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**CHAIRMAN LIPSCOMB: COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
CUTS MILLIONS FROM SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Milwaukee County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., said today that County Executive Chris Abele stealthily cut millions from the Sheriff's Department in his 2016 Proposed Budget.

According to a report by County Comptroller Scott Manske's office, the cut proposed by Abele, "makes it unlikely that the Sheriff's Office will achieve a balanced budget without a significant reduction in staffing and/or expenditure reductions."

"Before the Finance committee sworn law enforcement officials said that the cut could jeopardize public safety," Lipscomb said. "The Sheriff's Department will face significant challenges, and the proposed cut to the public safety budget has consequences that Milwaukee County residents would find unacceptable."

Sheriff David Clarke told the Finance committee that the Executive's budget "gives me no chance to succeed in terms of balancing the budget."

"Abele is using surplus funds and budget gimmicks while cutting public safety," Lipscomb said. "It seems incongruous that the County Executive puts taxpayers on the hook to pay for an arena, but the County cannot afford to pay for public safety."

The County Board's Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee will review the proposed budget over the next several weeks. A public hearing on the budget will be held at the Mitchell Park Conservatory (the Domes) on November 2. The County Board will consider passage of the budget on November 9.

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