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Even car thieves think judges are soft

Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan February 16, 2018

Today, we saw another example of our criminal justice system's failure -- straight from a car thief's first-hand experience. During a WISN-TV interview, 17-year-old convicted car thief "TJ" describes the common-sense solution to Milwaukee's crime rate: "They should just lock 'em up. If that's what you got to do, that's what you got to do to keep this world safe."

Amen – TJ's echoing what I've been saying for years: Until our judges take crime seriously, our city won't be safe. TJ, who has been in and out of jail since he was 12, said it best himself, "I've seen people come back the same day they get out, and get out again. Some judges, they're just soft."

At just 17, TJ knows how to correct our weak criminal justice system, and I couldn't agree more -- "lock 'em up."

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