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As Prosecuting Attorney, the ethical rules governing what I may publicly disclose regarding criminal investigations and potential criminal proceedings are significantly more restrictive than many people realize. Prosecutors are subject to professional and ethical obligations concerning public statements, and the Rules of Professional Conduct impose additional restrictions beyond those applicable to many private attorneys.

With that said, I can confirm that on or about October 12, 2026, the Boone County Prosecutor's Office received information from counsel for Boone County Auditor Debbie Crum outlining allegations that could potentially constitute criminal conduct involving a Boone County Commissioner.

Given the nature of the allegations and the fact that they involved another elected official, the Boone County Prosecutor's Office promptly contacted the Indiana State Police and requested an independent investigation into the matter. The Indiana State Police agreed and subsequently opened an investigation.

That investigation remains ongoing. The Boone County Prosecutor's Office has remained in communication with investigators and is currently awaiting completion of the investigation, including the submission of investigative reports and any related evidence.

It is important to emphasize that no criminal charges have been filed against any individual. As with any matter, any person accused of wrongdoing is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

The integrity of the investigative process requires that investigators be permitted to complete their work before any prosecutorial decisions are made. Any charging decision must be based solely upon a complete, objective, and impartial review of the facts, the evidence, and the applicable law. Until that review has occurred, it would be inappropriate for me to comment on the substance of the allegations, the strength or sufficiency of any evidence, the credibility of any witness, the likely outcome of the investigation, or other facts that may bear upon the matter.

Once the investigation is complete and the materials have been submitted for review, the matter will be evaluated thoroughly and independently. Any future decision will be based

exclusively on the facts, the evidence, and the law, without regard to politics, position, or public pressure.

This office remains committed to ensuring that the process is handled fairly, impartially, and in accordance with the law.

Because this remains an active investigation, I am unable to provide additional comment at this time.

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