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Ald. Davis Calls for Summit to Address Violence in the African American Community

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. of the 2nd Aldermanic District welcomed the media today at a news conference addressing the shooting of two young men on Appleton and 85th earlier this week. “I must continue to express my condolences for the family and friends of Bobby and Billy Comer; they have been unnecessarily asked to grieve for a child as a result of reckless criminal activity.” Ald. Davis said.

The alderman announced at the conference that he would call for noted leaders in the African American community to begin planning a summit to specifically address the staggering numbers of crimes in the Milwaukee area perpetrated by African Americans. “I am asking these noted leaders and the local and national branches of prominent organizations to sit down and address this issue and develop workable solutions for the short and long term. It is no longer acceptable that statistically, homicides in the City of Milwaukee are overwhelmingly committed by and perpetrated on African American members of our community.”

Davis remarked on city statistics that demonstrate this year alone, the rate of African American victims of homicide in Milwaukee is 79% of all homicides committed. “This must end and it is the responsibility of those prominent in the African American community to want to help create a solution.”

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Summit Called By Alderman/ADD ONE

Among those Davis is asking to participate in the summit are the local and national representatives of the NAACP, the Urban League and the African American Chamber of Commerce, Sheriff David Clarke, former police chief Arthur Jones, Afro World Enterprises, President of Community Brainstorming, Judge Russell Stamper, Nathan Conders of the Milwaukee Times, Dr. Patricia Patillo of the Community Journal, President and CEO Jerrel Jones of the Milwaukee Courier and Willie Davis of AM 1290.