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**MILWAUKEE POLICE ANNOUNCE CRIME DECREASE FOR
7TH CONSECUTIVE QUARTER**

Emphasizing, "This is a trend, not an anomaly," Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn today announced crime decreases for the seventh consecutive quarter.

"We talk a lot about numbers when we make these announcements, but the one that really matters is that we have had 7,000 fewer crime victims in Milwaukee in the past 21 months than in 2007," Chief Flynn said. "We are clearly disrupting a culture of impunity and we are returning the public spaces back to the residents where they can exert informal social controls and order can take root."

Total violent crime in the city is down 18 percent over 2008 and is down 25 percent over the past two years. MPD reported double-digit decreases in robbery (12.5 percent), aggravated assault (24 percent) and a 30 percent drop in auto theft.

In the third quarter of 2009, the Milwaukee Police Department reported great successes including the arrest of a serial killer by the Milwaukee Cold Case Homicide Task Force. Walter Ellis' crimes spanned 21 years and was identified by the hard work of the unit who never let any victims be forgotten.

Milwaukee Police put Badger Guns store on notice that they will not be allowed to put crime guns in the hands of those who take the lives of our residents.

And the Milwaukee Police Department's Criminal Investigation Bureau solved numerous high profile crimes and took those criminals off the street.

In announcing the tremendous gains, Chief Flynn cautioned state lawmakers against disinvesting in crime control.

"In these difficult budget times, inevitable cutbacks are going to put pressure on the crime numbers and the Milwaukee Police Department hopes to continue our crime reductions," Chief Flynn said.

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