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August Deadliest Month in 25 Years- Chief Flynn Media Availability

Milwaukee recorded 24 homicides in the month of August, the highest monthly total since the July 1991 gruesome discovery in Jeffrey Dahmer's apartment.

While the national headlines are about Chicago's deadliest month in nearly two decades, Milwaukee's per-capita homicide rate was significantly higher. This, as our deployments continue to be reduced by the need to staff two man squads and the hundreds of officers called upon to restore and maintain order in Milwaukee's Sherman Park neighborhood. Despite these challenges, our officers have taken over 1,600 guns off the streets in 2016; 211 in August alone.

Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn will address the violent crime issue with the media today, September 1, at 4:30 p.m., outside of the Police Administration Building on MacArthur Square.

For Background information related to the press conference please see the below information:

Milwaukee and Chicago Homicides

Milwaukee Population (2016) 594,833

Chicago Population (2016) 2,695,598

	August, 2016	Jan 1- August 31, 2016
Milwaukee Homicides	24	93
Chicago Homicides	90	471
Milwaukee Homicide Rate per 100,000	4.0	15.6
Chicago Homicide Rate per 100,000	3.3	17.5

Population from www.worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities

Chicago homicides from <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/02/us/chicagoaugust-homicides.html>

For context see NY Times Article: <http://tinyurl.com/jhqph2y>

