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MPD should release crime data records

**Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan
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I am urging Chief Flynn to release the 800 or so reports the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* is seeking as soon as possible. It does our city a disservice to have this back-and-forth fighting between the newspaper and the MPD, and with all due respect to Chief Flynn, the longer he withholds those reports the more it appears to some outside observers that he has something to hide.

The newspaper has raised some legitimate questions about the department's crime-reporting systems and practices, and it is important for the city and the department to be as transparent as possible in this matter. In short – we need to get to the truth – and we need to do it quickly so this episode doesn't drag on any longer than it has to.

Finally, I urge Mayor Barrett to join me in seeking the release of these records, and I invite the mayor to comment publicly about it.

For the sake of our citizens and our city, let's get the records released, and let the chips fall where they may so we can all move on.

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