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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein Statement on Overnight Shooting in the Short North

City Attorney says that everything is on the table to respond to the increase in violence and to protect public safety

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein released a statement following an overnight shooting that left one victim dead in the Short North. The incident comes just one week after two separate shootings, including a shootout where Columbus Police had to intervene. City Attorney Klein's statement is below:

“Gun violence is troubling whenever and wherever it happens, but in high traffic and populated areas like the Short North, the threat to public safety is magnified when guns mix with alcohol and large crowds of people and vehicles. While CPD is still investigating all the facts of this incident, what we do know is that something needs to change. We cannot accept gun violence as the norm in the Short North or any Columbus neighborhood.

“The folks I’ve talked to over the past week are rightfully tired of the violence and worried about the future. As city leaders, it’s incumbent upon us to act. The City Attorney’s Office is committed to working with the mayor’s administration, Division of Police, judges, Short North leaders, residents, and business owners to implement measures that improve public safety, get violent criminals off the streets all across the city and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law. Together, we can address the concerns of all who live, work, visit, and operate a business in the Short North, and right now, everything is on the table.”

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