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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MULTICOUNTY)
GRAND JURY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA)

Case No. SCAD-2018-46
Oklahoma County No. GJ-2018-1

FINAL REPORT

We, the State of Oklahoma’s Seventeenth Multicounty Grand Jury, duly empaneled on the 2nd day of October, 2018, upon the verified application of the Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma, and pursuant to the Order of the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma dated August 17, 2018, and the provisions of the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Oklahoma, OKLA. CONST. Art. II, § 18 and 22 O.S. 2001 §§ 350 *et seq.*, and charged with the responsibility of investigation into all seventy-seven (77) counties of the State, all manner and grade of crimes, constituting public offenses under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, including, but not limited to, murder, rape, bribery, extortion, arson, perjury, fraud, embezzlement, violations of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, organized crime, public corruption, securities violations, and crimes involving the sale or purchase of goods or services by state and local subdivisions. We have regularly met and faithfully investigated allegations of such criminal conduct over these fourteen (14) months. We have determined by a majority vote that our business is completed pursuant to 22 O.S. 2001 § 352.

The Seventeenth Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury, sitting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, at its principal meeting place, having met for thirteen (13) sessions, and having issued approximately 1,093 subpoenas, and having entertained numerous witness appearances, and having, in a fair and impartial manner duly considered all such testimony and exhibits to the best of our ability and understanding, with due regard to the Court’s instructions, and having heretofore,

after due deliberation, voted according to law, and having previously issued to the Court partial *Interim Reports* at the conclusion of each of its several sessions that are each, hereby, reaffirmed, do hereby submit to this Honorable Court this, its *Final Report*, as follows:

BACKGROUND

During this term, the Seventeenth Multicounty Grand Jury has used its statutory powers to investigate various types of alleged criminal activity throughout the State. These crimes included:

- 1) Murder;
- 2) Racketeering;
- 3) Rape;
- 4) Manslaughter;
- 5) Conspiracy;
- 6) Money Laundering;
- 7) Lewd Molestation;
- 8) Bribery;
- 9) Embezzlement;
- 10) Uttering of Forged Instruments;
- 11) Obtaining Money by False Pretenses;
- 12) Violation of the Computer Crimes Act;
- 13) Violations of the Consumer Protection Act;
- 14) False Documentation presented to a Financial Institution;
- 15) Official Misconduct;
- 16) Failure to Pay Taxes;
- 17) Blackmail;
- 18) Neglect or Financial Exploitation of an Elderly Person by a Caretaker;
- 19) Medicaid Fraud;
- 20) Workers Compensation Fraud;
- 21) Insurance Fraud;
- 22) Violations of the Consumer Protection Act
- 23) Home Repair Fraud;
- 24) Unauthorized use of a Credit Card;
- 25) Counterfeit Checks;
- 26) Engaging in or Soliciting Prostitution;
- 27) Grand Larceny;
- 28) Arson;
- 29) Perjury;
- 30) Unlawful Cultivation of a Controlled Dangerous Substance;
- 31) Trafficking of a Controlled Dangerous Substance;

- 32) Unlawful Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance;
- 33) Maintaining a Home for the Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance;
- 34) Unlawful Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substance;
- 35) Possession of Drug Proceeds;
- 36) Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography;
- 37) Burglary;
- 38) Robbery;
- 39) Sexual Battery;
- 40) Child Sexual Abuse;
- 41) Identity Theft;
- 42) Stalking;
- 43) Introduction of Contraband into a Penal Facility;
- 44) Theft of an Automobile;
- 45) Knowing Discharge of Unpermitted Pollutants; and
- 46) Liquor License Fraud

Always mindful of the protections afforded individuals under the Constitution of the United States and Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, it is clear the power to subpoena documents, records, and other evidence, and compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses under oath across county boundaries, is an extremely effective tool in the investigation of criminal activity occurring in single or multiple counties across Oklahoma. The power to compel testimony has enabled the Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury to obtain the testimony of witnesses whose vital information would likely not have been obtained by other processes.

Likewise, the authority to subpoena different types of financial, business, and phone records has been pivotal in discovering and documenting criminal activity throughout the State without prematurely alerting those under investigation and giving them the opportunity to dispose of evidence, change their method of operation, or otherwise hinder lawful investigations.

The grand jury process serves an important function in the protection of a free citizenry in a representative republic such as ours. The Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury is composed of ordinary citizens from across our State. We do not decide guilt or innocence, but rather, determine whether there is sufficient evidence which, if explained or uncontradicted and presented in court

to a jury of one's peers, would prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. When there is sufficient evidence of both type and quality, the grand jury's responsibility is to bring an indictment, or accusation of a crime, so that the State may require the indicted to face his accusers and stand trial. We have worked diligently and believe we have fulfilled our responsibility to the best of our ability in this regard.

