



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors ***Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde***

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Sheriff Clarke Must Resign Before More People Die

MILWAUKEE – Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde is calling for the resignation of Sheriff David Clarke, Jr., who is responsible for operations at the Milwaukee County Jail where four people have died in a six month period.

Supervisor Moore Omokunde released the following statement:

"Something is terribly wrong at the Milwaukee County Jail, and Sheriff David Clarke needs to resign before more people die.

"The simple fact that four deaths have occurred in a six month period under his watch demonstrates that Sheriff David Clarke is unfit to manage the Milwaukee County jail.

"Media reports and the statements of witnesses indicate that at least three of the deaths appear to have occurred as a result of actions or inaction by Sheriff Clarke's corrections officers. Yet not a single officer has been disciplined, and Sheriff Clarke remains silent. This is totally unacceptable.

"Accountability starts at the top. Sheriff Clarke has failed to establish a culture of professionalism, has failed to call for independent investigations when warranted, and he has abdicated his responsibility to hold his officers accountable for their actions or lack of action. He should resign immediately."

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