

Statement from Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher:

"We are thankful for the excellent work done by the St. Paul Police Department and grateful for those who've reached out to check on Deputy Kill. We're also counting our lucky stars that he wasn't more seriously injured or worse.

"Society is tired of the chaos; you can't race around town in a stolen car shooting at people. Unfortunately, some haven't learned this lesson, whether from their parents, teachers, or the criminal justice system. So, gang conflicts cross the river. Then triggers get pulled, the innocent get gunned down, violent offenders get set free, and the law-abiding pay the price.

"It shouldn't be controversial to support consequences for people who commit gun crimes. We need to get serious about holding people who try to kill accountable. This includes the suspect in Deputy Kill's case, who is a suspect in two other shootings and shouldn't have even been on the streets.

"There's a thin line between good and evil, and it's time we get back to respecting those who stand on that line, at the request of society, to keep us safe. That starts with swift and stiff consequences for the people pulling the triggers. We can find them, and we can arrest them. But if we can't hold them accountable, we'll continue to see more of the same: chaos."