, according to the report, said she asked her friend to buy something from the store. When she left, Jackson, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, then turned around and began punching and strangling the victim, according to the report.



The victim told police she suffers from asthma and felt "as if she was going to pass out during the strangulation," the report states.

The victim's friend said she returned from the store and found Jackson "brutally assaulting" the victim, who was struggling to breathe. The friend said she tried to stop Jackson but he kicked her out of the truck.

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When the assault subsided, the victim asked Jackson to drop her and the friend off at a home. Jackson complied but began assaulting the victim again en route. When the group arrived at the home, Jackson allegedly dragged the victim by her hair from the truck, across the grass and onto the sidewalk. The report says Jackson choked the victim and struck her face and body several times with a closed fist.

Jackson returned to the truck to retrieve a metal truck hitch, which he used to strike the victim repeatedly on the knee. The victim grabbed Jackson and began screaming for someone to call police, causing Jackson to flee on foot toward E. 55th Street.

Witness statements completed by the victim's friend and a witness at the scene matched the victim's



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Cuyahoga County grand jury indicts man who posed with gun in Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway

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Shawn Murray, 19, poses with a gun in his pocket in Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- A 19-year-old man who posted a photo of himself with a large gun in his pocket in Mayor Frank Jackson's driveway was indicted this week in a gang case involving the mayor's 16-year-old great grandson.

A Cuyahoga County grand jury handed up an indictment Tuesday against Shawn Murray Jr., charging him with criminal gang activity, aggravated theft, theft, carrying concealed weapons, receiving stolen property and having weapons while under disability, according to the indictment.

Murray is being held in the Cuyahoga County Jail and is scheduled for an arraignment hearing next week records show. Two other adults, Alonzo Marvelle Floyd, 19, and Davon Dukes, 18, were also indicted on a variety of charges in the case. Floyd was arraigned Friday and is being held in jail on a \$50,000 bond. Dukes is scheduled to be arraigned Oct. 17.

Murray, who has previously been convicted of several felonies and is currently fighting charges of illegal gun possession, sometime this summer posted a photo of himself standing the mayor's driveway, with a large gun in his pocket and two handfuls of cash. A Cleveland police cruiser is visible over Murray's shoulder.

Law enforcement sources have told [cleveland.com](#) that Murray is part of a gang that frequents the mayor's home and is friends with the mayor's grandson and the great-grandson, a juvenile, who is charged in the case.

Murray is named as one of seven suspected members of the No Limit-700 gang in charges recently filed in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.

Four juveniles, including the mayor's 16-year-old great-grandson, were charged with participating in a criminal gang. Three adults, including Murray, were named as co-defendants in the Juvenile Court case, but had not been formally charged until now.

The gang is accused of operating from at least the Dec. 31, 2018 through July, according to court records. They are accused of being responsible for committing shootings, armed robberies, burglaries, illegal gun possession and other offenses, according to court records.

The mayor's great-grandson is expected to face charges as an adult after being accused of driving a car as his passenger opened fire on a Cleveland police officer. [Cleveland.com](#) typically does not release the name of juvenile criminal suspect unless they are charged as adults.

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 The photo of Murray, previously published by [cleveland.com](#), sparked a debate about Jackson's law and police departments' handling of two cases involving his grandson, Frank Q. Jackson, including a deadly daytime shooting and a separate attack on an 18-year-old woman

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NEWS

Cleveland mayor's grandson Frank Q. Jackson repeatedly choked and beat woman during June incident, according to police report

Frank Q. Jackson now faces indictment after details of violent case made public



Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson hit with felony indictment after brutal beating

By **Chris Anderson** | September 4, 2019 at 3:16 PM EDT - Updated September 4 at 10:35 PM

CLEVELAND, Ohio (WOIO) - The violent crimes allegedly involving members of Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's family continue to add up as his grandson was indicted on several felony charges, including abduction and felonious assault.

New details have surfaced in a report from Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police naming 22-year-old Frank Q. Jackson, the mayor's grandson, as the suspect in a violent assault.

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The initial assault allegedly occurred on June 10 at a gas station near the intersection of East 40th Street and Quincy Avenue.

According to the CMHA police report, Jackson and several other individuals were sitting inside a parked Ford F-150 truck.

The 18-year-old victim told investigators that she asked another female passenger to run into a store and grab something for her. Before she was able to exit the truck, Jackson allegedly turned from the front seat to punch the victim in the face and strangle her “profusely.”



Photos taken of alleged assault victim's injuries (Source: Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police)

The woman who went inside the store returned a short time later and witnessed the victim struggling to breathe because she was allegedly being “brutally assaulted” by Jackson.

According to the report, the female passenger intervened and asked for the driver to drop her and the victim off at a location on East 49th Street following the alleged beating.

When the truck arrived, Jackson allegedly pulled the 18-year-old woman from the truck and dragged her through the grass by her hair. He continued to strike her with a closed fist multiple times and choke, according to police.


Photos taken of alleged assault victim's injuries (Source: Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police)

Jackson returned to the truck and grabbed a metal hitch. He used to object to hit the female victim in the left leg multiple times, according to the police report.

The victim and witnesses screamed for somebody to call police, but Jackson fled down the street from the scene of the alleged assault.


Photos taken of alleged assault victim's injuries (Source: Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police)

When police arrived, the female passenger attested to the victim's account and said she witnessed the assaults at the gas station and on East 49th Street.

According to Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police, a truck drove by while investigators were questioning the victim. Witnesses told police that the truck belonged to the mayor's grandson. Police ran the license plate and confirmed that the truck was registered to Frank Q. Jackson. Police ordered for the driver to pull over, but the vehicle reversed and drove the wrong way down a one-way street at a high rate of speed in an effort to get away from the scene.

Police said the victim said she was "so scared" and feared that Jackson's family would retaliate for speaking with police.

The victim stated that her neck was swollen and she had abrasions above her eye, to her legs and on her elbow. Paramedics responded to the scene, but the victim refused treatment.

CMHA investigators said the victim did not want to pursue charges.

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Earlier on Wednesday, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office said they were investigating the case to determine if felony charges are warranted. A statement was provided regarding the case:

This case was not previously referred to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office for review. We are now reviewing the facts of the case to determine if there are chargeable felony offenses. There are concerning facts in this case, including repeated strangulation of the victim and flight to evade the police, which are known to be factors suggesting the victim could be at risk of a future lethal or near-lethal assault. While each case rests on its own facts and quality of evidence, we have prosecuted similar incidents in other cases. As this case is still under review by us and/or the grand jury we cannot comment further at this time.

Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney Terese McKenna

Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson was asked by 19 News on Wednesday about his grandson's trouble with the law, but he said he did not want to discuss personal matters.

On Wednesday night, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office confirmed a Cuyahoga County Grand Jury indicted Jackson on one count of felonious assault, one count of abduction, and two counts of failure to comply.

A statement from the Office of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor spokesman Ryan Miday said:

"The Grand Jury reviewed the facts of this case and has come to this determination. The message is that it is not acceptable to violently abuse women in Cuyahoga County."

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Cleveland prosecutor declined to charge Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson in beating of woman witnessed by others, records say

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Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police investigated Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson in connection with the beating of an 18-year-old woman. City prosecutors refused to bring criminal charges.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio — A veteran Cleveland city prosecutor declined to bring criminal charges against Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson after a woman accused him of choking her and hitting her several times with a metal truck hitch.

Assistant City Prosecutor Aric Kinast, who has worked in the city prosecutor's office for 18 years, declined to proceed with criminal charges despite two witnesses and the victim naming the grandson as the attacker.

The case was also never referred to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, despite the fact that it appears to rise to the level of a felony. Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Terese McKenna, who oversees felony cases, said her office never received the case.

McKenna said referring this type of case to the county prosecutor's office is "routine" and that they take cases similar to this one "extremely seriously."

