

**Statement of Alderman Nik Kovac
September 9, 2009**

Late this afternoon we learned that two men have been charged with felony murder in the July 6 shooting death of UW-Milwaukee student Nathan Potter in Riverwest. We hope this news brings a sense of relief to Nathan's parents, family members and friends. And, to the community it is a moral reassurance that the police department won't rest until justice is served and our streets are safe.

The tragic homicides of Nathan and Jontae Woodley this summer saddened and unified the diverse, safe and solid Riverwest neighborhood. Our resolve to look out for each other is stronger than ever, evidenced by our increased block watch and town hall meetings, effective sharing of information with each other and police, and community contributions to the reward funds established to help solve each case.

We now pray that we might have similar news from police soon in Jontae's case.

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