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## Unfathomable gun violence shakes the community

### **Statement of Alderman Khalif J. Rainey and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**

Tragedy struck our community this weekend as two young girls who were idly minding their own business in a car were struck by bullets fired at the vehicle in the 3100 block of North Sherman Boulevard. The older of the two girls lost her life as a result of this heinous incident, and our hearts break for her family and friends as they deal with what happened. We ask the community to support them during this unimaginably difficult time.

Police are still seeking suspects in this case, and we implore anyone with information to contact **Milwaukee Police at 414-935-7360** or **Crime Stopper at 414-224-TIPS** or **P3 Tips App** to remain anonymous and help bring justice to those impacted.

We should be fostering environments for our children to learn, grow, develop and prosper. To this end - no child, parent or grandparent should have to worry about the children in their lives falling victim to bullets.

The fact that this is not the first young person this year who lost their life prematurely to gun violence underscores how our community **MUST** do better.

Additionally, services are available to assist now. The city's Office of Violence Prevention has the 414Life violence interrupters, who can be reached for (free) mediation services, at 414-439-5398.

The OVP's Trauma Response Team also provides free mental health support for children and families exposed to violence. They can be reached at: 414-257-7621.