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The current legend in the Chronology jump list intentionally includes only the four categories of **official records** (Custody, Crime, CAD, Date). "Probative" is not shown in the swatch legend by design.

### **Reasons:**

#### **1. Priority on Official Records**

Reviewers' initial need is to locate official records quickly. The colour patches and icons in the jump list support this by foregrounding categories with direct legal status.

#### **2. Probative Evidence in Context**

Probative items are discovered within the chronology entries, not as standalone targets. They are rendered in purple with an italic "Probative:" label, visually consistent with the evidence category but not competing with official records.

#### **3. Workflow Alignment**

The jump list scrolls counsel to the relevant context first. Evidence gains value only when presented in situ. By excluding "Probative" from the legend, the design enforces good reading discipline: understand the event, then consult supporting documents.

#### **4. Cognitive Efficiency**

Reducing legend clutter ensures fast pattern recognition. When reviewers see purple probative links in context, the colour continuity naturally clicks with the jump list scheme.

### **Conclusion:**

The omission of "Probative" from the swatch legend is a deliberate design choice. It highlights official records for orientation, while probative documents are contextually integrated. This approach avoids visual overload and mirrors the evidentiary reasoning process expected in legal review.