



Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, center and at rear, leaves the Wayne County Andrew C. Baird Detention Facility in Detroit on Tuesday after serving 99 days in lock up.

## Detroit's Kilpatrick out of jail, now looking for a job

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DETROIT — Former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick boarded a flight from Detroit on Tuesday, heading off for a job interview about 16 hours after his release from jail.

Kilpatrick's attorneys have said he has a job interview in Texas. A judge has ruled he must return to Michigan by Monday.

He is on probation for five years. That probation must be transferred if he gets hired outside the state. His lawyers say Kilpatrick's wife and three sons have left Michigan.

Kilpatrick, 38, regained his freedom early last Tuesday, stepping back onto the streets of the city he once ruled as mayor.

He had served 99 days to fulfill a 120-day sentence for obstruction of justice and assault.

Kilpatrick made no public statements after his release, upon the orders of new defense attorney Willie Gary.

"He's not bitter. He said he

learned a lot," Gary said later. "He said this has been an experience he'll never forget, and he thinks because of it he'll be a better person... He wishes the city well, all the people of Detroit well and that there are no hard feelings one way or the other."

It has been more than a year since a text-messaging sex scandal first reported by the *Detroit Free Press* started the process that led to the Democrat's arrest, plea, jailing and release.

Now, the man who quickly rose from a state representative to mayor of a city of 900,000 people is simply looking for work.

Kilpatrick will spend the next five years paying off the bulk of \$1 million in restitution to the city. He also has had his law license revoked.

Kilpatrick was into the middle of his second term as mayor when the *Free Press* published sexually explicit text messages between Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty, his chief of staff at the time. The messages from

Beatty's city-issued pager also contradicted testimony that she and the married mayor gave during a 2007 whistle-blowers' trial when they denied having a romantic relationship. The messages also indicated they lied about their roles in the firing of a police official.

Detroit, now facing a deficit estimated at more than \$200 million, eventually settled a civil suit with three former officers for \$8.4 million.

Kilpatrick and Beatty were charged last March with perjury, misconduct and obstruction of justice. Kilpatrick pleaded guilty in September to obstruction of justice and no contest to assault for allegedly shoving a detective who was trying to serve a subpoena in the text-message case.

He stepped down as mayor in September. Beatty, who resigned in January 2008, was sentenced early last month to 120 days in jail after pleading guilty to obstruction of justice.

## New charges for New York teens linked to hate crime

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Seven teenagers already accused in the racially motivated stabbing death of an Ecuadorean immigrant were charged recently with taking part in attacks on eight other Hispanics over 14 months.

Five of the Long Island teens pleaded not guilty to assault, gang assault, attempted robbery and other crimes. The two others will be arraigned next week because

their attorneys had scheduling conflicts.

All seven previously pleaded not guilty to hate crime and other charges related to the death of Marcelo Lucero, a 37-year-old dry cleaning worker. The 17-year-old accused of plunging a knife into Lucero's chest has been charged with murder as a hate crime.

The seven teens are being charged as adults.

Some of the new charges

stem from a community meeting where victims said they were knocked off bicycles, punched in laundry facilities and attacked while walking down the street, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors also said the attackers often used racial slurs and went after the same individuals multiple times on different occasions.

The teens, all Patchogue-Medford High School stu-

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