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## Supervisor Sequanna Taylor – District 5

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### **Supervisor Taylor Urges Community Action in Wake of Domestic Violence Homicides**

MILWAUKEE – In response to the alarming surge of homicides in Milwaukee, Supervisor Sequanna Taylor is calling upon residents to take proactive measures and stand against this crisis. According to the Sojourner Family Peace Center, there have been four domestic violence-related deaths in just nine days earlier this month, highlighting the urgent need for collective action and support.

Supervisor Taylor issued the following statement:

*“We have witnessed a deeply troubling rise in domestic violence incidents across Milwaukee County. It is crucial that our community does not become desensitized to this issue but instead takes a stand against it. Being a bystander is not an option, especially considering the tragic outcomes that can result from ignoring warning signs.*”

*“April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Awareness Month, making it the perfect time to engage. We must unite as a community to confront this crisis directly. Each person has a role in fostering a safer environment for all. I hope my own experiences in getting out of a toxic situation can serve as an example for others to follow, help is out there. If you are experiencing domestic violence at home, please be aware that there are readily available resources and a supportive community ready to assist you.”*

RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) is the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization. They reported an American is assaulted every 68 seconds, with over 53% of women and 29% of men reporting experiencing sexual violence. Marginalized communities, including people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and those with disabilities, face disproportionately higher rates of sexual assault.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. The Sojourner Family Peace Center remains a crucial resource for individuals affected by domestic violence in Milwaukee County. They operate a 24-hour hotline, accessible seven days a week, for reporting incidents and accessing essential resources. The hotline number is 414-933-2722, and individuals can also seek help by texting 414-877-8100.

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