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### **Sheriff Clarke Comments on Recent Violence in City of Milwaukee**

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. issued the following statement relating to the violence that occurred in Milwaukee over the holiday weekend:

The unfortunate, but not unexpected, violent Thanksgiving weekend in the city of Milwaukee is a grim reminder of how dangerous the city of Milwaukee continues to be. When I was initially informed of the carnage, I thought they were referring to yet another violent weekend in Chicago.

Numerous city elected officials have attacked me for my honest assessment of the situation recently, but they can no longer hide behind the lie they have been living. The crime and violence that occurs in the city of Milwaukee speaks for itself. A recent near-riot at a public high school where 30 students were arrested is another example of how out of control things have become.

All the millions of dollars spent on social programs, advertised as "best practices" with promises of ending crime, poverty, high unemployment, school failure, drug use and dysfunctional families, have us in the same, if not worse, place than we were before these misguided initiatives.

What are now viewed as old-fashioned values, such as functioning families with socially-adjusted fathers involved in the lives of their children, better schools, no excuses for underachievement, positive role models and consequences for unwanted behavior, continues to be the best antidote out of this morass, not gun control and more government spending.

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