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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### Sheriff Clarke Orders All Deputies Previously Receiving a Layoff Order to Report to Work January 1, 2012 Until Further Notice

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. issued an executive order today directing that all Milwaukee County Sheriff deputies who received a layoff notice from the Milwaukee County Human Resources Department report as scheduled on January 1, 2012, after a Circuit Court judge issued a temporary injunction halting the layoffs.

Sheriff Clarke issued the following statement:

**“This court action inserts too much uncertainty as to how many layoffs County Executive Chris Abele’s budget, approved by the county board, actually calls for. I will abide by the decision. It makes it impossible at this point for me to determine what manpower I will have available to protect Milwaukee County citizens beginning January 1, 2012.**

**I began putting together a plan that would balance each division as a result of the manpower loss and now we have confusion. This new formula being discussed of ‘eeny, meeny, miny, moe,’ to determine the exact number I will have is so convoluted that I’m not willing to put public safety at risk. This might be how County Executive Chris Abele and the county board do business, but it’s NOT how I do business.**

**We could have a major snowstorm after January 1 and before the court hearing on a final decision. How do I know what manpower I’ll have available to respond to calls for service on the interstate system? This IS Wisconsin you know. I need all the deputies I can get. Yesterday’s court decision means that Judge Pocan has created a structural deficit in the 2012 Sheriff’s Office budget. The county board will have to deal with that. The amount right now according to Human Resources cannot be exactly determined, but estimates of \$150-\$200,000 per month would not be an exaggeration. This train wreck of a budget put forth by County Executive Chris Abele will have repercussions throughout 2012.”**

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