"There's some concerning factors in this case," McKenna said. "Strangulation would be a huge lethality indicator, along with running from police that could make this a felony case."

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor spokesman Ryan Miday said his office is currently reviewing the facts of the case.

Mayor Frank Jackson's spokesman Dan Williams declined to comment. Cleveland Law Director Barbara Langhenry, who is appointed by Jackson and oversees the city prosecutor, did not respond to a voicemail seeking comment.

The case is the latest in a growing list of incidents involving the mayor's relatives and their friends.

The grandson involved in the beating case, Frank Q. Jackson, 22, was arrested in a separate incident in May and later pleaded guilty in a case where he was accused of driving a truck where the passengers shot paintballs at other cars.

Officers found two guns and two prescription painkillers in the truck. The 22-year-old pleaded guilty to several misdemeanor crimes and was sentenced to two years on probation.

In June, the mayor's 16-year-old great-grandson was arrested and accused of driving a car carrying a passenger who fired several shots at Cleveland police officers, according to police and prosecutors. That case is still pending.

On Wednesday, a car registered to Frank Q. Jackson was spotted speeding away from outside a crime scene where a 30-year-old man suffered a fatal gunshot wound. A car matching the description of Frank Q. Jackson's car was found torched two days later next to an abandoned building.

Cleveland homicide detectives went to the mayor's home and towed Frank Q. Jackson's truck.

Sometime this summer, a 19-year-old suspected gang member with several prior felony convictions posted to social media a photo of himself in the mayor's driveway with what appears to be a large gun in his pocket. Law enforcement sources previously told cleveland.com that suspected gang members made frequent visit the home.

The mayor and his spokespeople have thus far declined to comment on all of these incidents.

The beating happened about 6:45 p.m. June 10, according to Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police reports. Frank Q. Jackson was in a truck with four other people, including an 18-year-old woman, parked at a gas station on East 40th and Quincy Avenue.

The woman asked her friend to buy her something at the gas station. She left and Frank Q. Jackson turned around and punched her in the face several times, according to police reports.

He choked the woman "profusely" with both hands around her neck, according to police. The woman told police she suffers from asthma and felt like she was going to lose consciousness, according to police reports.

The woman's 16-year-old friend told police that she returned to the truck and found her friend gasping for breath while Frank Q. Jackson attacked her, according to police reports.

The girl said she tried to intervene but Jackson ordered her out of the truck, police reports say.

Frank Q. Jackson stopped and said he'd drop both the woman and girl off at an apartment building on East 49th Street. While driving to the apartment, he attacked the 18-year-old woman a second time, the report says.

At the apartment, Frank Q. Jackson dragged the 18-year-old woman out of the truck by her hair, across the grass and onto the sidewalk, police reports say.

He choked her again and punched her in the face and body, police reports say. He went back to the truck, grabbed a metal hitch and struck her several times in the left knee with it, police reports say.

The 16-year-old girl told police she grabbed Jackson and screamed for someone to call police, the police reports say.

Both the 18-year-old woman and 16-year-old girl gave identical statements to police. A 19-year-old woman told police she witnessed the attack at the apartment building and gave a written statement to officers.

Frank Q. Jackson ran away before police arrived, police reports say.

While the officers were investigating the case, a truck with Frank Q. Jackson inside drove by the officers. Several witnesses pointed him out to police and said he was the man who attacked the woman, according to police reports.

CMHA police officers walked in front of the truck and ordered the driver to pull to the side of the road, police reports say.

The truck backed up and sped off down the wrong way of a one-way street, police reports say. The truck was registered to Frank Q. Jackson, police report say. The truck is the same truck towed from the mayor's house last week.

The 18-year-old woman got scared and told police that she wanted to go in the apartment and no longer wanted to speak with the officers, police reports say. An officer reported that he de-escalated the situation and that the woman had time to "recuperate" when another car rolled by the scene.

The woman immediately told police that the driver was Frank Q. Jackson's mother, police reports say.

Officers noted that Frank Q. Jackson's family members began to drive around the area. The woman said she feared Jackson's family members would retaliate against her if officers left, police reports say.

The woman suffered several injuries, including swelling and redness on her neck, a small cut above her left eye, a small cut on her right elbow and swelling and redness on her left knee, police reports say. She declined medical treatment at the scene, according to reports.

A detective two days later obtained footage from the nearby CMHA housing complex that showed the truck registered to Frank Q. Jackson speed from the area. The passenger gets out and runs, police reports say.

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A CMHA detective wrote in her report that the 18-year-old woman three days later signed a non-prosecution form saying she did not wish to pursue a criminal case.

Detectives tried to track down one of the two witnesses in the ensuing days but did not find her, the police reports say.

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Kinast told the CMHA detective July 24 that his office would not pursue charges in the case, according to police reports and city records. Assistant county prosecutor McKenna said it's common for prosecutors to pursue cases without a victim if they have police officers willing to testify.

"I see cases like this all the time," McKenna said. "I've seen a lot of cases where the victim isn't cooperating. I see cases with those kinds of facts all the time."

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'We were able to work it out': U.S. Marshals release new details on the surrender of Mayor Jackson's grandson

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U.S. Marshals release new details on the surrender of Mayor Jackson...



CLEVELAND — U.S. Marshals say they were able to work with Mayor Frank Jackson on coordinating a surrender of his grandson, who is facing felony charges, for an alleged assault on his girlfriend.

U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott told Fox 8 he contacted Mayor Frank Jackson to discuss either having the Marshals track down his 22-year-old grandson Frank Q. Jackson or allowing him to surrender.

"The media was camped outside of his home so I thought the best way to handle it was to call and try and work something out," Elliott said.

According to a Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority police report, Jackson is accused of punching, choking and hitting an 18-year-old woman with a metal truck hitch in June. Officials say the woman was his girlfriend.

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Cleveland City prosecutors did not file charges after the victim decided she did not want to pursue the case.

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Elliott said the mayor was cooperative and did not ask for anything.

"We were able to work it out. His grandson was taken into custody," Elliott said.

Frank Q. Jackson, was indicted Wednesday on charges of felonious assault, abduction, and failure to comply with police, he was arrested around 9 Thursday evening.

He is expected to be arraigned on the charges Monday.

The county prosecutors, however, reviewed it earlier this week and then presented it to the grand jury.

The mayor has previously told the Fox 8 I-Team he does not interfere in his grandson's cases.

A statement from the City of Cleveland Law Department says:

"The City of Cleveland Prosecutor's Office reviews numerous misdemeanor and felony offenses on a daily, weekly and monthly basis for charging decisions. The Assistant Prosecutors in the office take this responsibility seriously. Every charging decision is made based on the facts and evidence presented to an Assistant Prosecutor by a presenting law enforcement official. The City Prosecutor's Office does not receive, and has not received, any influence or interference by anyone in the Mayor's Office on this or any other case. The Law Director is responsible for this office, but does not interfere with charging decisions, and did not do so in this case. The Law Department and the citizens of Cleveland rely on the experience and knowledge of its prosecuting attorneys to weigh and consider the evidence presented when making charging decisions. Assistant Prosecutors, like Aric Kinast who is a fine and upstanding professional who has served the citizens of Cleveland for 19 years, take their jobs very seriously. It is now clear that the matter at issue in the media was presented by a CMHA detective who failed to provide ALL the evidence related to this matter. When facts and evidence are withheld, such as the video released yesterday, an educated and informed decision cannot be made. Being a prosecutor is tough and is made tougher when facts and evidence are withheld or not properly presented. The City Prosecutor's Office will continue honorably serving the citizens of Cleveland."

The Cuyahoga County Housing Authority said Friday night, "We are aware of the statement and we are reviewing the facts and then will be able to provide you with a statement."

