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Ald. Mike McGee, Jr.
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Ald. McGee Offers \$1,000 Cash Reward For Info Leading To Hit & Run Driver

*Vehicle was Traveling Approximately 50 mph When Girl, 12, Was Struck and Killed
Thursday Near 16th and Locust*

A \$1,000 cash reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the driver responsible for hitting and killing 12-year-old Melissa Bavier last night in the 1600 block of W. Locust St., Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. said.

Ald. McGee, who will be distributing flyers about the reward near the scene of the crime today with members of his Rapid Response Team, said the homicide has devastated the girl's family and shocked the entire neighborhood. "It's very disturbing to me that we have individuals in our community who believe they can drive with reckless disregard for public safety – like our laws somehow don't apply to them – and commit murder," he said.

"And I truly don't know how someone could hit a person, a child, and simply drive away, leaving that child to die," the alderman said.

The suspect vehicle is described as an older possible GM Buick or Oldsmobile, possibly blue, green or teal, with tinted windows and chrome wheels.

Ald. McGee and Magic Foods, a neighborhood grocery store at 16th and Locust, are funding the reward.

Anyone with possible information on the suspect and/or vehicle should call Ald. McGee at 414-286-2994.

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