

# Senate unanimously approves cold case bill

Sen. Carri Hicks (D-Oklahoma City) has won unanimous Senate approval for a measure aimed at unsolved violent crimes throughout the state. Hicks filed Senate Bill 1636 after holding an in-depth interim study on cold cases in Oklahoma, which looked at what other states have done to strengthen their responses to unsolved crimes.

Hicks said one of the most well-known cold cases in Oklahoma is the murders of Cheryl Genzer and Lisa Pennington, who vanished from the State Fair in 1987. Their bodies were later discovered in a shallow grave, and their parents died still awaiting justice for their daughters.

“There are at least 1,000 Oklahoma families who have been waiting years and years for justice after their loved one was murdered. Oklahoma also has hundreds of missing persons cases that are still unsolved,” said Hicks.

“This legislation gives families a voice and process to finally get the answers they need and bring those responsible to justice.”

SB 1636 will:

- Create a formal pathway for families by allowing designated loved ones to request a review.
- Require an independent review by investigators who were not part of the original case.
- Set accountability timelines, including written confirmation within 30 days, with the review completed within six months, and requiring transparency if that time is extended.
- Modernize investigations by requiring evaluation of new forensic testing, witness re-interviews, and updated investigative methods.
- Ensure communication with families by mandating updates and a final meeting to explain

findings.

Should a review of the case result in a determination that no further investigation is warranted, the case will not be reviewed again for at least five years.

“This legislation does not burden the system – it actually strengthens it and strengthens public safety,” Hicks said.

“Without this legislation, Oklahoma families have no guaranteed process for review. SB 1636 makes that possible, and ensures accountability, transparency, and the use of modern tools for solving crimes. I appreciate my fellow members for their support of this bill on behalf of the thousands of families still seeking answers and justice.”

SB 1636 now moves to the House of Representatives and will be carried by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) the House principal author.



Senator Warren Hamilton (R-McCurtain) recently secured approval for Senate Bill 137. The measure prohibits any inmate who has been convicted of driving under the influence resulting in great bodily injury from participating in the Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP).

“Anyone who causes great bodily harm to another due to their decision to drive under the influence should be held accountable for their actions and serve their entire sentence behind bars. By removing this crime from the list of those eligible to be released with electronic monitoring, we are ensuring that those who commit reckless and life-altering acts face consequences proportionate to the harm they have caused,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton stated the impetus of the bill was a prior situation in which the perpetrator in a tragic drunk driving accident was released through the electronic monitoring program

after only serving a minuscule portion of their sentence.

“The referenced situation has shed light on gaps in our state laws that allow individuals who commit serious offenses, such as a DUI resulting in great bodily injury, to be inadvertently included in programs meant for lesser crimes. This measure removes such offenses from program eligibility, ensuring that justice is fully delivered to victims who have suffered life-altering injuries and trauma,” Hamilton added.

SB 137 further specifies that inmates in Department of Corrections custody who lose eligibility to participate in the EMP shall be removed from the program entirely.

The measure advanced from the Senate on a vote of 37-8. It now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration, where Rep. Jonathan Wilk (R-Goldsby) is the primary author.

## LEGALS

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

CAPITAL ONE, N.A., successor by merger to Discover Bank Plaintiff,

vs.

CAREY DOWNS  
Defendant

**CASE NO. CS-25-339  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
TO: CAREY DOWNS

The Sheriff of OTTAWA County, Oklahoma, Greetings:

You will take notice that the Plaintiff, CAPITAL ONE, N.A., successor by merger to Discover Bank, filed its petition in the District Court of OTTAWA County, Oklahoma, against the above-captioned Defendant, CAREY DOWNS, seeking a money judgment against Defendant, CAREY DOWNS in the amount of \$7290.37, with post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, and costs of this action, and unless Defendant answers said petition on or before the 15th day of June, 2026, said petition will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered for Plaintiff for \$7290.37, with post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, and costs of this action.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2026.

**COURT CLERK Cassie Key  
BY: T Curry  
Court Clerk or Deputy Clerk**

**Stephen L. Bruce, OBA #1241  
Everette C. Altdoerffer, OBA #30006**

**Leah K. Clark, OBA #31819  
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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

CAPITAL ONE, N.A., successor by merger to Discover Bank Plaintiff,

vs.

