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**Do Two Instances of Graffiti a Public Nuisance Make?**

*Confederate Memorial, Downtown Winston-Salem, NC, Dedicated 1905.*

In the 114 years which the Confederate Memorial has stood in Winston Salem, there have only been two recorded instances of graffiti vandalism with no arrests, and just a couple of peaceful protests. This does not make this monument a public nuisance. By this measure most bridges and many buildings in the city should also be removed.

The UDC has requested a hearing for a Preliminary Injunction regarding the City's stated intentions of removing the Confederate monument in downtown Winston-Salem. This hearing is only necessary as the City and Property Owner are publicly stating they will take illegal action to remove the monument without going through the proper legal process.

The UDC attempted to schedule this hearing for February 14th, and gave proper notice. The City, County, and the building owner all objected to that date and the hearing is tentatively set for March 11. It is apparent from their statements in the press, the objective is to delay the hearing on the Motion for Preliminary Injunction until the monument has been removed. We ask the City to follow the law, and agree to neither remove nor alter the monument until the proper legal process has been completed. In the event, the City does remove the monument prior to the hearing on March 11, 2019, the UDC will ask the court to order the monument be returned to its rightful place at the expense of the City.

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