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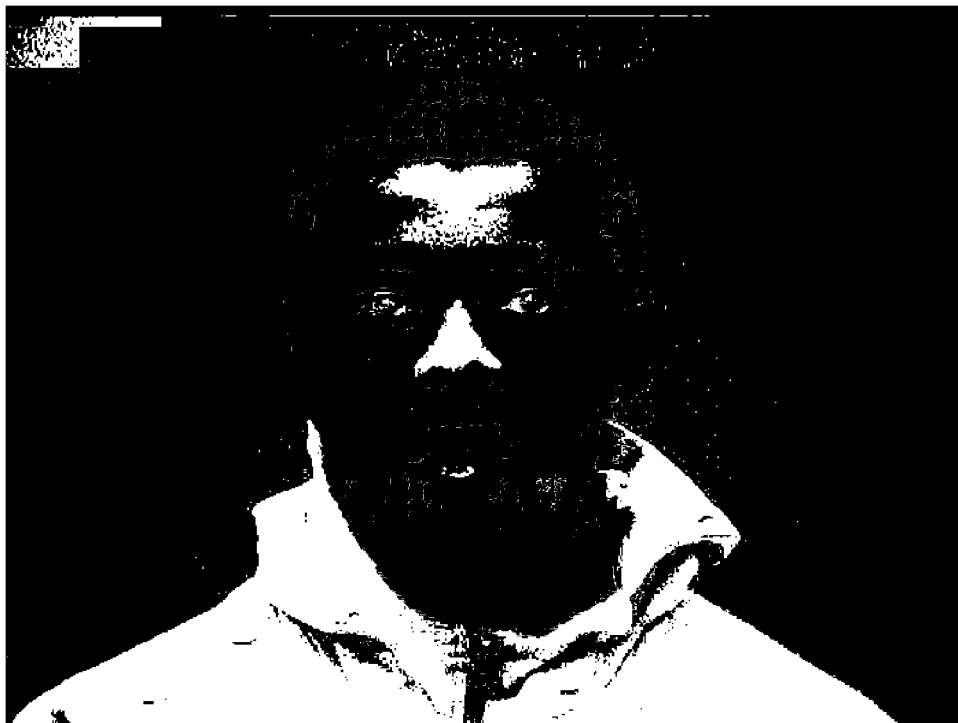
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Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson and U.S. Marshal negotiated surrender of mayor's grandson

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Frank Q. Jackson the grandson of Mayor Frank Jackson, was arrested late Thursday on charges that accuse him of attacking an 18-year-old woman.

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By Adam Ferrise, cleveland.com

CLEVELAND, Ohio — U.S. Marshals late Thursday negotiated with Mayor Frank Jackson for a peaceful surrender of the mayor's 22-year-old grandson who is accused of an attack on an 18-year-old woman.

U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott said a large media presence outside the mayor's home, where his grandson lives, forced law enforcement to switch gears. Elliott said he called the mayor and gave him the option of U.S. Marshals tracking down Frank Q. Jackson or allowing him to surrender, Elliott said.

Mayor spokesman Dan Williams said Friday that he has not spoken with the mayor about the negotiations or arrest.

Elliott that said he preferred to conduct their search and make a covert arrest, but the TV cameras camped out outside the home made that impossible.

The mayor eventually negotiated his grandson's surrender about 9 p.m., and investigators took him into custody without incident at a home in the 2100 block of East 38th Street. Frank Q. Jackson's mother home is listed on that block, according to court records.

"At the end of the day, the biggest thing for me is the safety of my officers," Elliott said. "This isn't our first rodeo. I have to take into account the safety of my people. He has a history of violence, as far as we're concerned, and that's not good for us because it's all over the media. We had to make decisions quickly and get them into custody as fast as possible and as peacefully as possible."

Frank Q. Jackson was indicted Wednesday on charges of felonious assault, abduction and failing to comply with police. He is being held in the Cuyahoga County Jail and was scheduled for arraignment on Sept. 18. That court date was later pushed up to Monday morning, according to court records.

Jackson is accused of punching, choking and hitting an 18-year-old woman with a metal truck hitch.

The incident at the center of the criminal case happened June 10, and Cuyahoga Housing Metropolitan Authority police investigated the case. The CHMA investigators referred the case to Cleveland city prosecutors, who on July 24 declined to pursue charges, despite having witness and victim statements and the observations and investigation of CMHA officers.

County prosecutors said the case was never referred to their office.

The mayor has declined to discuss the incident in detail or make any substantive public statement about the arrest or the investigation, nor why his law department declined charges. Williams and law director Barbara Langhenry have not responded to questions about that investigation or if the city will conduct a review of the city prosecutor's handling of the case.

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Cleveland mayor's grandson named as 'prime suspect' in West Side murder case; police not planning to hand over investigation to another agency



Cleveland mayor's grandson named as 'prime suspect' in West Side murder case

By Hannah Catlett | September 10, 2019 at 5:41 PM EDT - Updated September 10 at 6:58 PM

CLEVELAND, Ohio (WOIO) - The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office confirmed Tuesday that Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson, Frank Q. Jackson, is a "prime suspect" in a murder that unfolded on the city's West Side late last month.

Until now, 19 News had only confirmed that Jackson's vehicle was towed from the mayor's home as evidence in the murder case.

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Now, prosecutors and some city council members want the police to hand over the investigation to an independent organization.

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley says Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams would be the one to bring in another agency to investigate the homicide that happened on Clark Avenue outside First Class Barber Shop in August.

"It is their decision to make," he said. "We have actual video of the crime. It was an execution on Clark Avenue in broad daylight. It's a very brutal homicide."

Antonio Parra, 30, of Warrensville Heights, was standing outside the barber shop when he was shot multiple times. Parra died on scene.

He says investigators believe the mayor's grandson may have been involved in the murder.

It's a message that's very different from the one Frank Q Jackson's attorney gave 19 News the week of the crime.

She said, "Frank Jackson has absolutely no involvement in this homicide."

However, O' Malley said, "His vehicle was observed fleeing with the suspected shooters after the shooting. So, certainly he remains a prime suspect."

The mayor has been accused of intervening on his family member's behalf in the past.

For that reason, O'Malley says it'd just be best to remove any conflict of interest in the case.

"I think it just makes it very difficult in this situation to investigate a member of his family when ultimately he's your boss," he said.

However, when we asked the police department if the chief is considering calling in another agency, a spokesperson said there were currently no plans to do so.

"I know they want to solve that crime, but in end, if we don't solve it there will be questions asked at the end, and they will be very difficult to answer," O'Malley said.

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Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson responds to ethics questions regarding homicide investigation involving grandson (video)

Mayor Frank Jackson tells 19 News, "I don't need to talk to the public through you."



Mayor Frank Jackson responds to ethics questions regarding homicide investigation involving grandson

By **Misty Stiver** and **Sara Goldenberg** | September 20, 2019 at 2:04 PM EDT - Updated September 20 at 6:05 PM

CLEVELAND, Ohio (WOIO) - After weeks of dodging our cameras and our questions, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson has finally broken his silence to 19 News regarding ethics concerns over a homicide investigation involving his grandson.

Ethics experts say it is a conflict of interest for the Cleveland Division of Police to handle a homicide case in which the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office has named 22-year-old Frank Q. Jackson a "prime suspect."

City and county leaders, concerned about a conflict of interest, have been calling on police to hand the investigation over to an outside law enforcement agency.

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Despite repeated requests for an interview, Mayor Jackson has refused to speak with us on camera, instead releasing a taped statement to the media on Sept. 12.

[Cleveland mayor on grandson's case: 'You can choose to believe the media, or you can believe me']

19 News investigator Sara Goldenberg caught up with Mayor Jackson at City Hall on Friday as he headed in to City Council Chambers for the 144th Cleveland Police Academy Graduation.

Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson responds to ethics question

Sara Goldenberg: "Mayor, can we speak to you regarding your grandson's case?"

Mayor Frank Jackson: "No."

Goldenberg: "Why do you oppose having an outside agency investigate?"

