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City of Milwaukee Common Council

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John T. Chisholm
Milwaukee County District Attorney
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Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear District Attorney Chisholm,

Over the last two years, the City of Milwaukee has been plagued with increasing motor vehicle thefts to a magnitude not seen since 2007 and 2008. Certainly a number of factors contribute towards this phenomenon, many of which are unknown to policymakers. However, I want to ensure that we are utilizing the legal tools at our disposal to curb this behavior, which often lead to the permanent loss of property, personal injury and contribute to a larger sense of endangerment in our broader community.

According to the Milwaukee Police Department, the following incidents of motor vehicle thefts and arrests for operating without the owner's consent have occurred in the City of Milwaukee since 2010:

YEAR	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arrests
2010	4,317	592
2011	4,545	589
2012	4,801	757
2013	4,385	619
2014	6,657	850
2015*	6,844	983

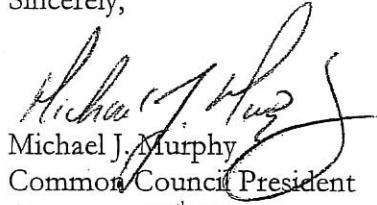
*2015 numbers are from YTD

I understand that arrests made and charges offered by the Milwaukee Police Department do not equate to legal prosecution. To better understand the implications of encountering the city's law enforcement agencies, I require data from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office related to these arrests. Would you please have the appropriate party provide me with the frequency of a.)



charges for operating without the owner's consent, b.) charges for other crimes related to these arrests, c.) pended and pending cases, and d.) dismissed cases by the District Attorney's office for each of the respective years noted above. Any additional information you can provide to contextualize the data is welcome.

Sincerely,



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