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***MILWAUKEE POLICE ANNOUNCE PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN AREA  
OF POLICE DISTRICT 1***

**WHAT:** Meeting with Downtown businesses, residents and other concerned about crime in Milwaukee Police District 1

**WHEN:** 6 p.m., Thursday, February 28, 2008

**WHERE:** Atrium of the Plankinton Building, 161 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee

**WHO:** Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn, District 1 Captain Michael Massa, Alderman Robert Bauman and other elected officials and partners who help make these plans a success

**DETAILS:** The greatest ongoing crime problem in District 1 remains thefts from autos. It is not a violent crime but it contributes significantly to the perception that a neighborhood is in decline or is unsafe. To attack the nexus of crime, fear and disorder, the Milwaukee Police Department is attacking the property crime that affects the Downtown area. The Downtown area of Milwaukee experiences a very small amount of violent crime, but the frequency of break-ins to autos continues at an unacceptably high number and has a direct impact on the quality of life for those who live, work and visit the area.

To combat this crime, Milwaukee Police will work in concert with the Downtown Security Network to employ our tactics. We will not publicize the details of the tactics itself, as we are interested in apprehending those responsible and ending this activity.

The effort will be combined with a strong Crime Prevention effort advising the public to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuable items in plain view.

The target area for this plan includes the area surrounding the Bradley Center, Midwest Airlines Center, the Water Street neighborhood, Milwaukee School of Engineering and the Historic Third Ward.

**The media are invited to cover this event and to communicate information to those who wish to make their neighborhoods safer.**

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