Mayor: "I don't oppose anything. I'll let the process take care of itself."

Goldenberg: "Have you read the Ohio Code of Ethics when it pertains to conflicts of interest?"

Mayor: "Well, I think there's an Ethics Commission and they would probably, if there was a conflict, they would probably rule on that."

Goldenberg: "It specifically talks about an investigation and a family member. Whether perceived or real, why would you want there to be any thought of conflict of interest? What about transparency for the people?"

Mayor: "Well, I haven't interfered so far and I'm not going to interfere in this process."

Goldenberg: "Did you at any time tell any CPD officers or staff to not use their body cameras?"

Mayor: "I think I've told you no on that before."

Goldenberg: "To not turn them off or turn them on?"

Mayor: "I have not told anyone to do anything."

Goldenberg: "What would you tell the public in the interest of transparency when it comes to releasing that video? You did not give journalists the opportunity to ask questions."

Mayor: "Well, I don't need to talk to the public through you, but I will talk to the public."

Frank Q. Jackson has not been charged in connection with the Aug. 28 murder of Antonio Parra outside of a barber shop on Clark Avenue at West 51st Street, but witnesses reported seeing a car belonging to Jackson fleeing the scene.

Following the murder, detectives showed up at the mayor's East 38th Street home, picked up a juvenile for questioning and towed Frank Q. Jackson's truck. Two traffic tickets from August show Jackson has the mayor's address listed as his residence on his drivers license.

Sources say the mayor told police officers investigating the Clark Avenue homicide not to use their body cameras while at his house.

According to CPD policy, police officers are supposed to hit record on their wearable body cameras before taking any police action, including talking to suspects, victims and witnesses.

In a taped statement, Mayor Jackson previously stated he "never told anyone to turn off their camera," but did not say if he had ordered officers not to turn them on.

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On Friday, 19 News asked the mayor to clarify his response regarding the body cameras.

He stated, "I have not told anyone to do anything."

According to the Ohio Ethics Law, when someone in public service is confronted with a conflict of interest, including matters involving close family members, he or she must completely abstain from making decisions about or influencing how the matter is resolved.

"The mayor has the ability to hire and fire the police chief, which tells me that certainly would lead someone to look at this, no matter what happens, and say that relationship could certainly have an effect on the investigation," said Richard Koblentz, an attorney specializing in ethics law.

Koblentz agrees with some Cleveland City Council members and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor who have said there is a conflict of interest in the homicide case involving the mayor's grandson.

However, Police Chief Calvin Williams has not turned the investigation over to another agency.

"If this were brought to the attention of the ethics commission, they would review it, I would presume, and undertake some sort of investigation -- to the degree of which I cannot tell you, because that is in the preview of that agency," Koblentz said. "Then they would make a finding and a recommendation as to what they want to do."

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Anomalies add up in deadly shooting investigation involving Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson

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This Ford truck was towed from Mayor Frank Jackson's home as police investigated a deadly shooting on the city's West Side.

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By [Adam Ferrise, cleveland.com](#)

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson told homicide detectives who wanted to interview his grandson about a deadly daytime shooting that the 22-year-old would give a statement to police the day after the investigation [led homicide detectives](#) to the mayor's home, according to three law enforcement sources.

The officers turned off their body cameras at the mayor's home and complied with his request, according to the sources. Frank Q. Jackson walked into the police department the next day with his lawyer.

It's not uncommon for anyone sought for questioning by police to ask for a lawyer before they give a statement. But the sources said not taking that person into custody at that time is an anomaly, especially in a homicide investigation.

In a typical case, the officers would take the person into custody and wait for an attorney to show up before the interview, the sources said. This gives investigators time to collect certain evidence, including gunshot residue tests that would have shown if Frank Q. Jackson fired a gun recently.

Those tests never happened, according to the sources.

Mayor spokesman Dan Williams did not return messages seeking comment, nor respond to a list of questions.

Case Western Reserve University law professor Michael Benza said it's important in a case to test for gunshot residue as soon as possible. Once a gun is fired, it releases matter from both the front and back of the gun, often getting on the shooters hands and clothing. The test show if someone recently came into contact with a fired gun.

Once hands and clothes are washed, the amount of the matter can be difficult to detect. Police are not required to obtain a special warrant for that type of testing, Benza said.

"You want to do that type of testing as quickly as possible, so you don't lose that evidence," Benza said.

Paul Giannelli, a professor emeritus at Case Western Reserve University Law School, said it's paramount for investigators to swab the hands of a suspect in a shooting as quickly as possible.

"You have to do it quickly," Giannelli said. "Even putting your hands in and out of your pockets, that gets rid of it. Washing your hands gets rid of it. What you want to have done is to get the residue right then and there."

Giannelli said officers only needed reasonable suspicion to swab Frank Q. Jackson's hands. They also could have asked for consent. If he said no, that also could have been documented and used in the case.

"If he refuses you could use that as evidence of a guilty conscience," Giannelli said. "Then you could say you had reasonable suspicion to take the swabs."

The officers on Aug. 28 went to the mayor's home after a 2006 Volkswagen Passat registered to Frank Q. Jackson was spotted speeding from the scene of a fatal daytime shooting that killed 30-year-old Antonio Parra on the city's West Side.

Officers went to the mayor's home to interview Frank Q. Jackson. Investigators towed his truck, but did not find the car. Frank Q. Jackson had driven the car as recently as Aug. 13 when he was given a traffic ticket while driving the car, according to court and police records.

The car was found Aug. 30 next to an abandoned building on Holton Avenue near East 93rd Street. Hours earlier, Frank Q. Jackson went to Cleveland police headquarters as promised, defense attorney Sydney Strickland-Saffold said. She said she told her client not to give a statement to police and said he had no knowledge of the shooting.

No arrest or charges have been filed in Parra's slaying as of Monday afternoon. Cleveland homicide detectives are continuing to investigate the case.

The case isn't the only recent criminal case involving Frank Q. Jackson that raised questions.

Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Police on June 10 investigated an incident in which Jackson was accused of attacking an 18-year-old woman. The woman and two witnesses gave written statements to police.

An officer also noted in his police reports that Jackson returned to the scene in a truck, then sped off when an officer ordered him to pull the truck to the side of the road to be questioned.

Assistant Cleveland Prosecutor Andrew Krasak moved the case to late Monday to later decide whether to pursue criminal charges in that case. Cuyahoga County prosecutors picked up the case and secured an indictment against Frank Q. Jackson on charges of felonious assault, abduction and failing to comply with police.


County prosecutor spokesman Ryan Miday said in a statement that the grand jury reviewed the facts of the case and felt they warranted charges.

Frank Q. Jackson pleaded not guilty Monday to those charges.

Cleveland Prosecutor Karrie Howard on Friday blamed a CMHA detective who he said failed to provide all the evidence to Kinast.

Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Terese McKenna previously said county prosecutors are able to pursue charges and secure convictions in cases with similar facts, including when a victim later declines to keep participating in the criminal case.

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Sources say Cleveland mayor told officers not to use body cams while investigating grandson

The mayor's office has not commented.



Multiple sources say Cleveland mayor told officers not to use body cams involving grandson

By **Sara Goldenberg** | September 10, 2019 at 6:56 PM EDT - Updated September 10 at 6:56 PM

CLEVELAND, Ohio (WOIO) - Police continue to investigate a homicide on the West Side of Cleveland that involved the broad daylight killing of a 30-year-old man.

On Aug. 28, officers went to Mayor Frank Jackson's house after a vehicle registered to his grandson, Frank Q. Jackson, was seen speeding away from the scene.

A teen was questioned at the mayor's house that day.

There are now questions on whether Mayor Jackson may have interfered with that homicide case.

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Multiple law enforcement sources tell 19 News that the mayor told detectives investigating the Clark Avenue homicide not to use their body cameras while at his house.

