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## **MFT 59 Member Resolution in Support of Exoneration and Release of Mahdi Ali**

Whereas in 2010, 15-year-old South High student Mahdi Ali was arrested by the Minneapolis Police and subsequently convicted and sentenced to three consecutive 30-year sentences for murders that he is innocent of,

Whereas the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office have historically engaged in patterns of racism, brutality and the wrongful arrest and incarceration of Black and brown residents of Minneapolis,

Whereas the MPD, following the murder of George Floyd, which initiated global unrest, is under two consent decrees with the federal government and the state of Minnesota for its widespread human rights abuses, particularly against Black residents,

Whereas Judge Peter Cahill, the judge who sentenced Ali to life in prison (despite the Supreme Court of the United States ruling it unconstitutional in *Miller v. Alabama* (2012) to give minors life sentences without the possibility of parole), demonstrated bias in favor of the prosecution during Ali's trial, as reported by Unicorn Riot,

Whereas the news organizations Unicorn Riot and Fox 9 both did extensive independent investigations into Ali's case demonstrating beyond a doubt that he is innocent,

Whereas members of MFT 59 are strong advocates for students and communities of Minneapolis,

Therefore be it resolved that MFT 59 holds the position that Mahdi Ali is innocent of the crimes he was convicted of in 2011;

### **Be it further resolved that:**

MFT 59 calls on Governor Tim Walz, Attorney General Keith Ellison and Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty to prioritize reviewing Ali's case and grant him an immediate exoneration and release him from prison;

### **Be it further resolved that:**

MFT 59 members deliver this resolution in person and/or by mail to the parties listed above, with resources allocated to support these actions.

## **Informational Links**

FOX 9 Article:


<https://www.fox9.com/news/mahdi-ali-im-not-the-one>

Unicorn Riot Article:

<https://unicornriot.ninja/2024/target-junk-science-and-unreliable-testimonies-the-contentious-con-viction-of-15-year-old-mahdi-ali/>

Unicorn Riot Interview with Freelance Journalist Marjaan Sirdar: “Breaking Down the Mahdi Ali Case”:

Article: <https://unicornriot.ninja/2024/interview-breaking-down-the-mahdi-ali-case/>

Video:  Breaking Down the Mahdi Ali Case with Marjaan Sirdar

## **Citations**

Miller v. Alabama. (n.d.). Oyez. Retrieved December 2, 2024, from <https://www.oyez.org/cases/2011/10-9646>