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Deadly summer of gun violence takes innocent Family Dollar employee

Statement of Alderman Joe Dudzik August 8, 2013

I am saddened to learn that the 44-year-old worker who was shot during a robbery at the Family Dollar store at S. 43rd St. and W. Oklahoma Ave. on Tuesday has passed away. My sincere condolences and prayers go to his family.

It is tragic and sad that Milwaukee's ongoing summer of gun violence includes innocent victims who are merely trying to earn an honest day's pay at their jobs. It angers me to know that there are cowardly, soulless individuals who are willing to shoot innocent people for no reason, and without a thought about the impact of their deadly actions.

But I am angered equally by our judicial system, which is failing the City of Milwaukee by releasing too many known criminals back on our streets regularly after repeated arrests (I have a hunch the Family Dollar shooter is someone who has had significant contact with police in the past).

While some are calling for more police officers and more money for police overtime, I am calling for the judicial system to put career criminals away – and to keep them locked up – so law-abiding, innocent individuals can go about their lives with reasonable expectations of peace and safety.

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