According to CPD policy, police officers are supposed to hit record before taking any police action.

That includes talking to suspects, victims and witnesses during arrests and traffic stops.

Officers are only supposed to turn off their body cameras when the incident is over, or a supervisor tells them to stop.

19 News has reported a history of CPD breaking its body camera policy in the past.

It happened during two arrests involving Frank Q. Jackson. In 2016, Jackson was accused of assaulting a police officer.

But you don't see or hear this on the body camera video 19 News received through a public records request.

That's because both officers failed to turn on their body cameras, even though, according to department policy, their cameras should have been on before they exited their vehicles.

In 2017, police pulled over the mayor's grandson for a traffic stop and found a gun and a wanted homicide suspect in his truck.

19 News asked for a copy of that body camera video, but we were told it didn't exist.

19 News reached out to the mayor's office for a comment, we have not heard back yet.

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Body camera video of Cleveland mayor's grandson's arrest released after 10 months of record requests



Body cam of Cleveland Mayor's grandson's arrest released

By **Carl Monday** | May 8, 2017 at 5:54 PM EDT - Updated July 1 at 10:25 AM

CLEVELAND, OH (WOIO) - After nearly 10 months of making and following up on public record requests, and involving as tation attorney, the Cleveland 19 Investigative Unit has obtained body camera video of Cleveland Police arresting Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson, Frank Q. Jackson, for illegally riding a dirt bike in July 2016.

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WOIO Public records request - Body cam video from Frank Jackson arrest

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WOIO would like to request all Cleveland Division of Police body cam video in connection with the arrest of Frank Jackson DOB 12/4/1996 from all officers involved

Frank Jackson was arrested on 7/31/2016 on MLK Drive and Woodstock for the following charges by Officer Melanie Wilson (Badge 1378):

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473.02F RIDING UPON SEAT; HANDLE BARS; HELMETS AND GLASSES (Minor Misdemeanor)
435.09A FAILURE TO DISPLAY PLATES (Minor Misdemeanor)

The disclosure of this video is of public interest.

The City of Cleveland's Division of Police have been wearing body cameras since February 2015.

According to the Cleveland Division of Police General Police Order regarding the "Wearable Camera System," Cleveland Police are to place their body cameras Systems into "Event Mode" prior to taking any police action including, but not limited to:

- Encounters with victims, witnesses, and suspects
- All citations, uses of forces, detentions and arrests
- Pursuits (vehicle and foot) and emergency response driving

Those are just three examples from a lengthy General Police Order regarding the use of Wearable Camera Systems.

Frank Q. Jackson was arrested on July 31, 2016 at Martin Luther King Drive and Woodstock for illegally riding a dirt bike, among other charges. Officers attempted to charge Jackson with assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest, but their body cameras weren't turned on in a timely manner. In the body cam video obtained by Cleveland 19, you can hear police yelling at Jackson, that he'd "assaulted a police officer" and was "resisting."

Jackson said he grabbed the officer so he didn't fall onto his face. He later apologized to the officer for grabbing her. You won't see or hear the alleged assault of a police officer or resisting on that body camera though, because both officers failed to turn on their body cameras before attempting to stop Jackson, even though they admit on camera that they'd "chased" him – which means their cameras should have been on before they exited their vehicles, according to policy.

This is the first of two run-ins with Frank Q. Jackson where officers failed to activate their body cameras properly.

In April 2017, Frank Q. Jackson was pulled over at E. 30th and Orange at the I-77 entrance ramp. Police said Jackson had a male in the bed of his pick-up truck as he attempted to enter the highway. Officers pulled Jackson over, once again, failing to activate their body cameras. During what was originally thought to be a traffic stop, officers found several males in the vehicle with Jackson, one who was wanted for attempted murder, and officers also found a gun inside pick-up truck.

Cleveland 19 placed a public record request for the body camera video from this incident as well. Here is the city of Cleveland Records Department's response:

"There is no body camera video with report."

Both incidents involving the mayor's grandson should have involved body camera recordings. In each incident, officers directly violate the General Police Order for Wearable Camera System (WCS).

Cleveland 19 placed a public record request for all police reports and Daily Duty Reports filed by police supervisors for incidents where a member of the Cleveland Police Department failed to activate their "Wearable Camera System" (WCS). The General Police Order for Wearable Camera Systems makes it clear that supervisors are to "ensure members assigned to a WCS are using them in compliance with this order and determine the level of investigation for violations of this order." Cleveland's Department of Public Records denied our request for the public records stating:

Here is the response:

?This request is denied because it is overbroad. The City does not organize its databases or electronic/paper records in a way that allows the City to search without extensive research for the specific subset of records containing the select information you request. State ex Rel. Shaughnessy v. Cleveland, 2016-Ohio-8447. Daily Duty Reports are maintained under officer name and by report date. Please revise your request and resubmit it.

The public record request was rephrased and resubmitted.

The General Police Order for Wearable Camera Systems makes it clear that supervisors are to "ensure members assigned to a WCS are using them in compliance with this order and determine the level of investigation for violations of this order." Supervisors are also to "document in their Daily Duty Report any incident in which a member notifies them about an incident in which the WCS should have been activated, but was not."

Why aren't the requested records available if they are supposed to be documented, per the GPO? Why has the mayor's grandson had two run-ins with police where officers didn't have their body cameras on at all, or didn't turn them on until several minutes into interaction with him?

We asked Mayor Frank Jackson what he thought about the video from his grandson's July arrest and the missing video and he said "I didn't see the video of it, what I saw was a portion of something because if I'm not mistaken, I don't know if they turned the cameras on ... so all of the stuff leading up to it, but they turned it on when they asked him a couple questions."

We asked the mayor why police didn't have their cameras on, and the mayor said "you need to ask them [police]."

Two of the video clips Cleveland 19 reviewed before officially requesting were missing audio once they were released to our investigative unit. The city of Cleveland said they are working to provide us with the corrected clips by one of the clips where the female officer is

taking information down from Jackson, she asks Jackson "are you related to anyone?" after getting his name. He responded "Yes, Mayor Jackson," and said he is the mayor's grandson.

When we receive the corrected clips with audio, we will provide those to you.

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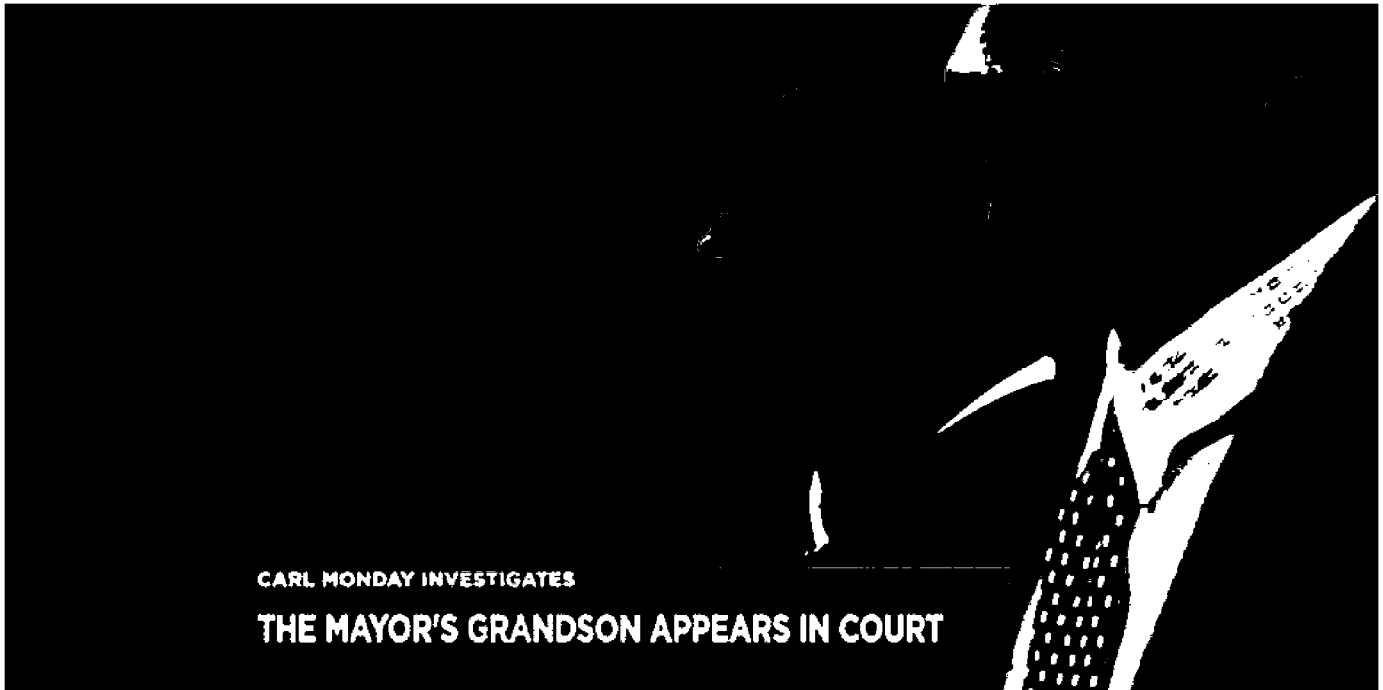
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Cleveland mayor's grandson in court after scuffle with police