CRYSTAL G COMBS  
Defendant

**CASE NO. CS-25-378  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
TO: CRYSTAL G COMBS

The Sheriff of OTTAWA County, Oklahoma, Greetings:

You will take notice that the Plaintiff, CAPITAL ONE, N.A.,

successor by merger to Discover Bank, filed its petition in the District Court of OTTAWA County, Oklahoma, against the above-captioned Defendant, CRYSTAL G COMBS, seeking a money judgment against Defendant, CRYSTAL G COMBS in the amount of \$3819.57, with post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, and costs of this action, and unless Defendant answers said petition on or before the 1ST day of June, 2026, said petition will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered for Plaintiff for \$3819.57, with post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, and costs of this action.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2026.

**COURT CLERK Cassie Key  
BY: /s/ T. Curry  
Court Clerk or Deputy Clerk**

**/s/ Leah K. Clark  
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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

CAPITAL ONE, N.A., successor by merger to Discover Bank Plaintiff,

vs.

PEGGY S PICKENS  
Defendant

**CASE NO. CS-25-380  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
TO: PEGGY S PICKENS

The Sheriff of OTTAWA County, Oklahoma, Greetings:

You will take notice that the Plaintiff, CAPITAL ONE, N.A., successor by merger to Discover Bank, filed its petition in the District Court of OTTAWA County, Oklahoma, against the above-captioned Defendant, PEGGY S PICKENS, seeking a money judgment against Defendant, PEGGY S PICKENS in the amount of \$7039.39, with post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, and costs of this action, and unless Defendant answers said petition on or before the 15th day of June, 2026, said petition will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered for Plaintiff for \$7039.39, with post-judgment interest at the statutory rate, and costs of this action.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2026.

**COURT CLERK Cassie Key  
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Court Clerk or Deputy Clerk**

**/s/ Leah Clark  
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### NOTICE OF FILING PERIOD FOR ELECTION OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

Notice is hereby given that any person who is a registered voter and a resident of the Ottawa County Conservation District and has entered into or will enter into a Cooperator Agreement with the Directors of said District, may have their name placed on the official ballot of the District Director Election of said District for Position Number 1 by filing a Notification and Declaration of Candidacy with said District located at 630 E. Steve Owens Blvd., Miami, OK 74354 between the dates of May 1 - May 14, 2026. Notification and Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained at the above location or on the Oklahoma Conservation Commission website. Completed forms must be returned to the above district location before close of business on the last day of the filing period. The Election will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

**Board of Directors Representative:  
Justin Miller, Chair  
Attest: Shirley G. Hudson,  
District Manager**

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Attention Contractor fence builders, The Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma is seeking bids on building a cable and pipe fence. Detail information will be held at our mandatory bidders meeting on Friday April 10th at 1 pm at our Tribal Office, located at 13 S HWY 69A Miami, Ok 74354. Contact info 918-540-1536 Aaron Epperson.

Attention Contractors, The Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma is seeking bids on tree removal of a fence line. Detail information will be held at our mandatory bidders meeting on Friday April 10th at 1 pm at our Tribal Office, located at 13 S HWY 69A Miami, Ok 74354. Contact info 918-540-1536 Aaron Epperson.

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of ROSALIE ROWDEN, Deceased

**Case No. PB-2025-44  
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY**

NOTICE is hereby given that, in pursuance of an Order of the District Court of the County of Ottawa, State of Oklahoma, made on the 6th day of November, 2025, in the matter of the Estate of Rosalie Rowden, the undersigned Personal Representative will sell at

public sale to the highest bidder(s), all the right, title and interest in and to that real and personal property, subject to confirmation by the Court, on the 17th day of April, 2026 commencing at 1:00 p.m. at the residence of the Decedent at 108 Pine Street, North, Miami, Oklahoma 74358, described as follows:

**Personal Property:**  
Household furnishings, appliances and effects;

**Real Property:** 108 Pine, North Miami, Oklahoma  
Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), Block Thirty-one (31), in the TOWN OF NORTH MIAMI, Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, according to the recorded Plat thereof

Assessed Taxable Market Value...\$ 84,147.00  
(This value is merely an opinion of value based value based solely on the value assessed by the Ottawa County Assessor for ad valorem taxes and is not a reflection of what the property might bring at a sale, private, public or otherwise)

SIGNED this 17th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Trinity Blizzard  
Trinity Blizzard, Personal Representative

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Edna Mae Woods, Deceased.

