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Milwaukee carjackings hit a new low

Statement from Alderman Mark A. Borkowski May 23, 2016

This morning in my aldermanic district, one of Milwaukee's youngest crime victims started the day in a horrible and scary way.

At 6:45 a.m., in a quiet south side neighborhood near 66th St. and Montana St., a mother was driving her one-month old child to daycare when she was hit from behind in what is referred to as a "bump and run" robbery. Once out of her car to inspect the damage, two thugs forced their way into her vehicle and stole her car with the baby still in the backseat.

Just imagine the fear, terror and horror that mother felt as she watched those criminals drive away with her precious baby strapped in the car seat behind the driver. Fortunately, when the thugs had a chance, they stopped the car, put the baby on the side of the road and drove away. Thankfully, the baby was not harmed and was reunited with the mother. The situation, however, could have been so much worse.

Milwaukee's car theft and carjacking epidemic is reaching every corner of the city and is bringing terror to good people and otherwise quiet neighborhoods. Last year alone, roughly 7,400 cars were taken from their owners, an astounding average of 20 cars per day. Today's incident, however, was not your ordinary run-of-the-mill carjacking. What makes today's crime unique and unbelievable is there was one-month old baby in the backseat.

I've had enough, and as vice chair of the Public Safety Committee, I intend to ask some very difficult questions of and will demand answers from those who are charged with putting criminals in jail, and who are supposed to be keeping us one step ahead of the thugs and bad actors.

We simply cannot continue with the status quo, and with conditions that are making Milwaukee one of the most dangerous cities in the U.S.