

**Statement of Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.
June 18, 2009**

Regarding Homicide in 2nd District on June 17, 2009

Yesterday, I had a tragedy occur in the district I represent. The unfortunate circumstances surrounding the murder of a 77-year-old candy store owner are sickening and reflect a truly cowardly act. Our streets, neighborhoods, and homes are becoming more and more violent and the root cause is irresponsible people who possess a thug-like mentality and who are willing to put good people's lives in danger. This type of urban terrorism should not, and will not, be acceptable to me or my community.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the victim's friends and relatives. I have confidence that law enforcement will apprehend this coward and justice will prevail.

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