Milwaukee police hit right notes and a treasure is recovered

Statement from Alderman Terry L. Witkowski
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I want to publicly congratulate and recognize the Milwaukee Police Department for the outstanding work that led to the recovery of the Lipinski Stradivarius violin and the arrests of those responsible for the violent robbery that triggered an investigation involving international authorities (and made national headlines) last week.

The crime involving the rare and priceless violin brought negative attention to Milwaukee, but the outstanding investigative work of Milwaukee police – in collaboration with other authorities here in the U.S. and overseas – helped put a shining positive light back on the city (there’s even a nice article about the recovery of the violin and the arrests in today’s New York Times!).

As chair of the Common Council’s Public Safety Committee, I know all too well that the fine work of our police officers, fire department personnel and emergency medical technicians is often overlooked. I think it is important to let them know how much their work is appreciated.

So (hum your favorite violin music here...) – to our police department – I say proudly, Bravo!

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