

## COMMUNITY LEADERS TO HOST A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS LOCAL CRIME AND CALL FOR MENTORS

**MADISON** – On Thursday, January 14 the District Attorney’s office along with United Way of Dane County, county and city government officials and other respected community leaders will host a press conference to make a call for more people to participate in mentoring-focused programs. These programs, facilitated by five local nonprofits, exist to offer support and guidance to youth in our community who are at risk of disconnecting and may be headed down a criminal path.

Join us to learn more about the systemic barriers that can lead to young people making choices that hurt both themselves and others, and view a new PSA aimed at ending gun violence in our community. With your help, we can spread the word that more mentors are needed, and that there are resources for youth in our community who seek a better life for themselves.

Press conference speakers will include:

- **Ismael Ozanne**, Dane County District Attorney
- **Renee Moe**, President & CEO of United Way of Dane County
- **Rafael Ragland**, Sograteful Films
- **Jackie Hunt**, Founder & CEO of Foster of Dane County
- **Corey Marionneaux**, Founder of Black Men Coalition of Dane County
- **Gloria Reyes**, CEO of Briar Patch, former Madison School Board President
- **Judge Everett Mitchell**, Dane County Juvenile Judge
- **Joe Parisi**, Dane County Executive

**WHAT:** Crime Prevention Press Conference

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 14 | 10:00 am

**WHERE:** [Zoom Webinar](#) | After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information needed to join

If you would like to set up a time for a separate interview, please contact Ashley Reynolds, Director of Communications, United Way of Dane County at (608) 416-0401 or [Ashley.reynolds@uwdc.org](mailto:Ashley.reynolds@uwdc.org).

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