

Have you had
ENOUGH
of Reckless Driving??

“Driving is a Privilege, it is not a Right”

~Judge Richards

What to Expect Today:

About 20 minutes followed by Q&A

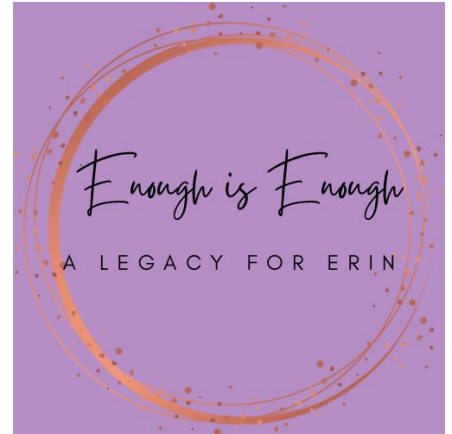
- Who we are
- Case examples
- The nature of the data we collect & our findings
- Our Challenge
- How you can help (resources and other support)



Who We Are

**We are a non-profit, 501c3;
Incorporated in April, 2024**

**AND a non-partisan advocacy group
committed to eliminating reckless
driving that results in injury and loss of
innocent life throughout the State of
Wisconsin.**



Our Three Pillars

- **Judicial Accountability ***

In the criminal justice system

- **Legislative Advocacy**

Laws and enforcement

- **Community Education & Awareness**

Involvement and empowerment



Case examples



Milwaukee mother pleads for change after losing two daughters in separate tragedies



Victims:
Talise and
De-Lisha
Dunmore

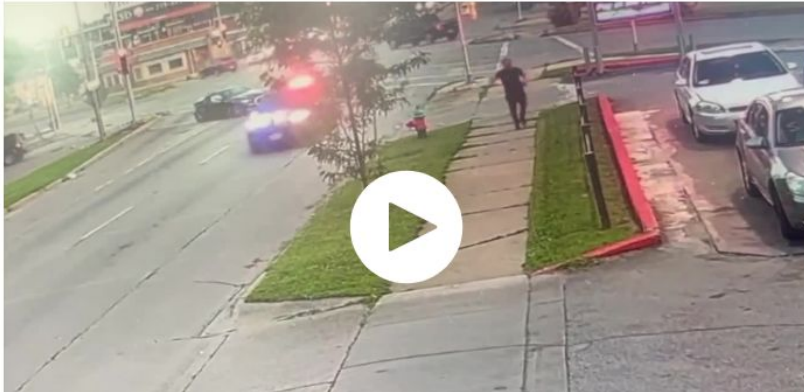
Case examples

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Documents show man involved in Monday's deadly pursuit was out on probation for previous fleeing convictions

The man police say hit and killed 55-year-old Lorenzo Martin was previously convicted of fleeing police twice



Victim:
Lorenzo
Martin



Case examples

Victim of fatal Milwaukee crash was days away from retirement, longtime coworker shares grief

The 69-year-old woman was a decades-long public safety employee with the city and only a few days from retirement, according to her employer.



TMJ4 has learned more about the person who died as a result of a Tuesday night crash at Mill and Teutonia. The 69-year-old woman was a decades-long public safety employee with the city and only a few days from retirement, according to her employer.

Victim:
Kay
Farberg

Judicial Accountability – Court Watch

Advocating for the District Attorneys and Judges to hold criminals accountable in order to protect the public safety.

- *monitor* - selected case hearings
- *record* - judicial decisions and practices
- *report* - the outcomes



Court Watch – in the courtroom

Our Process:

- Identify cases from CCAP that have a fleeing charge (subset of reckless driving)
- Submit community impact statements AND *support victim families in court*
- Attend plea/sentencing hearings
- Research the cases we were unable to attend
- Record sentencing outcomes
- Tabulate the results/publish findings



Court Watch – Outcomes



Cases	5/1/25-10/31/25	12/1/24-4/30/25	6/24/24-11/30/24
Monitored/Attended	614	351	215
Sentenced / (% of monitored)	335 / 55%	174 / 50%	109 / 51%
Involving previous felons*	214 / 64%	58%	Not collected
Cases granted Probation**	141 / 42%	49%	35%

Of the 335 sentenced cases for the most recent time period:

- **231 cases (68%)** included additional charges beyond FEO/RES1/RES2
- **83 cases (25%)** involved one or more additional cases resolved simultaneously.

