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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas & L.A. County Sheriff's Department  
to Host "Gifts for Guns" Event**

**Who:** Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Sheriff Jim McDonnell, Central Patrol Division Commander Stephen Johnson, South Los Angeles Station Captain Steve Sciacca & the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

**What:** Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Sheriff McDonnell will discuss the "Gifts for Guns" program. This program provides an opportunity for residents to safely and anonymously surrender any firearm to the Sheriff's Department in exchange for a gift card (\$400 for assault weapons, \$100 for a handgun, rifle, or shotgun and \$50 for a non-operational firearm) redeemable at Ralphs or Target stores.

Participants will be directed to a series of check points where the firearms will be located, inventoried, surrendered and rendered safe.

**When:** Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**\*\*\*Press Conference at 12 Noon\*\*\***

**Where:** Food 4 Less Parking Lot  
11407 South Western Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90047

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