

Supervisor Ryan Clancy - District 4

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## Supervisor Clancy Expresses Disappointment Over Milwaukee County Sheriff Office's Report

MILWAUKEE – On Friday, August 18, 2023, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office released a <u>report</u> in response to a policy and budget review request authored by Supervisors Felesia A. Martin and Ryan Clancy. Supervisor Clancy made the following statement:

"The long-awaited report from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office was posted this weekend. It is profoundly disappointing and does not meet the requirements of the <u>resolution</u> which generated it. It is, predictably and disappointingly, an empty grab for more money, and a stark refusal to engage with policies surrounding the many in-custody deaths that continue to happen. The report either delays, defers to others, or ignores the most pressing issues. We deserve more transparency and urgency."

The deceased individuals, 21-year-old Brieon Green and 20-year-old Cilivea Thyrion, both allegedly committed suicide in June and December of 2022. 49-year-old Octaviano Juarez-Corro was found dead in his cell with a ligature around his neck in January of 2023. In March, 37-year-old Terrance Mack was discovered unresponsive in his cell, and most recently, a 58-year-old man passed away following complications from chronic conditions.

"In direct opposition to the resolution's request, the report omitted essential budget details, only promising more budget information by the second quarter of 2024."

"We asked the MCSO to lay out a plan to ameliorate the deplorable conditions within the jail and to decrease the alarming number of deaths in custody. Instead of actionable solutions, they replied with excuses and generic descriptions of Jail Officer courses their staff undergo. This inadequate response is a disservice to the public and an affront to the families grieving their loved ones."

The <u>report</u> will be heard by the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services on September 11th at 1:30 pm in room 203-R.

Interested parties can also join virtually by registering at <u>Milwaukee.gov/testify</u>. The public is encouraged to participate and share their reactions.