**Case No. PB-2026-11  
Judge:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
COUNTY OF TULSA  
ss.

All persons having claims against Edna Mae Woods, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative at Tallgrass Estate Planning, c/o L. Riley Kern, 2626 E 21st St Ste 2, Tulsa, OK 74114 on or before the following presentment date: May 25, 2026, or the same will be non-suited, void and forever barred.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Heidi Ruth Woods  
Heidi Ruth Woods, Petitioner

**Prepared by:  
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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of CLAUD PATRICK SHEA, Deceased

**Case No. PB-2026-16  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

TO THE HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN AND CREDITORS OF: CLAUD PATRICK SHEA

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Claud Patrick Shea, that on the 30th day of March, 2026, Kelly Shea produced and filed in the District Court of Ottawa County and State of Oklahoma, an instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Claud Patrick Shea, Deceased, and also filed in said Court his petition praying for the probate of said Will, and that Letters Testamentary be issued thereon to Kelly Shea as the Personal Representative and the Court determine the heirs, devisees and legatees of Claud Patrick Shea, Deceased.

THAT said Petition will be heard at the courtroom of said Court in the City of Miami, in said County on the 23rd day of April, 2026 at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m. when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why such petition should not be granted.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court here unto affixed this 31st day of March, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen  
Judge of the District Court

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### BEFORE THE CITY ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, AND THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AKC REAL ESTATE LLC FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE PLANNING AREA FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI AS RM-2.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the above named applicant has filed an application with the City Zoning and Planning Commission for the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, and the City Council of the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, a Petition for an Ordinance changing zoning from RS-5 to RM-2, the property is described as follows:

Lots 15 and 16 in Block 5 in the JOHNSON'S ADDITION to the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

The approximate location of the property in the City of Miami, Oklahoma is reflected on the Petition filed herein and incorporated by reference.

Notice is further given that the City Zoning and Planning Commission will hold a hearing on this Petition on the 30th day of April, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Room at the Miami Civic Center, 129 5th Ave N.W., Miami, Oklahoma, for purposes of considering the Petition and making its recommendation to the City Council of the City of Miami, Oklahoma. All persons interested may appear and be heard in regards to the Petition for change of zoning.

Notice is further given that the recommendations of the City Zoning and Planning Commission at its hearing will be considered by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Miami, 129 5th Ave N.W., Miami, Oklahoma on the 5th day of May, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Room at the Miami Civic Center, Miami, Oklahoma, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and be heard in regards to the Petition.

Dated the 30th day of March, 2026.

**CITY ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION, MAYOR, CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA; CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.**

**By: /s/ Melissa Moore  
Melissa Moore, City Clerk**

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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Brian Brassfield, Purchasing Agent for The Miami Special Utility Authority will receive bids via e-mail until 2:00 P.M. CST, on Friday April 24, 2026, for The Miami Special Utility Authority (RFB 26-18) The MSUA is seeking proposals from qualified developers, builders, or individuals to purchase and develop MSUA owned land located at 227 & 229 B Street SE., Miami, OK 74354. The goal is to attract tenants that will complement the surrounding area, serve the needs of residents and visitors, and contribute to the economic vitality of the community.

All proposals that have been duly received by the appropriate date and time will be evaluated.

(RFB 26-18) The Miami Special Utility Authority requests bids from qualified bidders for the sale of property located at 227 & 229 B Street SE, Miami, OK 74354. SMALL BUSINESS AND MINORITY BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.

The Miami Special Utility Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Any bid received after 2:00 P.M. CST, on Friday April 24, 2026 shall not be considered by the awarding agency. Full solicitation packets can be downloaded from our website at www.miamiokla.net.

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