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## **SUPERVISOR WEISHAN CRITICIZES SHERIFF CLARKE FOR MISALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, PARTISAN POLITICS**

*Supervisor Renews Call for Responsible Management of Sheriff Department Resources*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr. released the following statement today regarding Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr.’s decision to provide security for a Republican rally in Waukesha County on Sunday, August 12, 2012:

“In yet another display of misplaced priorities, Sheriff Clarke opted to compromise the public safety of Milwaukee County taxpayers yesterday when he misappropriated law enforcement resources to protect GOP candidates Mitt Romney and Representative Paul Ryan.”

“In February 2012, Sheriff Clarke made the decision to assign sheriff’s deputies to only partial security during President Obama’s trip to Milwaukee to visit Master Lock. At that time, the Sheriff cited ‘elimination of dignitary protection funding’ from the sheriff’s 2012 budget as reason for limited support. Yet, somehow, when GOP hopefuls came to a neighboring county, Sheriff Clarke had no problem with providing security and resources that should be focused on his own county.”

“Once again, Sheriff Clarke has chosen to put his personal ideology ahead of his responsibility to protect and serve. The taxpayers of Milwaukee County pay Sheriff Clarke to administer law enforcement services, not to raise his personal profile as a conservative ideologue. All high ranking officials, no matter what party affiliation, deserve to have the utmost protection and security when visiting Milwaukee County.”

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