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MILWAUKEE POLICE SEIZE, HOLD FORMER GANG TERRITORY

WHAT: News conference to reveal MPD's plan to help residents where a large-scale gang roundup took place today, take back their neighborhood.

WHEN: 5 p.m. Thursday, February 14, 2008

WHO: Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, District 5 Police Captain Anthony Smith

WHERE: In the District 5 assembly, 2920 N. 4th Street, Milwaukee.

DETAILS: In the wake of a large-scale roundup of the notorious "Nash Street Boys" (also known as the "1-9s") street gang today, Milwaukee Police are aware that there will be a vacuum in the area in which they operated. These roundups typically are followed by a quiet period and then an increase in violence, particularly gun violence, as other gangs fight for control.

That will not happen this time. Chief Flynn, together with Capt. Smith, will announce the Milwaukee Police Department's plan to hold the neighborhood together and get residents, formerly prisoners of fear in their own homes, involved in a partnership with police to keep the gangs out.

The District 5 Anti Gang Unit officers will conduct sweeps of the area to ensure that anyone engaged in criminal activity and who is related to a gang, is arrested. The target area includes two dozen nuisance properties, which will be addressed by the Community Prosecution Unit; and only two active block watches, where our Safe and Sound Community Partners will inform residents how to start more Block Watches. We also will encourage residents to attend District Crime Reduction Meetings.

MEDIA: The news conference is available to be taken live by broadcast outlets. Cables may be easily run into the area. Following the news conference, Capt. Smith will accompany Chief Flynn and Mayor Barrett to the area involved in today's roundup where the District 5 effort will be focused. Media are invited to come along.

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