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## 3...2...1... “Racist” “Vigilante”

Madison....Rep. Gannon, R- Slinger, made this statement today in response to the accusations made against Rep. Brandtjen-

“Different day, but the same old rant from the legislators on the left. Rep. Brandtjen made clear her concerns for the safety of the residents of her district after a stolen car chased from Milwaukee ended up in a residential area of Richfield. This resulted in thirteen squads from Milwaukee Police, numerous emergency vehicles from throughout Washington County, as well as heavily armed SWAT teams chasing throughout the backyards of local neighborhoods.

“When the representative called on her constituents to defend themselves from these criminal thugs, Sen. Taylor, D- Milwaukee, quickly put out a press release claiming that this was a call for vigilantism. If defending oneself from armed criminals is vigilantism, then I’m all for it. The way I see it is crime is a very dangerous vocational choice, and if one is to get injured or terminated in the pursuit of that vocation, then that person knew the dangers before making the decision to get involved.

“Rep. Barnes, D- Milwaukee, quickly accused Rep. Brandtjen of racism. You see, Rep. Barnes believes that only black people can criticize violent criminals if those criminals happen to be black. This is balderdash, as crime knows no boundaries of race. The vast majority of victims of Milwaukee crime happen to be black, thus if Rep. Barnes had his way, then crime could only be dealt with by black leaders. Unfortunately, that leadership is absent, and I see no reason that victims of crime should have to wait for a person of the proper color to come to their rescue.

“None of this surprises me, since I was accused of the same “racist vigilantism” when I recently spoke up about the untenable violence in Milwaukee. Representatives from the Milwaukee area disparaged me over and over on the Assembly floor, trying to intimidate me to into silence on the topic of Milwaukee violence.

“Rep. Brandtjen, thank you for speaking up for victims of crime of all colors. While some legislators are busy addressing this crime epidemic by singing group love songs, wearing colorful t-shirts, and marching around in a useless circle, legislators like you are speaking out and demanding action to stop this violence.”

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