



SHERIFF EARNELL R. LUCAS

January 15, 2021

Dear Milwaukee County Allies and Partners:

In the aftermath of the insurrection at the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, our nation's law enforcement has been working to identify and hold accountable those persons responsible for this act of sedition. Law enforcement leaders have condemned the acts and have called for anyone with information leading to the identification and apprehension of the domestic violent extremists who participated in the insurrection to step forward. Nearly 50 persons have been taken into custody on charges associated with the assault and another 200 persons have been identified as participating in or planning the insurrection. Federal, state and local law enforcement officials continue to work in partnership to bring to justice those persons responsible for this reprehensible attack on our freedom and liberty.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has issued an advisory warning that our nation's capital and 50 state capitols could potentially be targeted for armed protests as early as this weekend and through the Inauguration of our 46th President of the United States. Since that advisory, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has been in communication with Federal, state and local law enforcement partners to determine the source and the credibility of these threats. This week, law enforcement partner calls were conducted by FBI Director Christopher Wray and Special-Agent-in-Charge of the FBI-Milwaukee Field Office Robert Hughes. Each call highlighted the information and intelligence sharing and high level of law enforcement partner engagement.

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office continues to communicate with our law enforcement partners and monitor the potential for threats to persons and or Milwaukee County institutions. While the situation is fluid and information continues to develop, MCSO is currently not working on any credible threats. We ask the public to remain vigilant and notify law enforcement of breaches to our safety and security. We have taken steps and every precaution to secure our people and institutions, but we need you, the public, to ensure that Milwaukee County remains strong and safe.

I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Earnell R. Lucas'.

Earnell R. Lucas, Sheriff
Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office