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MEDIA ADVISORY

Prayer Vigil To Be Held For Still Unidentified Burned Woman

Badly Burned Body Was Found In Garbage Cart On Property Owned By Church

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. will help host a prayer vigil on Sunday for an as yet unidentified young woman whose badly burned body was found in a smoldering garbage cart on a northwest side lot one week ago. Police believe the woman was murdered.

The prayer vigil will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, September 3, 2006, at 6200 N. 84th St., on property owned by Balm in Gilead For All People Worship Center. The church's founder and senior pastor, Rev. Walter Leigh Bates, will serve as co-host of the vigil. Media coverage is invited.

"We need to bow our heads and pray for this woman and give her the grace and dignity that she deserves," Ald. Davis said. "I cannot comprehend how a human being, a mother, someone's daughter or sister, could be treated in such a way."

Milwaukee police have asked the public for help in identifying the woman, described to be in her mid to late 20s, about 5'3" to 5'6" and weighing about 120 pounds. She was wearing a silver herringbone necklace and had an overbite, and she has given birth in the past.

Anyone with information about the crime or with knowledge of the identity of the victim is asked to call the Milwaukee Police Department's Criminal Investigation Bureau at 935-7360.

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