

Joint Statement of Alderman Nik Kovac and Aldерwoman Milele A. Coggs

July 20, 2009

We are deeply saddened by the recent murders of Nathan Potter and Jontae Woodley in Riverwest. Nathan, a student at UWM, was shot to death on July 6 in the 2500 block of N. Dousman St., and Jontae – also a UWM student – was shot to death on July 16 in the 1100 block of E. Auer Ave. Their murders are real tragedies that have left family members in deep anguish for the loss of a beloved brother, a son, a grandson, and friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.

Also, early Sunday morning a 20-year-old man was shot in the leg near E. Locust and N. Richards Streets.

Police are investigating the murders and Sunday's shooting, and anyone with possible information is asked to call **935-7360**. You can remain anonymous.

Riverwest is a safe, diverse and dynamic community that is proud of its rich mix of cultures and ethnicities, art and artisans, musicians, students, businesses, and families. But these tragic homicides remind us all that we must continue to watch out for our neighbors, and report suspicious persons and behaviors to police.

Other measures you can take to keep your neighborhood safe include:

- Start a neighborhood Block Watch group (call 935-7258 for more info)
- Turn on porch lights and garage lights (especially in alleys) at night
- Keep all doors and windows locked and secured
- Report suspicious persons and/or vehicles (also write down descriptions of clothing, height/weight, tattoos, license plate #, color and make/model of vehicle)

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