

Judge Says Occupy Madison Campers Must Leave

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(AP) A Dane County judge has ordered an encampment that began as an Occupy Madison demonstration to leave a city-owned lot. The judge denied a temporary restraining order that would have prevented city officials from removing the campers. They have until noon Tuesday to leave the site. The Occupy Madison movement began last October as a demonstration against economic inequality and social injustice. But the encampment has evolved into a gathering spot of mostly homeless people. About 50 to 60 people have occupied the site. Mayor Paul Soglin says the encampment has become a haven for drug use, assault and property crime. Soglin says the encampment will be treated as a hazardous waste site during cleanup because of reports of needles and bodily fluids.