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Sheriff Says Grant to Keep Criminals Out of Jail is Contributing to Milwaukee's High Crime Rate

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. issued the following statement in response to a story posted to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* online website today (Milwaukee County lands grant aimed at reducing incarceration disparities - <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/milwaukee-county-lands-grant-aimed-at-reducing-incarceration-disparities-b99507574z1-305086481.html>).

After the city went through a violent stretch this year and last, we had these criminal coddlers calling for a crackdown on crime: Barrett, Flynn, Kremers, and Abele -- saying we need to get tough on criminals.

There ARE no racial or economic disparities in the criminal justice system anywhere. Am I clear on that? There IS a lifestyle choice problem which is a self-inflicted pathology. Lifestyle choices like father-absent homes, having kids but not raising them properly, failing in school, drug use, and criminal behavior are what explain the disparities.

After a period of time, these soft-on-crime advocates go back to playing this race card game with criminal justice. Author Thomas Sowell has written extensively about this mental self-cleansing. It is an exercise in liberal white guilt. Now this group wants to help put the same career criminals, who police repeatedly arrest, back on the street. Mayor Barrett and Chief Flynn were just pounding the table asking for tougher laws to keep criminals in jail. Now they are part of the group trying to keep them out.

This is why Milwaukee continues to be the violent city that it is according to *Forbes Magazine*. Forbes points out that soft crime policies are considered in its rankings. Notice that one person is missing from the hold-hands-and-sing-Kumbaya group. Yours truly! No surprise there! No dissenting or diverse views are welcome with these soft-on-crime criminal coddlers.

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