Shooting leaves questions, with community reeling in sadness

Statement of Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II
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Five people were killed yesterday in a home near N. 12th and Locust by a person who called police to report the unspeakable crime.

The victims range in age from 14 to 41, and the community is grieving for the loved ones and friends of each of them. There is no explanation or motive yet for what happened, and we are just left with deep sadness and an urge to pray for the family, and to reach out and help.

I call on the community to offer love and support to the loved ones of the victims, and to be pillars of peace in their time of grief and despair. I call on everyone to offer understanding and care and to lift up our community with hope during this dark hour.

In time we may learn of a motive, but it is always disappointing to me when I learn of violence being used to resolve conflicts or disagreements.

We must always use reason and understanding to settle disagreements and grievances, and NEVER resort to violence.

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