

TRIAL FOR MARASCIO POSTPONED AGAIN

A trial was scheduled this week for Raphael Marascio but was again postponed after his attorney, Winston Connor, filed an appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals. This is the second time a jury trial has been stricken in this case. The first trial was set for September 2025.



Raphael Marascio

Marascio is facing a felony assault and battery charge from February 2023, for a fight at Baycrest Apartments in Grove. His defense attorney is asserting that the charges should be dropped because the information does not meet the statutory requirements for a felony assault and battery charge. Marascio was a student and wrestler at NEO in Miami in 2023.

The woman he allegedly hit has not had her day in court. The woman had her jaw broken in two places and had dislocated teeth.

On Friday, Feb. 27, District Judge David Crutchfield heard testimony from defense witnesses Rashaud Morgan and Michaiia Green, and ruled against the motion filed by Marascio's attorney that the charges do not meet statutory requirements. The trial set for this week was postponed, however, until the Court of Criminal Appeals can review Judge Crutchfield's decision.

Judge Crutchfield set the next date for Marascio to appear on July 13, on the felony disposition docket.

The motion states, "The State's description does not plead any specific aggravating circumstance required... Because the charging language, as described by the State, lacks the essential element(s) and mental state required... the information fails to state facts constituting the charged offense and must be quashed..."

Assistant District Attorney Christopher Garner countered the defense attorney by writing "... aggravated Assault and Battery as an assault and battery that becomes aggravated when committed under certain circumstance, including when great bodily injury is inflicted... The Information sufficiently alleges the elements of Aggravated Assault and Battery under Oklahoma law... and has already been deemed sufficient at arraignment."

Gardner also stated at the preliminary hearing in August 2023, "... She testified she required medical treatment including two titanium plates in her jaw, having her jaw wired shut for six weeks, two surgeries and a root canal."



Oklahoma Senate votes to designate wheat as official state crop

The Oklahoma Senate voted unanimously in favor of Senate Bill 2159 to name wheat the official crop of the State of Oklahoma.

The bill, by Senator Roland Pederson (R-Burlington), was requested by the Burlington FFA Chapter. Pederson collaborated with chapter members to craft the legislation honoring Oklahoma wheat farmers, whose efforts have contributed to the state's national reputation for premier wheat production and research.

Oklahoma currently ranks second in the United States for annual

winter wheat bushels harvested and third for the total number of bushels harvested annually, with most production concentrated in the central and western regions of the state.

"Senate District 19 is home to Enid, the 'Wheat Capital of the United States,' and our area boasts significant grain storage capacity. Enid, my hometown of Burlington, and countless other Oklahoma communities contribute greatly to the wheat industry, and I am proud to honor their contributions and hard work through this legislation,"

Pederson said.

"I extend my appreciation to my colleagues for their overwhelming support of this measure and putting us one step closer to officially naming wheat as Oklahoma's state crop," Pederson added.

The measure is now eligible for consideration in the House of Representatives, where Rep. Dillon Travis (R-Maramec) is serving as the author of the bill. Upon receiving full legislative and executive approval, SB 2159 would take effect Nov. 1.

AG awards \$1M in grants for state's human trafficking response

Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond announced on Tuesday, Feb. 24, that he is awarding \$1 million in grants to five Oklahoma organizations on the front lines of the fight against human trafficking. The funding, administered through the attorney general's Human Trafficking Response Unit, will support organizations providing direct services to survivors across the state.

"Combating human trafficking requires more than law enforcement. It requires a network of dedicated people ready to help survivors rebuild their lives," said Drummond. "These grants reflect our commitment to strengthening that network and ensuring providers

have the resources they need to do this critical work. We will continue to invest in the organizations that are on the front lines every day."

To be eligible for funding, organizations must be certified Human Trafficking Service Providers through the Attorney General's Office certification process. Four of the five recipients maintained full certification throughout 2025. The fifth recipient, Wings of Hope, earned certification in the latter half of the year and received a grant award to help fully launch its program.

The following five certified providers will receive funding:

- Community Crisis Center (Grove, Jay, Miami, Vinita) –

\$237,500

- Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Inc. (Tulsa) – \$237,500
- Dragonfly Home (Oklahoma City) – \$237,500
- The Spring (Sand Springs) – \$237,500
- Wings of Hope (Cushing, Guthrie, Stillwater) – \$50,000

The grants will fund a range of services and operational needs, including staffing, legal advocacy, community outreach and education, facility security upgrades, and professional development.

This marks the second time the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office has issued grant funding of this kind to certified providers. The office awarded \$750,000 to certified shelters in 2024.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

In accordance with Title 37A, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-141, Woody's Bar & Grill on Route 66 227 S Main Street Miami OK 74354, a limited liability company, hereby publishes notice of their intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Mixed Beverage License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That they intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Mixed Beverage establishment with business premises located at 227 S Main Street in Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma under the business name of Woody's Bar & Grill on Route 66.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Hannah Weinrich
/s/ Julie Hopper
County of Ottawa, State of Oklahoma.

Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Hannah Weinrich – Julie Hopper to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

/s/ Beath Marsh, Notary Public Comm. #11005623
My Commission expires July 22, 2027.

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that the hearing on the Petition for Adoption filed by Petitioner, Steven Lee Ray, III, is set for the 29th day of April, 2026 at 11:30 o'clock a.m. at the Ottawa County Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma before the Honorable Matthew Whalen.

Dated: February 18, 2026.

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

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Notice To Creditors

To all persons having claims against the Estate of Brenda Marie Gray, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that Brenda Marie Gray died on November 19, 2025 and that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of her estate in the above titled proceeding pending in the Wyandotte Nation Court, State of Oklahoma, under Case No. PB-2026-0001.

Personal Representative Information

The Personal Representative of the estate is:

LARRY KEITH GRAY
4230 DEER RIDGE ST
NEOSHO, MO 64850

All claims against the estate must be presented to the Personal Representative at the above address by May 8, 2026, which date is hereby fixed as the last

date for the presentation of claims against the estate.

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Pelivan Transit & the Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium

Pelivan Transit owned and operated by Grand Gateway EDA and the Northeast Tribal Transit Consortium consisting of the Eastern Shawnee, Miami, Modoc, Peoria, Ottawa, Quapaw, Seneca-Cayuga, Shawnee, and Wyandotte Nation and Tribes of Oklahoma are currently receiving funds through the Federal Transit Administration for the purpose of operating a Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program and Section 5311(c) Tribal Transit Program, along with State Revolving Fund, 5310, 5339, and a number of other Federal Transit Administration grant opportunities.

Pelivan Transit and the Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit programs are giving public notice that we will continue to abide by the policies set forth by the U.S. Department of Transportation for the administration and operation of integrated public rural transit and tribal transit systems.

The following is a list of purchases that will be made by the Pelivan Transit System and the Northeast Tribal Transit System during FY-2025

1. Vehicle Insurance
2. Office Supplies/Equipment
3. Audit
4. Advertising/Marketing
5. Computers/Printers
6. Training
7. Fuel/Oil
8. Vehicle Maintenance
9. Vehicles
10. Communications Equipment

DBE's and WBE's interested in details for these purchases may write Pelivan Transit, P.O. Drawer B, Big Cabin, OK 74332, email to llemasters@grandgateway.org or call 918-713-9929.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUMS

Pelivan Transit will be conducting public forums to discuss their rural public and tribal transit programs for the following areas of Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Ottawa, Nowata, Rogers and northern Tulsa County and ten tribal jurisdictional areas for the tribes of Cherokee Nation, Eastern Shawnee, Miami, Modoc, Ottawa, Peoria, Quapaw, Seneca-Cayuga, Shawnee and Wyandotte Nation.

If any person desires to attend these public forums they will be able to do so at the following locations and dates:

Monday, 03/09/2026 11:00 am, Owasso Community Center, 301 S Cedar, Owasso, OK

Tuesday, 03/10/2026, 10:00 am, Claremore Senior Center, 475 E Blue Starr Dr, Claremore, OK

Wednesday, 03/11/2026, 11:00 am, Grove Senior Center, 145 E ODaniel Pkwy, Grove, OK

Monday, 03/16/2026, 11:00 am, Pryor Card Nutrition, 851 SE 9th St, Pryor, OK

Wednesday, 03/18/2026, 11:30 am, Vinita Citizens Center, 222 W Sequoyah Ave, Vinita, OK

Thursday, 03/23/2026, 10:00 am, Miami City Hall, 129 5th Avenue NW, Miami, Oklahoma

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Opportunity for Public Hearing

All interested persons are hereby given notice that Pelivan Transit owned and operated by Grand Gateway EDA and the Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium are seeking financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, (Federal Transit Administration) for the purpose of operating an integrated rural public and tribal transit system. The Federal Transit Administration's Section 5311 and 5311(c) grant funds, along with State Revolving Fund, 5310, 5339, and a number of other Federal Transit Administration grant opportunities, will be used to operate the Pelivan Transit system

in certain areas of Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Ottawa, Rogers and (northern) Tulsa. This transit system will provide transportation services from points of origin to destination for the general public and tribal citizens based on demand responses during scheduled hours of operation. The demand response services will be operated through the Mobility Management Center located at Grand Gateway EDA in Big Cabin and various Dispatch hubs in the cities of Claremore, Grove, Miami, and Owasso.

If any person desires a public hearing to discuss the social, economic and/or environmental effects of the proposed project, they may contact the Transit Director at Grand Gateway at 918-713-9929. A copy of the grant application will be available for public inspection at Grand Gateway, 333 South Oak Street, Big Cabin, OK on 07/01/2026.

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Anyone interested in a 2020 Panoza call Dravin at 417-483-9973

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A.M.S., DOB 01/20/2016, A minor child.

Case No. FA-2026-3 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: Thomas Shelby, Respondent

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TO: Thomas Shelby, Respondent

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the hearing on the Application to Terminate Birth Father's Parental Rights without Consent filed by Petitioner, Steven Lee Ray, III, is set for the 29th day of April, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. at the Ottawa County Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma before the Honorable Matt Whalen.