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## MEDIA ADVISORY

# South Side Seeing Graffiti Explosion; News Conference Called for 1:00 p.m. Thursday

### *Alderman Bob Donovan Says Recent Surge Needs Full Attention of Police*

A huge spike in graffiti vandalism in a large area of Milwaukee's south side is unacceptable and needs the immediate attention and response of Milwaukee police, **Alderman Bob Donovan** said today. The alderman, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee and a longtime member of the city's Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee, will be joined by Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) officials, residents, and concerned business owners **during a 1:00 p.m. news conference tomorrow (Thursday, June 10) in front of 3524 W. National Ave., to discuss the city's response to the recent graffiti surge and what additional tactics could and should be employed to bring the perpetrators to justice.**

Alderman Donovan said DNS has informed him that at least three new graffiti vandals are now operating in an area (roughly) from S. 27<sup>th</sup> St. to S. 40<sup>th</sup> St., between W. Pierce and W. Lincoln. "This is an incredibly frustrating situation because businesses and property owners are being hit multiple times and are expending already sparse resources in this economy to paint over the graffiti," he said.

Alderman Donovan said he will be calling on MPD to increase patrols and possibly surveillance to help nab the vandals. "I know we need additional officers – I've been calling for them until I'm blue in the face – but we can't let this spree go on any longer," he said.

**WHAT:** News conference  
**WHEN:** 1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 10  
**WHERE:** 3524 W. National Ave.

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