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Harmon Releases Audit of Former Jessamine County Sheriff's Tax Settlement

FRANKFORT, Ky. – State Auditor Mike Harmon today released the audit of the sheriff's settlement – 2021 taxes for former Jessamine County Sheriff Kevin Corman. State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff. In compliance with this law, the auditor issues two sheriff's reports each year: one reporting on the audit of the sheriff's tax account, and the other reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office.

Auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the former sheriff's settlement presents fairly the taxes charged, credited, and paid in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statement of the former Jessamine County Sheriff. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the financial settlement.

Our basis for disclaiming is that we were unable to obtain required written management representations from the former Jessamine County Sheriff, which results in a management-imposed scope limitation. Management is required to provide written representations to assert that they have fulfilled their responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and that the information provided to the auditor is complete. Due to the former Jessamine County Sheriff passing away, we were unable to place appropriate reliance on the information provided during the audit and, therefore, cannot reduce the audit risk to an acceptable level.

The former sheriff's financial statement fairly presents the taxes charged, credited and paid for the period April 16, 2021 through May 22, 2022 in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

The auditor noted no instances of noncompliance. The auditor also noted no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered to be material weaknesses.

The sheriff's responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The audit report can be found on the [auditor's website](#).

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