

Johnson, NRSC ad calls Barnes 'dangerously liberal on crime'

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U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson and the NRSC has released a new TV ad that calls Dem rival Mandela Barnes "dangerously liberal on crime."

The spot comes one day after a new Marquette University Law School Poll showed Barnes leading Johnson, R-Oshkosh, 51-44.

Johnson's campaign said the ad began on digital platforms today and will start running on TV tomorrow, but didn't disclose other details.

It's Johnson's first ad going after Barnes since the lieutenant governor won the Dem primary last week. It's also at least the second anti-Barnes spot to go up on the air in recent weeks. Wisconsin Truth PAC, which is backing Johnson, is also up on the air with an ad knocking Barnes.

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The ad from Johnson and the National Republican Senatorial Committee shows clips of U.S. Reps. Cori Bush, D-Mo., and Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., calling to defund the police and dismantle the Minneapolis Police Department.

"No surprise, crime is on the rise," the narrator then says before adding, "Mandela Barnes would eagerly join their squad."

The narrator says Barnes wanted to abolish ICE, showing a picture of him holding a T-shirt that carries that slogan. The narrator also says Barnes wanted to "open our borders to illegal immigrants" and "release violent felons without bail."