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Statement by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

On the Sheriff's Reinstatement of a Deputy

"I was deeply troubled when I first learned about the Sheriff's unilateral decision to rehire a deputy who had been fired for alleged domestic violence, a termination upheld by the Civil Service Commission. My concerns were further amplified when I heard the Sheriff's testimony before the Board of Supervisors.

"Contrary to what has been implied, I do not believe that County Counsel approved the Sheriff's actions. His extraordinary personnel decision sends the wrong message to both victims and other deputies.

"Every Los Angeles County employee must be held to a high standard, but especially law enforcement personnel who are sworn to protect and serve, and in whom the community must place great trust. That is why I have strived for years to advance [civil service reform](#) that balances protecting employee rights with ensuring that our workforce provides services with integrity, courtesy and excellence."

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