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Statement of Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II
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Last night I responded to a horrific scene in the 2500 block of N. 38th St., where four people – including two children – had been shot. A 37-year-old man was killed and a 14-year-old girl was gravely injured after being shot in the head.

A 26-year-old man and a 10-year-old girl suffered gunshot wounds and were taken to a local hospital.

There are no words to adequately describe the scene and I feel ill just thinking about it. It was awful, and all brought about by someone who decided to solve a “problem” with a gun. This was reprehensible and I cannot accept that a person could do something like this.

The shooting simply must stop. For the sake of our children, for the sake of our neighborhoods and our future – this violence must not be given an inch to grow and must come to an end.

My condolences and prayers go to the loved ones and friends of the deceased and injured, and I ask for comfort for them from the community. I cannot imagine what they are going through right now.

The suspect was arrested by Milwaukee Police and I thank MPD for their quick work in this case.

Residents who are wondering what they can do to help to stop the violence can read and learn more about the Office of Violence Prevention’s The Blueprint for Peace by going to https://city.milwaukee.gov/414Life.

For FREE help for children who have witnessed violence/violent crimes please contact Trauma Response at (414) 257-7621.