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Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.
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Alderman Davis requests police records of delayed response to rape report

In an effort to provide answers for an 82-year-old sexual assault victim who was forced to wait more than three hours for a police response, Milwaukee **Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.** has filed an open records request with the Milwaukee Police Department seeking more information about reports of poor response times in the community.

“This poor woman was the victim of a heinous crime that occurred in a very public space,” Alderman Davis said. “Yet, scared and hurt as she was, she was re-victimized by a three-hour-and-six-minute police response.”

“These delays are beyond unacceptable—they’re outrageous,” Alderman Davis said. “This victim deserves answers, and the community deserves assurances that these sorts of delays will not be repeated.”

On Tuesday, Alderman Davis filed an open records request with the office of Police Chief Ed Flynn for this year’s reports on response times. He said it was his hope that having the data available to the public would enable not only an analysis of the failures that led to the three-hour delayed response, but a comparison of response times experienced in different police districts throughout the city.

“This incident, and others like it, are a breach of the citizens’ trust,” Alderman Davis said. “But since I don’t see anyone taking personal responsibility for them, I think the time is now to introduce even more scrutiny to these tragic delays.”



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Office of the City Clerk

Jim Owczarski
City Clerk

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Police Chief Edward Flynn
749 W. State St.
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Chief Flynn:

I have been asked by the office of Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., to request the following records of your office: all Milwaukee Police Department records reporting and most particularly comparing response times by all police districts between January 1, 2015, and the date of this request. The Alderman would be particularly interested in – although this request should not be taken as being limited to – those records that would permit a comparison of response times to incidents on the North side and on the South side of the City. The Alderman would be further interested in any analysis of this matter undertaken by Capt. Andra Williams of your Communication Division.

As always, this request is made under the relevant provisions of the statutes of the State of Wisconsin and is subject to its conditions and limitations.

Questions, &c., of me, please let me know.

Sincerely,

James R. Owczarski
City Clerk

cc: Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.