By **Carl Monday** | October 4, 2016 at 10:40 PM EDT - Updated July 10 at 10:36 AM

DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND, OH (WOIO) - A Frank Jackson was in court early Tuesday. No, not the mayor -- but someone in the same family tree.

Frank Jackson III faces charges of resisting arrest after an incident back in July. Police say the 19-year-old was stopped by police along Martin Luther King Drive after Jackson's dirt bike broke down. During that stop, the police say Jackson wrapped both of his arms around one of the officers, a female patrolwoman.

Jackson's attorney is asking the judge to approve a diversion program for his client. The program is for defendants with no criminal records.

But Carl Monday's team found Jackson was prosecuted in the past in connection with a criminal trespassing case. Two other cases involving a controlled substance and burglary were dropped.

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor is supporting the diversion program for Jackson.

A judge will make a final decision after the court does a background check.

The young Jackson's inclusion in the dirt bike culture has become legendary. Last year, Monday aired video of Jackson illegally riding his dirt bike on city streets, an activity that landed him in the hospital after a nasty spill. In the past, the Mayor told Monday he was aware of his grandson's dirt bike interest.

City Council is considering legislation to build a controversial\$ 2 million motor cross track on the east side.

Last year, Cleveland 19 rode along with the Ohio Patrol as they rounded up the illegal ATV and dirt bikers.S ome Cleveland police have been reluctant to stop the dirt bikers, citing the city's pursuit policy.

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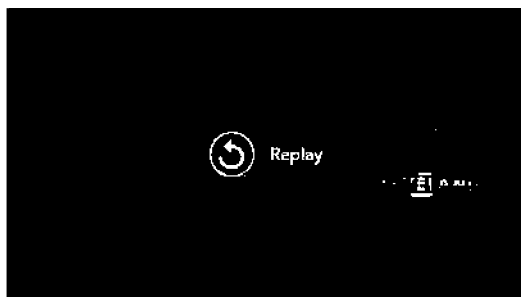


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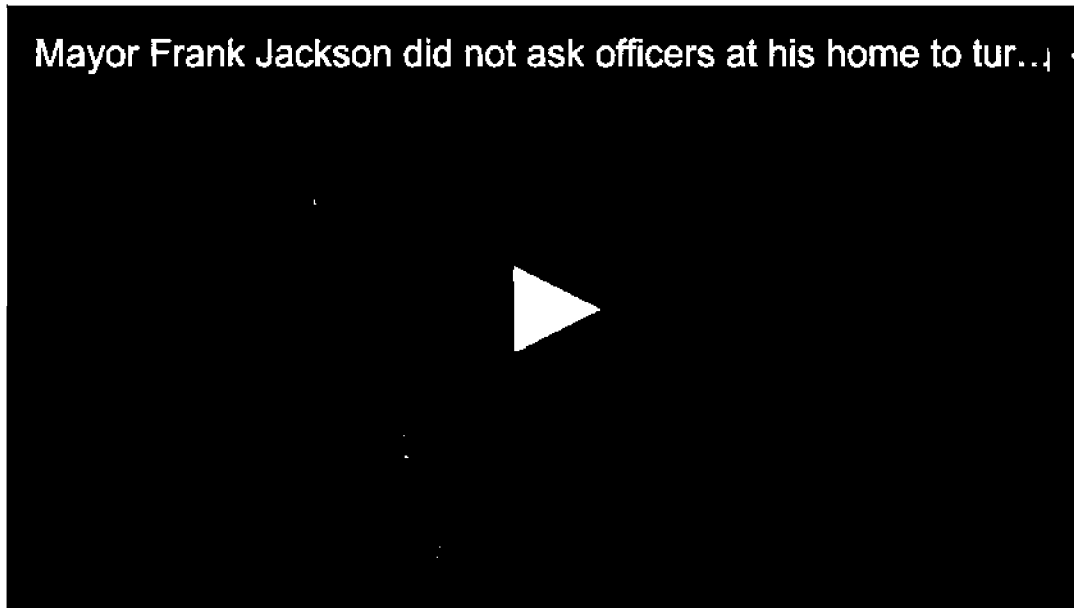
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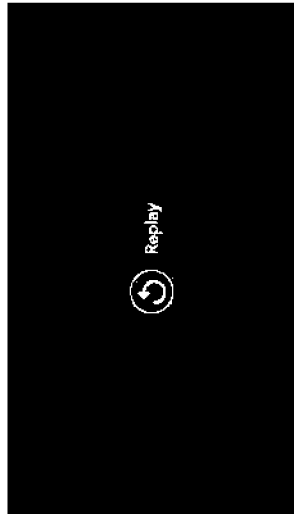
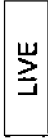
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Mayor Frank Jackson did not ask officers at his home to turn off body cams, Cleveland Police say

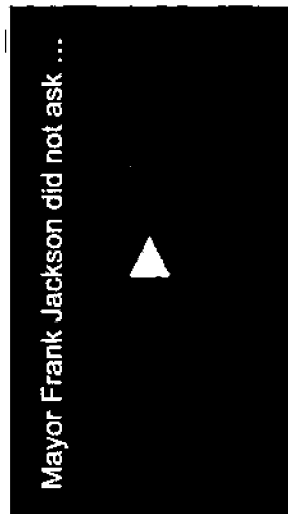
But questions linger about his interactions with police over grandson's troubles

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CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Police Department told Channel 3 Thursday that Mayor Frank Jackson did not ask officers visiting his home as part of Aug. 28 murder investigation to turn off their body cameras. The department was responding to questions Channel 3 asked Jackson's office and Police Chief Calvin Williams' office about reports that officers turned off their digital recording devices when they arrived at the mayor's house shortly after a deadly West Side shooting. The station also raised the question in a story that aired Wednesday.

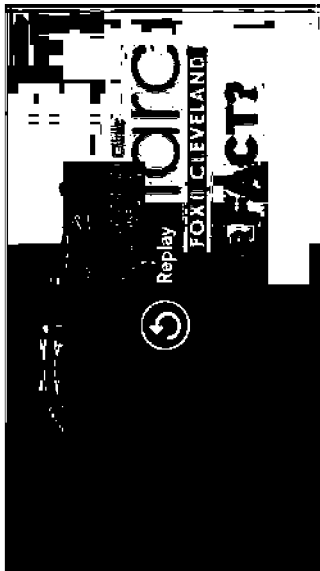


Channel 3 also asked what part, if any, of the police visit to the mayor's house was recorded, or if such recordings really exist. The police department did not offer any further response. The city has denied a public records request for any such recordings, claiming they are part of an ongoing investigation. (Police did release officer recordings from the Aug. 28 shooting scene, which can be viewed below.)

