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Sheriff Calls Mayor Barrett's Comment on Rise in Violent Crime Incredible

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. said that Tom Barrett's response to a rise in violent crime in the city of nearly 10% is typical of what he has heard from him on the subject in the past – weak and disingenuous.

“Barrett says that he will do whatever it takes to see to it that the Milwaukee Police Department will have all the resources they need to tackle violent crime, when he just furloughed 1500 police officers three days each (which he says Chief Ed Flynn supported) leaving them with 4500 fewer officer days to respond to the increase in aggravated assaults and increasing the time it takes to answer other calls for service.

Barrett has also failed to fill the over 200 vacancies that have existed during his entire time as mayor, and still believes MPD officers have time to patrol county parks. When you do the math, it simply doesn't add up. Barrett must think city residents are stupid. Mayor Barrett needs to put his money where his mouth is,” said Clarke.

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