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But Kerekes also claims that DeStefano committed a fraudulent property transfer during the trial. In April 2008, at the height of the trial, DeStefano transferred real estate properties in New Haven to his wife, which Kerekes said was done to avoid personal liability in the trial.

“The mayor transferred his assets to protect himself when he knew he made a bad decision,” Kerekes said, adding that the transfer was done to protect the taxpayer.

In his letter to state Attorney General George Jepsen, Kerekes requested that Jepsen hold DeStefano personally liable for the “apparently fraudulent transfer of assets” in 2008.

In response to these claims, DeStefano’s campaign said that accusations against the mayor were distractions from the city’s economic recovery.

“Mr. Kerekes isn’t talking about creating jobs, isn’t talking about keeping our families safe,” Kedem said. “Without any explanation, he is distracting the public with dirty politics. It is an act of desperation.”

Kerekes’s call for the mayor’s liability hit a stumbling block Tuesday afternoon, when the attorney general issued a statement.

“My office is not authorized to oversee the manner that municipalities handle litigation and settlements in cases against the mayor and city officials regarding indemnification of local government officials and employees,” Jepsen said in a statement released by his office.

Despite this setback, Kerekes said he is still looking at other methods to hold DeStefano accountable.

In the settlement, the city will pay the firefighters a combined total of \$2 million over the next two years, and each firefighter will receive an extra three years of service for an extra three years.

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