

Democratic Party of Wisconsin: Statement on Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke

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MADISON — The following is the statement of Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Martha Laning with regards to the news that Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke will leave his post next month to join the Trump administration:

“The public safety of our local communities and our nation isn’t a joke, a game, or a popularity contest – but that’s exactly how Sheriff David Clarke has treated his role over the past few months.

“Sheriff Clarke, facing warranted scrutiny for the deaths of four people in his jail since last April, spent most of the last year traveling the country for paid speeches and hopping in front of cable news cameras to audition for a job in the Trump administration. Public safety is not a top priority for the Sheriff, his record on public safety in his own jail is evidence enough that he has no business working at the Department of Homeland Security.

“I can only hope that Gov. Scott Walker appoints someone who is committed to the public safety of all Milwaukee County residents and will put their job to the people of the county ahead of politics and self-promotion because Milwaukee County certainly deserves better than the likes of Sheriff Clarke.”