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Our Children Deserve to Be Safe at Home and in their Community

Statement from the City of Milwaukee's Office of Violence Prevention regarding shooting of two youth in less than 24 hours.

MILWAUKEE – On Wednesday, May 20th a 17-year-old was shot and wounded at Dineen Park. Today, May 21st, a 12-year-old girl was struck by a bullet that entered her building from outside this afternoon. In response to these shootings the City of Milwaukee Health Department Office of Violence Prevention is releasing the following statement:

In less than 24 hours, two children in our city were injured by senseless acts of gun violence. We stand with their families and our entire community in calling for those responsible to be brought to justice. We encourage anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at: 414-224-TIPS (8477).

As we enter the Memorial Day weekend, we are calling on everyone in our community to do everything possible to ensure that our homes, parks, and neighborhoods are safe from gun violence. If you own a firearm, please ensure that it safely secured and out of reach of children or anyone prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm.

We not only offer our thoughts and prayers to these families but our unwavering commitment to continuing to advocate for an end to gun violence in our city.

No child should be in fear for their lives anywhere at anytime in our community. Peace is all of our responsibility and we must do everything to ensure that no other family has to experience the injury or loss of a child due to gun violence.

For more information about the City's efforts to prevent and reduce violence please visit: www.414LIFE.com

The City of Milwaukee Office of Violence Prevention works to prevent and reduce violence through partnerships that strengthen youth, families, and neighborhoods.

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