The city's policy on body cameras dictate that in most cases officers record traffic stops, arrests, searches, and interviews, among other situations. But the policy also states people at home have the right to demand police shut off cameras before talking. Police officers also have discretion to turn off the camera to facilitate interviews.

Jackson also said Thursday, while talking in third person in a YouTube video, that he did not ask officers to turn off cameras but he does not elaborate.

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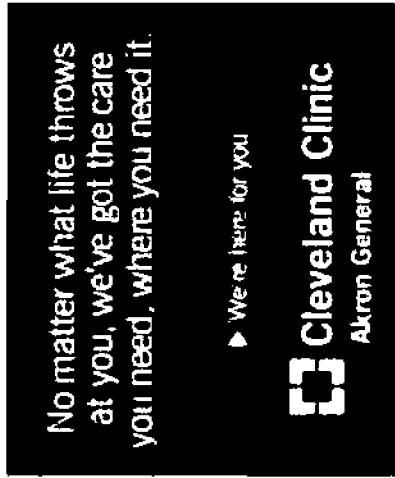
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Channel 3 is choosing not to broadcast portions of the mayor's YouTube video beyond the opening statement because it's an edited interview with a reporter who is not identified in the video. Also, it's unclear from the video what questions were asked and if follow up responses were edited out (Cleveland.com acknowledged in a story Thursday that its City Hall reporter, Robert Higgs, conducted the interview.)

Police went to the mayor's house on Aug. 28 following a tip that a car speeding away from the murder scene was registered to Jackson's live-in grandson, 22-year-old Frank Q. Jackson, sources have told Channel 3.

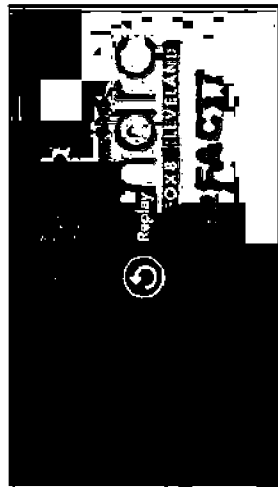


When police arrived there, they found the mayor and his grandson. The mayor told officers his grandson would answer questions the next morning. A lawyer for the mayor's grandson said the next day Frank Q. Jackson was not talking and that he was not involved in the shooting that left 30-year-old Antonio Parra dead.

Questions about the mayor's interaction and objectivity have sparked calls from officials for an outside agency to take over the murder investigation. The mayor said in his video that such calls are unnecessary because he has not interfered in any police matters related to his family.

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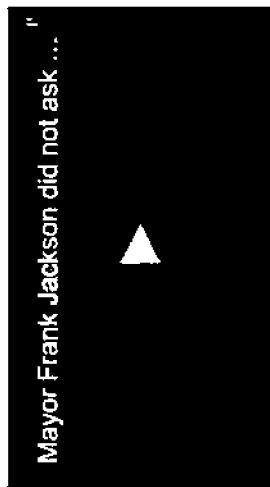
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Jackson challenged viewers in his opening remarks to choose who to believe, him or the media.

"Neither I or anyone associated with me interfered in any investigation or determining any charges in regards to any member of my family," Mayor Jackson declared in his opening statement. "You can choose to believe the media, or you can believe me. That is your choice."



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Cleveland mayor's grandson's vehicle tied to deadly daylight shooting, sources say

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This Ford truck was towed from Mayor Frank Jackson's home Wednesday night as police investigated a deadly shooting on the city's West Side.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio — Cleveland police towed a car registered to Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson in connection with a deadly shooting, according to three sources.

No arrests have been made in the case and no charges have been filed. It is unclear if the mayor's grandson is a suspect in the shooting.



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The three sources say a vehicle registered to one of Jackson's grandsons fled the scene of a fatal shooting on Wednesday afternoon.

Police searched for the vehicle and the mayor's grandson in order to question him in the shooting. Cleveland police later swarmed the mayor's home and took a juvenile into custody, according to police.

It is unclear who the juvenile is and if he is a suspect in the shooting.

Police towed a Ford truck from the mayor's home. The license plate on the truck matches up to a truck registered to one of the mayor's grandsons after he was arrested in May for shooting someone with paint balls, according to a Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority report on the May arrest.

The fatal shooting happened about 5 p.m. Wednesday on Clark Avenue and West 51st Street in the city's Stockyards neighborhood, police said.

A 30-year-old man, later identified by the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner as Anthony Parra of Warrensville Heights, was found dead at the scene.

Police have released no additional details on the incident. No arrests have been announced in the case.

Cleveland police Sgt. Jennifer Ciaccia said she had no other information on the shooting or the mayor's grandson's vehicle.

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Report links burned-out car to mayor's grandson and August homicide

Car found burning days after killing

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CLEVELAND — A newly-released report by Cleveland Fire links a burned-out car to an August homicide that sent police to Mayor Frank Jackson's home.

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Antonio Parra was shot and killed near West 51st and Clark Avenue back in August. According to prosecutors, a witness saw one of the men involved in the murder get into a car and leave the scene of the crime. Investigators say that license plate came back to a car owned by Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson, Frank Q. Jackson.

Cleveland police went to the mayor's home that he shares with his grandson the night of the homicide. Police say the car's owner was there, but the car was not.

Two days later, Cleveland firefighters found a car on fire behind an abandoned church in the 900 block of Holton Avenue. Police could not find license plates or a vehicle identification number on the burned-out car but did find a Volkswagen emblem nearby.

The car was towed, and the city's Vehicle Impound Unit did find a VIN.

According to the fire department report released in response to a public records request by 5 On Your Side Investigators, the 2006 Volkswagen Passat's registration matched the license plate of the car police were looking for after Parra's homicide.

The report lists of the cause of the car fire as "intentional."

Court records show Jackson was was ticketed while driving the Passat August 3, less than two weeks before the homicide.

Frank Q. Jackson is already on probation after pleading guilty to a series of misdemeanors last summer.

The 22-year-old has also pleaded not guilty to felonious assault, abduction, and failure to comply charges stemming from a June incident in which police say Jackson punched, strangled and hit a woman with a metal tow hitch. Jackson pleaded not guilty to those charges.

Last month Jackson's attorney insisted he had nothing to with Parra's killing. No one responded to a message left at the attorney's office Friday afternoon seeking comment.

The mayor has also denied interfering in the homicide investigation.

See continuing coverage on Frank Q. Jackson here.

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Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson on tells I-TEAM he has not interfered with grandson's criminal cases

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Cleveland mayor talks to I-TEAM about grandson's cases



CLEVELAND — Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson sat down for an interview with the I-TEAM to discuss the circumstances surrounding his grandson's criminal cases.

He said he never used his position in power to interfere with the investigations.

"I do not interfere and I have not interfered," Jackson said.

The mayor's grandson, 22-year-old Frank Q. Jackson, is facing several charges in connection with the alleged assault of his girlfriend back in June. The 18-year-old woman told CMHA police that Jackson punched and choked her.

Earlier this week, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Mike O'Malley told FOX 8 that Frank Q. Jackson is a suspect in the August 28 murder of Antonio Parra, 30, of Warrensville Heights.

Witnesses told police two suspects fled the scene. Prosecutors and police said the vehicle seen leaving was registered to the mayor's grandson, Frank Q. Jackson.

The 22-year-old told police he had sold that car prior to the murder, and his attorney stresses he is innocent.

Rumors circulated that when officers were at the mayor's house, he told them to turn off their body cameras.

"I did not ask anyone to turn off a body camera," Jackson said. "I did not interfere."

