

Eskin's apology on WIP

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"In July and August 2002, I suggested on my radio show that attorney Richard Sprague had paid a witness in the Allen Iverson case to lie in court. I also suggested that Mr. Sprague said a lie-detector test showed that another witness had lied. None of this is true. Mr. Sprague did not pay a witness to lie, and Mr. Sprague never said a witness failed a lie-detector test. In fact, I have known for some time that there was never any lie-detector test, but never said so on my radio show. I apologize to Mr. Sprague and his family for making false statements that disparaged his reputation. I apologize to my audience for making such statements about a pre-eminent member of our community. I also apologize for not correcting the record for over two years, and, instead doing so only after Mr. Sprague sued me."



Broadcast statement of apology by WIP's vice president and general manager, Marc Rayfield, on behalf of Infinity Broadcasting.

"We agree with all of the contents of Mr. Eskin's apology. We also owe Mr. Sprague additional and separate apologies for failing to correct the record on a timely basis. We are suspending Mr. Eskin for 30 working days because of his conduct related to Mr. Sprague. This suspension represents our judgment that, in addition to substantial compensation to Mr. Sprague for the resulting injury to reputation, we needed to make clear our disapproval of Mr. Eskin's conduct in order to deter this sort of behavior from him and others in the future."