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Sheriff's County Attorney Fails to Represent Him in Federal Appeals Court Case

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. called on Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel Attorney Kimberly Walker to accept full responsibility for failing to answer the federal court appeal of a case brought on by a prison inmate. The inmate is serving a 60-year sentence in prison for five counts of armed robbery

An inmate brought a case against the Sheriff and other MCSO staff regarding the jail serving him Nutriload while he was being held locally in isolation status. He was in isolation at the state prison when he was transferred temporarily to Milwaukee County for court appearances. It is MCSO policy is to maintain the isolation status of the transferring prison facility.

The judge in the initial case in 2009 found in favor of Sheriff Clarke. The inmate appealed the decision to the 7th Circuit federal appeals court. In the appellate case, Milwaukee County Attorney Kimberly Walker's office neglected to file written arguments responding to the appeal and disregarded a court order to explain their failure.

"I don't represent myself in court on these matters," Clarke said. "It has been Attorney Kimberly Walker's job and responsibility. This case is yet another example of the inadequate and inferior legal representation that is forced on me. Competent legal counsel in matters before the court is a right in our judicial process. I didn't receive it," Clarke said.

"Nutriload is food and serves a purpose in a jail setting for inmates who violate rules by fighting or assaulting officers. It is not fed to the general inmate population. If inmates are put in isolation, their meals consist of Nutriload. Our message to all inmates is to abide by the rules of the facility, don't assault other inmates or officers, and then you can eat the regular institutional meal."

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