Police Union President Jeff Follmer said he believes the mayor.

"I know for a fact the mayor never told anyone to turn off their body cameras. There are no ifs, ands, or buts about it," Follmer said.

The county prosecutor believes an outside agency should be brought in to handle the murder investigation. Mayor Jackson disagrees.

"Why fix something that is not broken," he said.

The mayor added that he has spoken to his grandson once on the phone since he has been arrested and said the 22-year-old does not live with him.

"He is welcome at my home anytime," Jackson said. "Any time of the day or night and that's what he does, he comes any time day or night."

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Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley joins call for independent investigation of murder that led police to Mayor Frank Jackson's home

Sources say shooting has link to Jackson's grandson

CLEVELAND — Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley said an outside agency should takeover -- or at least assist -- the investigation into a deadly shooting last month that led detectives to Mayor Frank G. Jackson's house.

O'Malley said Tuesday he has complete confidence in Cleveland homicide detectives, but the link between the investigation and the mayor is enough to justify a call for Cleveland police to step aside.

"If there is a potential for conflict, the best practice is to step away, and at minimum, bring in another entity to assist you," he said. "If you have a situation where this case remains unresolved, there will be a lot of second guessing about whether this was handled appropriately."

O'Malley said that as prosecutor he has frequently called in others to handle cases that present potential conflicts in his office, including to handle cases involving family members of his employees.

"If you have that type of relationship **wh**ere someone can question **wh**ether you are handling something in an impartial or unbiased manner, then the best thing to do is step aside," he said.

A spokesman for Cleveland Police Chief Calvin D. Williams said the department has no plans to relinquish control of the investigation. Jackson's office offered no comment on O'Malley's statements.

Cleveland Councilman Matt Zone, who heads Cleveland's safety committee, first told Channel 3 last week that the police should turn over the investigation to an outside agency.

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"It would be my suggestion to avoid any appearance of impropriety that this should be turned over to outside investigative agency other than the police department to follow up and see what ultimately happened," he said.

Police responded to an Aug. 28 daylight shooting on the city's West Side that left 30-year-old Antonio Parra dead.

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On the evening of the shooting, police visited Mayor Jackson's house. That's where his 22-year-old grandson also lives. Police towed a truck and detained a juvenile for questioning and who was later released to a parent. The police also sought to interview Jackson's grandson, who did not speak to detectives. Frank Q. Jackson's attorney said the next morning that he was not involved.

Police departments can ask outside authorities to takeover. But such a request would have to come from Jackson and his police chief.

But today, both the mayor and police chief are rejecting such calls, even from the prosecutor.

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Cleveland mayor's grandson, Frank Q. Jackson, named as a suspect in homicide investigation

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CLEVELAND — Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley has confirmed that Mayor Frank Jackson's grandson is now a suspect in a homicide investigation that led police to the mayor's doorstep last month.

On Aug. 28, 30-year-old Antonio Parra was standing outside of a barber shop in the 5000 block of Clark Avenue when he was approached by two men in black hoodies. The men shot Parra multiple times and then ran off.

A witness gave police a license plate number of a vehicle spotted leaving the crime scene. That license plate came back registered to the mayor's grandson.

Authorities converged on the mayor's house and a vehicle was towed from the scene.

"Certainly, we have no other explanation as to any other potential drivers of his vehicle, so certainly he would be considered a suspect," said O'Malley.

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that request is Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams, whom Mayor Jackson appointed.

Councilman Matt Zone who chairs city council's Safety Committee agreed the case should be handed off.

"The men and women of our department do noble work every single day," said Zone. "But the perception is sometimes reality. And the perception right now in the community is that there's too many dots connected."

A Cleveland police spokesperson told News 5 Wednesday that there are no plans to turn the investigation over.

Cleveland Public Safety Director Michael McGrath wouldn't comment on the calls to turn the case over Wednesday. A spokeswoman for Mayor Jackson said he wouldn't answer questions about the request either.

O'Malley said he doesn't doubt the Cleveland police detectives' work on the case. But now, two weeks after that deadly shooting and with no one charged, he says it's about perception.

"I know the Cleveland Police Department is attempting to solve this case. But if they don't, there are going to be some questions asked and they're going to be very difficult questions to answer. Was everything done to bring these people to justice, and that's where, that's why, this thing should be handed over to an independent agency," O'Malley said.

Councilman Mike Polensek worries if city police continue on the case, the department's credibility will be on the line.

"I predict to you this is going to fester," said Polensek. "This is going to get ugly and that should not happen."

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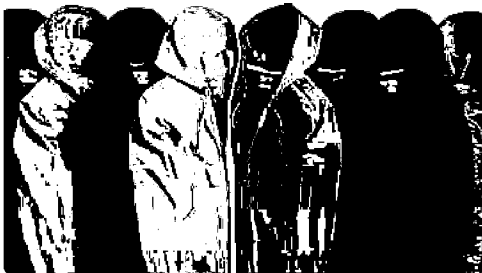
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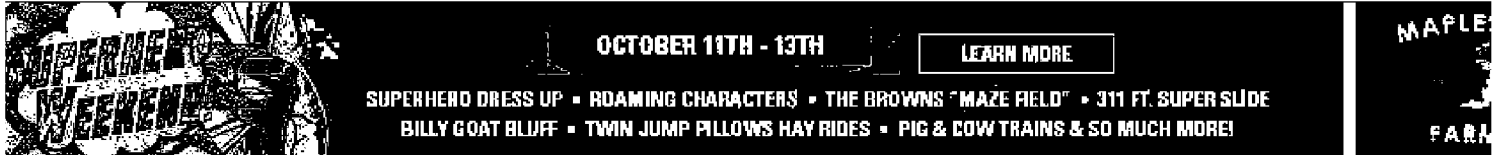
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State of the City: Mayor Jackson unapologetic over family members embroiled in violent crime cases

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CLEVELAND, Ohio (WOIO) - Seconds after taking the stage on Thursday night Mayor Frank Jackson said, “Let me just be clear: my family is my family. Alright, and I do not apologize to anybody about my family.”

After that, Jackson immediately changed the topic.

As we’ve reported, his grandson -- Frank Q. Jackson -- was labeled a prime suspect by Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O’Malley in a brazen West Side murder that occurred in broad daylight in late August.

Mayor Jackson’s teenage great-grandson, who may be connected to gang activity, is accused of shooting at an undercover officer while driving a car without a license.

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Not to mention, there have been at least 101 violent deaths this year, including this past weekend when a 6-year-old girl was killed in a hail of gunfire as she slept in her South Collinwood home.

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Mayor Jackson did praise the technology being used to fight crime, saying the city is investing millions of dollars in innovation and technology. "One example is a real-time crime center. It's a critical component of our violence reduction strategy. Real-time crime center provides timely intelligence and information and information to investigators and other responders."

The main theme of Mayor Jackson's speech was how the city of Cleveland needs to focus on producing equity and eliminating the disparity. He gave the example of how Cleveland ranks 14th in the nation when it comes to disparities in income between white and black households.

"Cleveland is a successful city, but it's not a great city. A great city is one where everyone, everyone shares and prosperity and quality of life."

He went on to say, "If we want to see that kind of growth ladies and gentlemen, we have to put the work in."

The mayor also applauded the city schools in closing the achievement gap.

The media was not allowed to ask questions. 19 News has an interview scheduled with Mayor Jackson on Friday. We will continue to ask the tough questions.

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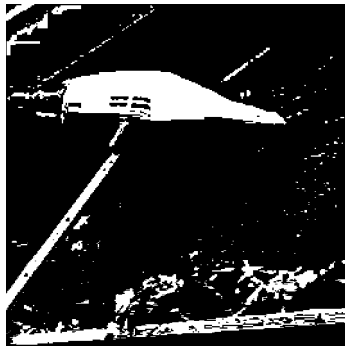
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