



**David A. Clarke Jr.**  
Sheriff

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### **DA Reconsiders Case, Charges Filed Against County Cashier**



**Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. directed Sheriff's Office detectives to conduct an investigation into monies missing from a county cashier's drawer in December, and sought charges against the employee who admitted being responsible for the thefts.**

**Initially, the District Attorney's Office did not issue a criminal charge and recommended that the case be handled as a Deferred Prosecution.**

**Sheriff Clarke issued a statement at that time, "A deferred prosecution normalizes criminal behavior and removes accountability. This encourages other people in a similar position that it might be worth the risk." Media coverage of the lack of prosecution resulted in the District Attorney's Office reconsidering the case.**

**Damond Watts, age 38, of Milwaukee, resigned during the theft investigation. Charges were filed today for Misconduct in Public Office, a Class I Felony with a penalty of up to three years and six months imprisonment.**

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