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MEDIA ADVISORY

The Office of Violence Prevention and 414LIFE Stand with Local Mothers Calling for an End to Gun Violence in Milwaukee

Mothers who have lost children to gun violence will stand with Bernice Parks as the shooter charged in the homicide of Sandra Parks is sentenced today

Milwaukee, WI – The City of Milwaukee Health Department Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) and 414LIFE are supporting mothers who have been directly impacted by gun violence by holding a press conference today, August 23, 2019. Community members and media are highly encouraged to attend.

When: Today, August 23, 2019 at 12 p.m.

Where: Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 N. 9th Street (On steps of Wells Street Entrance)
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Confirmed Speakers: Ms. Bernice Parks, Mother of Sandra Parks
Ms. Maria Hamilton, Mother of Dontre Hamilton
Ms. Karin Tyler, Mother of Andrew Tyler, Office of Violence Prevention
Ms. Arnetha Miller, Mother of Brooklyn Harris
Ms. Tonia Liddell, 414LIFE, Godmother of Preston Blackmer

Following the press conference, mothers will attend the sentencing of the shooter charged in the homicide of Sandra Parks.

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City of Milwaukee Health Department Office of Violence Prevention

The Office of Violence Prevention takes a public health approach to preventing and reducing violence through partnerships that strengthen youth, families, and neighborhoods. In 2017, it facilitated a community-wide effort to develop and launch Milwaukee's first comprehensive violence prevention plan known as the Blueprint for Peace.

The Blueprint contains six (6) goals and 30 strategies prioritized by Milwaukee residents for making Milwaukee a safe and resilient city where the lives of all residents are valued, promoted, and protected. For more information visit: www.414LIFE.com

414LIFE

414LIFE is a program that uses a public health approach to violence. This program is modeled after Cure Violence, a successful violence prevention effort implemented in multiple cities around the world. The model engages credible messengers from the community to engage in prevention-based outreach and targeted conflict mediation. Through this partnership with local hospitals, the team will be trained to provide support to families, friends, and survivors of gun violence in local hospitals and the surrounding communities.