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Working toward justice in weekend murder, peace in our city

Statement of Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II May 12, 2014

This weekend, I learned that a well-known and respected business owner in the 15th Aldermanic District, Herman Paige, was murdered in cold blood while working at the bar he has run responsibly since he went into business, and about which he cared so deeply. My thoughts and prayers are with his family as they grieve this tragedy.

I have spoken with a representative of the Milwaukee Police Department's fifth district, and they assure me that they are pursuing a person of interest in the killing. I expect MPD to find the killer or killers and bring them to swift justice.

This senseless murder is yet another reminder of the plague of violence that has overtaken our community. As a lifelong resident, I am all too familiar with this problem. But now, as the newly-elected Alderman representing the 15th Aldermanic District, I have the opportunity to take a hand in helping corral this senseless violence and to make our community safer.

In the days ahead, I plan to meet with Mr. Paige's family, as well as police and community groups in the area, to determine a course of action for addressing this violence. Senseless murder needn't be a way of life anywhere, and with participation from every stakeholder, we can work together to decrease the frequency of such crimes.

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