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Citizens of Camden County,

As your Sheriff I have promised to lead this Sheriff's Office with honesty and integrity, providing transparency in any matters of public trust and concern that don't jeopardize any ongoing investigations or cases currently involved in the adjudication process. It is with this in mind that I feel convicted to share with you now.

As many of you know, my office and that of the Prosecuting Attorney have not been experiencing a healthy working relationship for some time. This has unfortunately become public knowledge through the inappropriate discussion of personnel matters in an open commission meeting and through releases to members of the media where members of my office have been the subject of baseless accusations and attacks on their personal character. I regret if this has led to the damage of the public trust in my office and your local courts to work together to hold violators of the law accountable and to obtain justice for victims.

For unknown reasons, and for well over a year, Prosecuting Attorney Grosvenor has appeared to have a personal vendetta against certain members of the Sheriff's Office, including Sergeant Bryce Easley. PA Grosvenor's release to the media of a compilation of videos, deposition testimony, and email to my office is a continuation of this smear campaign. As referenced in her email to my office, PA Grosvenor even went as far as seeking a criminal investigation by the Missouri State Highway Patrol into Sergeant Easley's actions. At her request, the Missouri Highway Patrol investigated Sergeant Easley's actions and did not find probable cause that Sergeant Easley committed any crimes. Furthermore, after reviewing the Missouri State Highway Patrol's investigative report, the Miller County Prosecuting Attorney declined to bring any charges against Sergeant Easley. Despite an independent investigation finding no wrongdoing by Sergeant Easley, PA Grosvenor has continued her smear campaign against Sergeant Easley. Her baseless attacks against Sergeant Easley do not serve the interests of the public.

My deputies are tasked with responding to your worst days, arresting the violent and dangerous offenders who would victimize our neighbors. Unfortunately, deputies must sometime use force. These physical altercations often place the safety of deputies at substantial risk. I pray that none of you ever know how it feels to be afraid you won't make it home. While not pleasant to view, such altercations are often necessary. I wish every use of force was beautifully choreographed, and our choice of words in the heat of

the moment were always PG. But this simply isn't reality and my deputies, your deputies, do this all the time doing their jobs.

Sergeant Easley is a valuable member of my office, and I am proud to have him protecting this community that I love and am a part of. My wife, kids, friends, and family live here and I rest easier knowing officers and deputies in this community are willing to do this job. It keeps my loved ones and yours safe when we can't.

My office is here to discuss any concerns that the community has following this release, and we continue to strive for transparency in all matters that don't violate victim privacy. Please seek context behind the clips and ask yourself why she is approaching these issues using these tactics and not through official channels. She has made these accusations against Sergeant Easley for years and has yet to provide any supporting documentation to my office or to request a criminal investigation as she did previously. Stay informed and seek discernment as you prepare to vote this August.

Respectfully,



Sheriff Chris Edgar

Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent— both are detestable to the Lord.  
Proverbs 17:15 NLT