* 55% (78) of the 141 probation cases included condition time ranging from 10 days to 12 months.

** 60 cases or 42% of those granted probation were for repeat felons (5/1-10/31/25)

Further detail may be found in our Court Watch 3.0 report published January 12, 2026 on our website ene4erin.org

Court Watch – Major Observations



- Probation and lenient sentences leads to recidivism and increasingly violent behavior
- The majority of observed cases are perpetrated by repeat offenders who have had little to no consequence for previous crimes.
- Dismissed / Read-in charges*/plea bargains
- Court Efficiency
- *Victims* are minimized/forgotten

*guns, drugs, fleeing/RES

Court Watch – Repeat Felons

The Court System extends leniency even for **repeat felons**. Current sentences are clearly **NOT** deterring reckless driving behavior (directly or generally):

During the collection period 12/1/24 - 10/31/25 for a subset of sentenced cases of

- Fleeing / 2nd degree Reckless Endangering Safety
- There were **177 cases involving repeat felons**
- The **Statutory Maximums** (exposure) for incarceration amounts these offenses:
 - FEO: 18 months (Felony I) – 120 months (Felony E)
 - RES1: 90 months RES2: 60 months
 - SO...for this subset of cases that all include some level of FEO and at least RES2, you'd expect to see sentences in the **78 – 180 month range**
- But what we've actually observed is...
 - Median IN: **36 mos***
 - # of cases that received probation: 49 (27.7%)
 - # of cases with condition time: 24; 1-12 months



Court Watch – Probation

The courts follow a “practice” of considering the least restrictive sentence (including probation) depending on the severity of the crime and the need to protect the public.



Per the Legislative Reference Bureau document “Felonies in the 2023–24 Wisconsin Statutes”:

*“In Wisconsin, there are two types of crimes: felonies and misdemeanors. **A felony is a crime punishable by imprisonment in a state prison, generally for a term of more than one year.**”*

Does this judicial “practice” contradict the intent of the law?

Court Watch – Our Challenge

If judges don't sentence even *repeat felons* to incarceration in favor of probation, *Is that a message that will deter reckless driving/fleeing* – that this kind of behavior **will not be tolerated?**



As community members, we should all be willing to pull out all the stops until reckless driving becomes a rarity and safety has returned to our streets and neighborhoods.

A place to start:

No probation for repeat felons

No more plea bargaining...guns, drugs, fleeing (we are working with DA's office)

How can you help?



- Formulate and report REAL statistics about the problem?
 - How many deaths should be tolerated?
- Data collection/access
- Communications/collaboration with all entities -
Police/Sheriff, DA, Justice System, DOC, Children's court,
County entities
- Advocate for sentences & guidance that deter behavior
(YOU have influence)
- JOIN US (in court) & ask your constituents to JOIN US
- Share our report

Closing thoughts....



"Any person who commits an act of death, harm, or destruction should be held to account," Johnson said, "and I'm asking judges in this community or anybody who has a responsibility for prosecution to make sure that happens."

~Mayor Johnson, 11/4/25 Town Hall discussion

"We under-invest in our youth, both in terms of education and in terms of corrections. Those systems are not where they should be, but they're the only systems the court can rely upon in my carrying out my duties and responsibilities."

~ Milwaukee County Circuit Judge David Swanson

Closing thoughts....



This is YOUR Data...

To be addressed by YOU....

**This is (Y)OUR Community who is begging for
SAFETY.**

No Probation for repeat felons...

Enough is Enough – Our Story

Born from heartbreak—

After the tragic and senseless death of Erin
Mogensen and her unborn baby on
November 2, 2023, killed by a repeat felon
recklessly fleeing the police.

What began in grief has become a
movement -
to honor their memory and fight for
change,
so no other family has to endure this kind
of loss.

Legislative Advocacy

Working with local government agencies and State legislators to support Laws that promote accountability

- **SB514 - Mandatory Min. Sentencing and incr. Felony class**
- **AB78 – Towing/Impoundment**
- **AB85 – Revocation (VETOED)**

Future Legislation

Booting vehicles without plates or registration



SB 514 passed on March 27, 2024

Outreach & Education



Inform the public and encourage communities to act.

- National Nights Out
- Crime & Safety
- Neighborhood Associations
- WDoR
- Vision Zero
- 2025 WI Governor's DOT Safety Conference
- VOTE



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