

# **Statement of Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.**

The central city of Milwaukee experienced a devastating rash of violent shootings last night. Two individuals were murdered, including one in the 15<sup>th</sup> District, and five others were wounded.

First and foremost, I am calling on anyone who has any information related to the homicide that occurred in the 2200 block of N. 31<sup>st</sup> Street to come forward. It is imperative that those who have information related to this senseless murder, as well as any of the other violent incidents, contact the Milwaukee Police Department's Criminal Investigation Bureau: 414-935-7360.

My contacts within the police department have shared their frustration that not one of the witnesses related to the murder on N. 31<sup>st</sup> Street is cooperating with the investigation at this time.

Someone knows what happened, and they must speak up. Immediately. Our citizens deserve safe, secure neighborhoods. When tragic incidents such these take place, it is absolutely necessary that witnesses step forward and collaborate with police.