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Knocked Down – Not Knocked Out Violent Crime Unit Formed Sheriff Schmidt Implements 15th New Initiative in 11 Months

Milwaukee, WI – The murder rate and violence in Milwaukee continues to rise at an alarming rate. That is why Sheriff Schmidt has recently selected ten of the best-trained, tactically-sound deputies to receive a refresher course in constitutional search and seizure laws, professional communication, and arrest procedures approved by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board.

This ten-member Violent Crime Unit will partner with the Milwaukee Police Department starting the first week of September.

Sheriff Schmidt Stated: “I brought 15 new public safety initiatives to Milwaukee County in the past 11 months: A transparent and transformed jail, aggressive and drunk driving enforcement, body cameras, and Narcan training for all deputies to help save the lives of opioid overdose victims. These are just a few of the new documented initiatives. Additionally, with the support of our agency’s 700 outstanding employees, I balanced the \$6.8 million deficit that I inherited in September 2017.

This week I was knocked down, but not knocked out. Therefore, for the time remaining in my 32-year law enforcement career, I am calling on the best of the best deputies in the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office. As members of this new unit they willingly risk their lives to save the lives and property of those in the highest crime neighborhoods in Milwaukee.

“Seizing the Moment,” once again!”

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