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Sheriff Clarke Urges Citizens to Celebrate Responsibly on New Year's Eve

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. issued a reminder to citizens about the dangers and penalties associated with the random, ‘celebratory’ shooting of guns.

On New Year's Eve, it's not uncommon for police to receive multiple reports of gunfire. Many people shoot guns into the air as a way to bring in the New Year. This is dangerous, and it is illegal. The penalties for this reckless behavior are severe. If a bullet kills a person, a homicide suspect could face up to 25 years in prison.

“Once a bullet leaves a gun, the person pulling the trigger no longer has any control over what that bullet may hit,” Sheriff Clarke said.

Please remind the public that “what goes up must come down.”

- A bullet fired into the air can climb up to two miles. When it comes down, it can fall 300-700 feet per second.
- Citizens shooting guns will be arrested and prosecuted. Unfortunately, most don't think of the consequences until it's too late.

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