The necessity and effectiveness of the Multicounty Grand Jury has been demonstrated by the assistance this body has rendered to numerous federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies investigating crimes within our state. In total, the Multicounty Grand Jury has assisted forty-five (45) such agencies, as set out in Appendix I to this report. Most law enforcement agencies, whether it is an issue of manpower, resources, or authority, do not have all of the tools available to them that the Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury brings to the investigative table. This Multicounty Grand Jury has made a significant difference in many investigations.

II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

The Seventeenth Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury, during the course of its investigations, returned eighteen (18) indictments, as set out in Appendix II to this report. While in session, the Seventeenth Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury had occasion to investigate matters arising throughout the various counties and municipalities of Oklahoma. In numerous instances, the Multicounty Grand Jury directly assisted District Attorneys including Jack Thorp, Jason Hicks, David Prater, Angela Marsee, and Steve Kunzweiler. The Multicounty Grand Jury has also worked closely with numerous Assistant District Attorneys from various districts. By obtaining testimony, the respective district attorneys and local law enforcement agencies were able to eliminate individuals as potential suspects, strengthen their investigations, make charging decisions, and/or further pursue leads resulting from testimony.

III. EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

The Seventeenth Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury wishes to express our appreciation to several individuals and agencies who have contributed to a successful term. Specifically, we thank the Oklahoma Supreme Court for their Order convening the Grand Jury, and for their appointment of Timothy R. Henderson, District Judge, Judicial District 7, as Presiding Judge of the Seventeenth Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury. Judge Henderson and his staff always made sure to accommodate our scheduling needs and the scheduling needs of our legal advisors.

Additionally, we were especially impressed with, and would like to gratefully commend, the office of the Oklahoma County Public Defender, Bob Ravitz, and his staff for providing able legal counsel to indigent witnesses; to the Honorable Rick Warren, Oklahoma County Court Clerk and their staff; and finally to City Reporters, who ably served as Official Court Reporters for the Grand Jury. Finally, we wish to thank our families and employers for their support and patience during our jury service.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based upon our experience, we believe the Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury serves as an essential, necessary, and invaluable tool for achieving the goal of fair, impartial, and adequate enforcement of the laws of the State of Oklahoma. We believe we have served to fulfill an important role in many criminal investigations where justice may not otherwise have been served. Information and evidence was obtained, investigations progressed, and many cases were solved that likely would not have been otherwise, but for the power of the subpoena and the authority of the Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury to question witnesses to crime. We are confident this grand jury has played an important role in many criminal investigations to help ensure justice has been served. We are pleased to have served as the Seventeenth Oklahoma Multicounty Grand Jury.

APPENDIX I

1. Attorney General/MCGJ
2. Attorney General/WCIFU
3. Attorney General/MCGJ/ICAC
4. Attorney General/MCGJ/OTF
5. Attorney General/PPU
6. Attorney General/CPU
7. FBI
8. HSI
9. OSBI
10. DOC
11. DEQ
12. Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
13. Oklahoma Insurance Department
14. District 27 DA's Office
15. District 6 DA's Office
16. District 13 DA's Office
17. District 14 DA's Office
18. District 7 DA's Office
19. District 22 DA's Office
20. Woodward PD
21. Tulsa PD
22. Pottawattamie County SO
23. Coweta PD
24. Grove PD
25. Edmond PD
26. Cleveland County SO
27. Kay County SO
28. Pryor PD
29. Oklahoma City PD
30. Canadian County SO
31. Newkirk PD
32. Broken Arrow PD
33. Bethany PD
34. Norman PD
35. Howe PD
36. Comanche PD
37. Nichols Hills PD
38. Seminole PD
39. Purcell PD
40. Idabel PD
41. OHP
42. Noble County SO
43. Okmulgee County SO

- 44. Marlow PD
- 45. Bartlesville PD

**APPENDIX II
MONTHLY SESSIONS
SEVENTEENTH OKLAHOMA MULTICOUNTY GRAND JURY**

MONTH	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	INDICTMENTS
November 13-15, 2018	17	2 Indictments charging 4 people
December 11, 2018	7	0
January 15-17, 2019	13	4 Indictments charging 4 people
February 12-14, 2019	14	1 Indictment charging 1 person
March 26-28, 2019	26	0
April 17, 2019	2	0
May 14-16, 2019	10	2 Indictments charging 2 people
June 18-19, 2019	16	0
July 16-18, 2019	15	1 Indictment charging 1 person
August 13-15, 2019	14	1 Indictment charging 1 person
September 17-19, 2019	12	6 Indictments charging 6 people
October 22-23, 2019	8	0
November 19-21, 2019	10	1 Indictment charging 1 person