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# **Deadly joyride takes another young Milwaukeean**

**Statement of Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.**

**November 24, 2015**

The rash of deadly underage joyriding crashes in Milwaukee is sadly showing no signs of waning, and on Saturday a crash in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aldermanic District took the life of a bright 14-year-old.

Daquan Nichols was a passenger in a sport utility vehicle, driven by a 15-year-old, when it went out of control and hit a tree near N. 69<sup>th</sup> St. and W. Hampton Ave. He was seriously injured during the crash and later died at a hospital. The driver was injured but will survive, and two other 14-year-old passengers were not seriously injured.

The underage and unlicensed driver took the SUV, which is his father's vehicle, for a deadly joyride with friends that he will now live with for the rest of his life. The decision will haunt him, and it should be a lesson to others to make better decisions, better choices.

This type of activity is simply unacceptable, and I am also calling on all parents, grandparents and guardians to keep closer tabs on their teenaged loved ones. Keep track of what they are up to at all times, and take personal responsibility for everything they are involved in. Keep vehicle keys on your person at all times (or locked away), and make a point of checking to make sure they are secure.

We simply must not risk additional young lives or the safety of other drivers and pedestrians to this deadly and increasingly popular illegal activity.

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