

Statement of Ald. Mike McGee, Jr.
September 13, 2006

On Monday of this week I informed the public that the Rapid Response Team and I were continuing our hunt for the at-large perpetrators in the horrendous Labor Day sexual assault of the 11-year old girl on N. 6th St.

Today I'm pleased to announce that two more individuals have been arrested. I don't want to give too many details, but want the public to know that two additional suspects are in police custody. They turned themselves in following negotiations between myself, the Rapid Response Team and police.

In addition to the two new arrests, three teenage boys, a 40-year old man and a 16 year old girl have been charged in connection with the incident in which officials said as many as 19 people may have participated.

Many residents continue to call with tips and information regarding those who were involved in this crime. And I hope the \$4,000 reward fund for information on the suspects will lead to additional arrests.

This weekend the Rapid Response Team will be on a 24-hour patrol in an effort to rid the neighborhood of such nuisances as drug dealing and prostitution. If any citizen is interested in becoming a part of the Rapid Response Team, I encourage them to call my office at 286-2994.

In addition, residents of the 3700 block of N. 6th St. will have a block get together on Saturday beginning at noon, with such activities as team building exercises so that residents can get to know each other again. We want to continue to build on the positive momentum that is occurring among citizens to transform and unify the neighborhood.

###