

MAYOR MATURO'S STATEMENT ON MALIK JONES DECISION

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.

Today, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit announced its decision in favor of the Town in the fifteen-year-long case of the Estate of Malik Jones v. The Town of East Haven. This decision, which stands to save the taxpayers millions of dollars, marks the end of an unhappy, costly chapter in East Haven's history.

In 1997, when I was first elected Mayor of this great community, East Haven was just beginning to undertake the defense of this case. Having served as Mayor for eleven of the fifteen years during which this case was litigated, I am delighted to have the privilege of announcing today's decision.

The road to justice in this case has not always been easy, as the Town faced several roadblocks and adverse decisions along the way. With this decision behind us, the Town can continue to move forward and heal. This entire case has been tragic for our police department, our taxpayers, and the Jones family. This chapter is now closed.

TOWN ATTORNEY JOSEPH ZULLO'S STATEMENT ON MALIK JONES DECISION

Good afternoon, I am Attorney Joseph Zullo – Town Attorney for the Town of East Haven.

It is a privilege to address the Town regarding today's favorable decision. Today's decision is momentous for Towns, police departments, and attorneys across the country.

Before we take any questions regarding the court's decision, I believe it is important to mention and thank the Town Attorneys who preceded me and supervised this case.

I would like to extend special recognition to Attorneys Patricia Cofrancesco, Lawrence Sgrignari, and Michael Albis for their tireless work and careful supervision of this case. Their hard work cannot be understated.

I would especially like to recognize Attorney Nancy Fitzpatrick Myers, who argued the appeal of this case in January, for her brilliant appeal and hard work.

With that said, I'd like to introduce Attorney Hugh Keefe, of the firm "Lynch, Traub, Keefe, and Errante," to answer any questions regarding the disposition of this case.