

In reference to Judge Ashley and DA Lovern's responses to our published report:

"The District Attorney's office performs the scientific rigor and individualized analysis that Judge Ashley refers to, prior to presenting their sentence recommendation to the court. Is the Chief Judge implying that the District Attorney's office fails 'to account for the unique circumstances of each case'? Our analysis reports the fact that the court rules more leniently than the DA's recommendation 69% of the time. Going forward we will post examples of individual cases and sentencing on our website ([ene4erin.org](http://ene4erin.org)). Ultimately, law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges must work together to respond to crime and keep the community safe." ~Jeanne Lupo, President, Enough is Enough ~ A Legacy for Erin

From the Fox6 news story:

Milwaukee reckless driving; group hopes to curb the issue

By Ashley Sears

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Milwaukee County Chief Judge Carl Ashley:

The "Enough is Enough" initiative has rightly highlighted concerns about how reckless driving cases are handled and sentenced in the context of public safety. However, the initiative's lack of scientific rigor and failure to account for the unique circumstances of each case undermine the impact of its recommendations. Every case involves an individual, not just a number, and each person deserves a thorough, individualized evaluation. Courts have a responsibility to impose the least restrictive sentence that ensures public safety, reflects the severity of the offense, and addresses the rehabilitative needs of the defendant. While the input of the initiative is appreciated, future efforts would benefit from integrating research-based practices and fostering community dialogue. This approach would enhance the effectiveness and credibility of the judicial process, and more importantly, work toward finding real solutions to prevent reckless driving."

Milwaukee County Deputy District Attorney Kent Lovern:

"I appreciate the time and effort that members of our community are spending to closely observe our justice system. I continue to welcome their presence in our courtrooms, because I believe it is important for our community to see first-hand how our justice system works on a daily basis. The more the general public engages with our justice system, the more responsive and effective our justice system will be. It is important for our prosecutors to strongly advocate in making guilty plea and sentencing recommendations that reflect not only the facts and circumstances surrounding each individual case, but also the general community safety concern in each case. We will continue to do so."