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County Executive Creates \$12M Structural Deficit in Sheriff's Office 2017 Budget

Milwaukee, WI – County Executive Chris Abele released his 2017 Budget numbers, and continues a pattern of slashing public safety resources in the Sheriff's Office at a time when crime and violence are on the rise. Milwaukee recently went through a riot, there are longer response times for calls for service, and longer waits for eviction services and serving domestic violence restraining orders.

Proposed in the county executive's 2017 budget for the Sheriff's Office:

- **-\$3,986,000 positions unfunded**
- **-7,400,000 overtime reduction**
- **-500,000 unrealistic revenue increase**

Total structural deficit of \$11,886,000

At the county Finance Committee hearing today, several supervisors expressed concern over this phony budgeting.

The shortage of deputies is creating a quality of life issue in that officers can't get a day off, and they are working extended shifts and mandatory overtime to fulfill basic responsibilities – like court services.

This shell game being played by the county executive makes it impossible to balance the Sheriff's Office budget.

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