



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James Sanders Jr.

Shocking Malcolm X Deathbed Confession Demands the Enactment of Sanders / Vanel Assassination Legislation

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Today on the 56th anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X, a shocking new deathbed confession has prompted more questions about the murder of the human rights leader and exactly who is responsible for his death. Senator James Sanders Jr. has introduced groundbreaking legislation related to the investigation.

“Malcolm X was a great leader, a great human being, who championed truth, justice and freedom for everyone,” Sanders said. “No matter how many decades have passed since the

death of Malcolm X, those responsible must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

"Malcolm X was a great American hero who was tragically murdered," Vanel said. "Over fifty years later, there remains many questions unanswered. There is no statute of limitations on justice."

It has recently come to light that an undercover police officer, Ray Wood, wrote a deathbed confession claiming responsibility for making sure Malcolm X's security detail was arrested days before his assassination thereby guaranteeing that Malcolm X would not have security at the Audubon Ballroom where he was killed.

Malcolm X's three daughters and their attorney, Ben Crump, are calling for the case to be reopened and investigated in further detail in light of this new evidence, which purports a conspiracy between the NYPD and FBI. Senator James Sanders Jr. started calling on Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance and other government officials to reopen the investigation 6 years ago.

In 2020, the Netflix documentary "Who Killed Malcolm X?" prompted DA Vance to say he would "revisit" the 1965 assassination.

Senator Sanders with support from Assembly Member Clyde Vanel has introduced legislation to promote truth and justice for unsolved civil rights crimes. Both of these bills are modelled on current federal law.

The Malcolm X Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act (Number pending) / A3814)

This bill would:

Require the New York State Attorney General to conduct an annual study of unsolved civil rights cases of crimes committed not later than December 31, 1979; and

Provide funds for local and state law enforcement to pursue investigations of civil rights crimes committed not later than December 31, 1979.

The New York Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act (S627 / A5332)

This bill would:

Establish a collection of civil rights cold case records within the New York State Archives;
and

Create the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board to review unsolved civil rights crimes committed not later than December 31, 1979.

Anyone with further questions regarding the legislation is asked to call Senator Sanders' Office at 718-523-3069. Media can contact his Communications Director, AnnMarie Costella, at 646-642-3413.