

Sen. Vukmir: Walker signs Vukmir victim prevention bills

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MADISON, Wis. — Gov. Scott Walker signed four bills into law Monday from Sen. Leah Vukmir's Victim Prevention Package to make our communities safe and hold violent repeat offenders accountable.

"Too often we put the needs of criminals before the safety of law-abiding citizens," said Vukmir, R-Brookfield. "Every time a violent crime is committed, we forget about the price that victims and their family pay. These four bills hold offenders accountable and say enough is enough. Wisconsinites deserve to feel safe."

The new laws include increasing penalties for repeat carjacking offenders, closing a loophole to hold felons in possession of a firearm accountable, increasing minimum prison sentences for repeat violent offenders, and giving the Department of Corrections tools to appropriately sanction particularly disobedient juveniles who continually reoffend.

"For too long, violent crime has skyrocketed and gone unchecked," Vukmir said. "These bills protect Wisconsinites and ensure violent repeat offenders are no longer terrorizing our communities. It is time we put Wisconsinites' safety first."