

Ottawa County Court Report



BODY FOUND IN GRAND LAKE IDENTIFIED

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The body retrieved from Grand Lake on Thursday, Nov. 13, has been identified, Grand River Dam Authority officials said Saturday.

The deceased is Roger Griffith, 29, of Jay, said GRDA spokesman Justin Alberty. It is unclear whether there was a missing person's report filed on Griffith. Alberty said no other details are being released at this time, but Griffith's death remains under investigation.

GRDA divers were in the water for about an hour on Thursday. When their boat returned to the dock with Griffith's body, they also unloaded two five-gallon water-filled buckets. The Grand River Dam Authority police retrieved his body from the Cowskin arm of Grand Lake.

Sources close to the investigation said initially, details of the fishermen's discovery suggested that a dismembered hand had been discovered. It was later clarified that only a hand was visible in the water to the fishermen.

The body was brought to the shoreline around 4:30 p.m. by GRDA divers and law enforcement. The GRDA boat appeared to be carrying a blue body bag. Hunter McKee, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation spokesman, said the Medical Examiner's office took the body to Tulsa.

Josh Bynum, Delaware County Public Information Officer, said a 911 call was received from the Cowskin area on Tuesday night. After searching the area with boats, no one was found, he said. GRDA Police, Delaware County Sheriff's Office, the Quapaw Marshall Service, and the Monkey Island Fire Department were on the scene for over six hours Thursday.

Banker kidnapped, thrown from Cowskin Bridge in '89

Cowskin Bridge is about seven miles northeast of Grove. This is the same bridge that Noel, Missouri, banker Dan Short was thrown from in 1989.

Short was kidnapped, made to open the bank, and robbed by Joseph and Shannon Agofsky. The brothers gagged Short and tied him up with duct tape, bound him to a chair, weighed him down with a concrete block and chain hoist, and threw him off Cowskin Bridge into Grand Lake. Officials stated that Short was still alive when he entered the lake.

The brothers were eventually convicted of many state and federal crimes and received two life sentences, although Oklahoma prosecutors sought the death penalty. In 2013, Joseph Agofsky died in a federal prison in North Carolina.

Shannon Agofsky was on death row for the 2004 stomping death of another inmate at the federal prison in Beaumont, Texas. Former President Joe Biden commuted his sentence; Agofsky will serve a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of PHYLLIS MARLENE HALLETT, Deceased.

No. PB-2025-30 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Phyllis Marlene Hallett, 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 Personal Representative, to the Personal Representative,

Felicia Dunbar, at the law office of N. Georgeann Roye, P.O. Box 1303, Miami, Oklahoma 74355, on or before the following presentment date: January 18, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Felicia Dunbar
Felicia Dunbar

Personal Representative of the Estate of Phyllis Marlene Hallett, Deceased

Dated: November 12, 2025

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of CAROL FRANCES MOORE, Deceased.

No. PB-2025-53 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Carol Frances Moore, 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 Personal Representative, Gary L. Moore, at the law office of N. Georgeann Roye, P.O. Box 1303, Miami, Oklahoma 74355, on or before the following presentment date: January 14, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Gary L. Moore
Gary L. Moore, Personal Representative of the Estate of Carol Frances Moore, Deceased

Dated: November 12, 2025

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