



**Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**  
*Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr. - District 13*

December 8, 2016

David A. Clarke Jr., Sheriff  
821 West State Street, Room 107  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Sheriff Clarke,

The Judiciary Committee would like to offer you an opportunity to provide us with any information that could be useful to the committee as it considers existing and potential future claims against Milwaukee County.

The Committee agreed unanimously at our regular meeting on December 1 that we would schedule a special meeting specifically to hear from you, in light of two recently filed lawsuits against Milwaukee County that were prompted by the deaths of inmates in the Milwaukee County Jail.

As chairman, I have scheduled that special meeting of the Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Committee for December 15 at 8:30AM.

As you are aware, in relation to the deaths of two individuals who were being held in the Milwaukee County Jail, there are two separate claims that seek damages from Milwaukee County: *Terrill Thomas vs. Milwaukee County, et al.*, and *Shade Swayzer and her deceased child vs. Milwaukee County, et al.*

In addition to the deaths of Terrill Thomas, who died of dehydration on April 24, 2016, and the child of Shade Swayzer, who died on July 14, 2016, two other inmates have died in Milwaukee County Jail in a six month period this year. Kristina Fiebrink died on August 28, and Michael Madden died on October 27. Media reports have indicated that additional lawsuits related to these deaths could be forthcoming.

We look forward to receiving your report at the special meeting of the Judiciary Committee on December 15 at 8:30AM. As is standard practice when discussing legal claims against the County, the agenda will be noticed for closed session.

Sincerely,

Willie Johnson, Jr., Chairman  
Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee  
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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