



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division
LaJuan Counts, Director, Construction & Demolition Dept.
James White, Chief of Police

FROM: Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

CC: Hon. Gabriela Santiago Romero, Chair, Public Health & Safety
Standing Committee
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

VIA: Hon. Council President Mary Sheffield

DATE: 8 July 2024

RE: **REQUEST FOR DATA ON CRIME IN VACANT BUILDINGS
FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2022-2023**

To address ongoing safety concerns in our community, I am requesting detailed data, via a collaborative report, from the Legislative Policy Division, Construction Department and Detroit Police Department on the following incidents that occurred within vacant/abandoned buildings inside Detroit for the calendar years 2022 and 2023:

1. Number of murders
 - a. Identify victim's gender.
 - b. Identify if victim was a minor.
2. Number of rapes
 - a. Identify victim's gender.
 - b. Identify if victim was a minor.
3. Number of dead bodies found
 - a. Identify victim's gender.
 - b. Identify if victim was a minor.

This data will help us better understand the scope of the public safety issue around vacant buildings in our neighborhoods and commercial corridors.

Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated. Please provide the requested data by mid-July 2024.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at 313-224-1198.

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