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Let's not talk about it, be about it!

Statement from Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.
June 29, 2015

This weekend was another unfortunate encounter with violence in Milwaukee. Non-fatal shootings are occurring with extreme frequency and we have yet another homicide in the 2nd Aldermanic District. We say that MKE is a great place, and I agree. But I'm sickened to my core to hear reports of young people dying on our streets.

Just this weekend in a quiet Milwaukee neighborhood, a drug deal gone bad created havoc for ordinary, law-abiding, property tax-paying citizens of the 2nd District, who witnessed gunshots on their well-manicured streets. And as I write this statement, we have another homicide on 44th Street.

This issue of fatal shootings in quiet neighborhoods across this city is spreading like a virus with no cure. I have previously requested a plan from Mayor Barrett on this issue that is affecting the constituents I represent, and the response was sweeps of individuals into the criminal justice system who will eventually get released with an attitude of retribution (all with a $2 million allocation to the MPD for overtime, while the rank and file would have instead preferred terminating their furlough days). But the violence continues to grow as we now have 75 homicides so far in 2015.

So I'll continue to wait because he is the Mayor. But eventually, the people deserve accountability and will demand it from the Mayor. Let's not talk about it, be about it!

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