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Dignitary Protection Protocol

Milwaukee, WI – A statement from Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. regarding media inquiries on dignitary protection:

As a person who has received extensive training in dignitary protection with the Secret Service, rule one is that we do not discuss publicly specific aspects of the security operation. It was erroneously reported that we cut back on protection for the president in February.

At that time, we provided what the Secret Service asked us to provide. Despite County Executive Abele's decision to eliminate all funding for dignitary protection in the 2012 budget, we continue to provide the requested resources for presidential and vice presidential candidates.

This fabrication that some dignitaries are receiving more protection than others is inserting political gamesmanship into a protection operation where it doesn't belong. This nonsense puts protectees at risk.

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