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This letter outlines potentially exculpatory information known to this office regarding Franklin County Sheriff Elect John Grismore.

Grismore has been charged by the Grand Isle State's Attorney with a simple assault that occurred on August 7, 2022. The alleged victim of the assault was a shackled prisoner in custody at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Grismore, who was not in uniform or scheduled to work at the time, is alleged to have caused injury to the prisoner by kicking him in the lower abdomen. Grismore has pleaded not guilty to the charge. Statements made by Grismore to investigators and public statements made by him to the media characterize the blows struck to the prisoner as pushes with his foot. These statements are at odds with the affidavits of two deputy sheriffs present at the time who characterize the blows as kicks. Following the incident, Grismore was initially suspended and then fired by Sheriff Roger Langevin. The incident was captured on video. The video is available for viewing online.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JL' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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