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Sheriff Clarke Says Mayor Barrett is Full of Excuses on City Violence

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. issued the following statement in response to comments Mayor Tom Barrett gave at a news conference today regarding the fatal shootings of a 15-year-old boy and the driver of a vehicle that struck and killed a two-year-old child yesterday:

“Will someone in the mainstream media please do their job and ask Tom Barrett to tell us how many of these criminal homicides involved concealed carry permit holders? And ask for his empirical data to demonstrate his claim that it has led to an increase of guns on the street. His rhetoric today, after yet again another violent weekend in the city of Milwaukee, is nothing more than the liberal anti-gun, anti-Second Amendment talking point memo.

Because Mayor Barrett has no effective response to the continued violence in the city of Milwaukee, he attempts to distract by blaming the gun instead of the behavior, and blaming his political adversaries. The overwhelming majority of law-abiding gun owners throughout the state of Wisconsin do not use them to settle disputes, or take property from people. The Castle Doctrine and CCL were designed to help people protect themselves, especially while Barrett is furloughing Milwaukee police officers.

Tom Barrett’s claim that Milwaukee is a safe city flies in the face of the violence that has gone on unabated for several years. When a man inadvertently strikes a child with his car, stops to render aid, and gets killed for it, there is something horribly wrong. Barrett claimed that this was an assassination. It was not. To assassinate is to kill secretly, especially a politically prominent person; a murder that is premeditated. This was not premeditated, but a senseless murder we see all too often in Milwaukee.”

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