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Regarding the matter of great concern to the Trimble County Judge-Executive, members of the Trimble County Fiscal Court, and the community, we want to advise the public as to the timeline of events related to the arrest of former Trimble County Sheriff, Charles Kelton.

In February of this year, the County Judge-Executive and members of the Fiscal Court were notified by Trimble County Attorney, Crystal Heinz of allegations against then Trimble County Sheriff, Charles Kelton involving, as is reported now, an employee of the Trimble County Attorney's Office.

At the time of these allegations, County Attorney Heinz advised the Judge-Executive and members of the Fiscal Court that the Kentucky State Police would be initiating an investigation into the matter and to withhold any comments related to the ongoing investigation. Also at this time, County Attorney Heinz contacted both the Kentucky Association of Counties and the Office of the Kentucky Attorney General for opinions on how best to proceed. County Attorney Heinz informed the Judge-Executive and the Fiscal Court that the Kentucky Association of Counties and the Office of the Kentucky Attorney General advised her that Mr. Kelton should not be removed from his duly elected office based solely on allegations.

In June of this year, Mr. Kelton informed the Judge-Executive and members of the Fiscal Court that he would retire effective July 31. The Judge-Executive and the Fiscal Court immediately engaged in efforts to appropriately manage the transition of the Office of Sheriff, and this transition was successfully executed.

Mr. Kelton has now been formally charged, therefore, it is inappropriate for the Judge Executive and the Fiscal Court to comment further on such a serious matter. All inquiries related to the matter should be directed to the Trimble County Attorney, Crystal Heinz.

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