

Civil lawsuit dismissed against Kenosha police officer in Jacob Blake shooting

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KENOSHA – Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian today stated he was glad to hear the civil lawsuit filed by Jacob Blake against a Kenosha police officer has been withdrawn with prejudice, meaning it cannot be re-filed. He confirmed that the dismissal of the case on Monday, May 9 was not the result of a settlement or any monetary payment.

The investigation into the shooting was conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation. Following the investigation, the Kenosha County District Attorney concluded that no criminal charges were warranted. In addition, an investigation by the Kenosha Police Department determined that Sheskey did not violate any of the department's rules or regulations. The dismissal of the civil matter filed against Officer Sheskey is consistent with those findings.

"I am hopeful that the dismissal of the civil lawsuit against Officer Sheskey puts an end to this difficult chapter for Kenosha," Antaramian said. "I continue to support the fine work of the Kenosha Police Department."