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Mayor Barrett's 'Nothing-to-see-here-move-along' Strategy

Milwaukee, WI – Statement from Sheriff Clarke regarding statistics from the mayor regarding violence in the city of Milwaukee:

Tom Barrett is up to the old trick of trying to put a band aid over the gaping wound of violence occurring in the city of Milwaukee by use of statistics. He learned that hocus-pocus from Chief Flynn. There is no correlation between numbers of arrests made as the violence is occurring. Activities are not results. During that same time period, crime and violence ran rampant and even increased. That is the result. Barrett's "Don't listen to the reports of all that violence, listen to my statistic trick" strategy isn't fooling people living in those neighborhoods besieged with violence.

Has Barrett calculated how many more arrests could have been made had he not furloughed 1500 MPD officers 3 days each this year? That's 4500 fewer officer hours spent on the streets of the city answering calls for service, patrolling neighborhoods and making arrests. There's a statistic he won't mention.

What Barrett should be telling people, and what the media will not ask him, is how many of those arrests led to criminal charges issued by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office versus how many were not charged or got out on some soft social-engineering experiment like low bail, electronic monitoring, alternatives to incarceration and community corrections.

Just this morning, I read that an 18-year-old out on a low bail for robbery has been rearrested for a homicide. Was that robbery incident one of the 2000 arrests? He was back out on the street and should not have been.

This revolving door justice system is destroying Milwaukee neighborhoods and the city along with it. It's time for Barrett to join me in acknowledging that.

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