Reckless driving - enough is enough

Statement of Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II
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Last night at the intersection of North 22nd and West Center streets, a reckless driver hit three children, killing one, and fled the scene.

I am saddened and disgusted by the disregard this individual showed for the community, and specifically the children. My condolences go out to the family of the 6-year-old girl who was killed, and I pray for a speedy recovery for her 4-year-old sister and their 10-year-old cousin. I cannot imagine what these families are going through, and I ask the neighbors to join me in providing love, prayers and support in this difficult time.

Reckless driving has become the number one public safety issue in Milwaukee, and it has to end. This situation is every parent’s nightmare, and no one should ever have to fear their child or loved one will be run down while walking home.

More action needs to be taken, and in the coming weeks I will be introducing legislation to further crack down on those who show reckless abandon on our roads. The time is now to show that we mean business when it comes to keeping our streets safe.

The individual who committed this cowardly act is still at large. Police are searching for a 2007-2009 gray Saturn Aura with tinted windows and front-end damage. The suspect is a black male in his 20s with dread locks. If anyone in the community has information regarding this individual, I ask you to speak up so we can provide justice for these children and their families.

Anyone with any information about the driver should contact Milwaukee police immediately at (414) 935-7360.

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