



Congressman Kevin Hern (center) and Gov. Kevin Stitt discuss Oklahoma National Guard deployment to Washington, D.C.

Task Force Thunder lands in DC

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Task Force Thunder, of the Oklahoma National Guard arrived in Washington earlier this month. It was announced on Dec. 1 that Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt was sending 160 members of the guard to assist in President Trump’s “D.C. Safe and Beautiful mission.”

Congressman Kevin Hern, Oklahoma State Senate Pro Temp Lonnie Paxton, and Stitt all met with some members of Task Force Thunder at Union Station in D.C. last week. Hern posted on Facebook and Instagram about the meeting stating: “We are incredibly grateful for their service to our country and their commitment to ensuring our nation’s capital is safe.”

Stitt, in his own post, said he “got a chance to see some of the incredible men and women of the Oklahoma National Guard in DC today...Thankful for their selfless volunteer service on this mission!”

Oklahoma Sen. MarkWayne Mullin, a member of the Armed Forces committee, was not there that day and it is not clear if he has met with the guard since their deployment; his office did not reply to questions about the Oklahoma Guard’s deployment.

In August, Stitt said that he had no plans to send the National Guard to Washington unless President Trump asked him to. Months later though, he criticized the deployment of National Guardsmen to cities like Chicago and Portland, saying “Oklahomans would lose their mind if Pritzker in Illinois sent troops down to Oklahoma during the Biden administration.”

Stitt also noted he believes it’s a violation of “state’s rights.” He and his team did not reply for comment when asked if he felt comfortable with sending in Task Force Thunder because D.C. does not have statehood.

Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser said, “It’s times like these when America needs to know that DC should be the 51st state,” when troops were originally deployed in August. Bowser has been a big proponent for D.C. statehood and has been noted saying she believes the current deployment is a “slippery slope.”

The crime rate in D.C. has been down since a small rise in 2023, but Bowser will not be seeking reelection in 2026, after more than a decade in the office.

Guardsmen from D.C., Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama, South Carolina, West Virginia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia, South Dakota, and Ohio have been in D.C. at different periods since President Trump launched the mission, which included a federal

takeover of the local law enforcement.

When previously asked about National Guard Deployment, Oklahoma Sen. James Lankford said that “short-term to help local police is not uncommon, but it is short term, they’re not local law enforcement. You need local law enforcement to take the lead.” It is not clear if Lankford has met with any members of the task force since their deployment and his office has not replied for comment on the deployment.

Members of the Oklahoma Guard have been told they will be there for 90 days, complying with the current order to extend National Guard presence until the end of February 2026.

Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois recently stated that the mass deployment of guards this year has cost over \$340 million, not counting the troops stationed along the U.S.-Mexico border. It is estimated it costs around \$1.5 million a day for the more than 2,000 troops in D.C.

When speaking to four members of the South Carolina National Guard in D.C., they said, “We just want to help make the area safe. Some of us want to be here and some of us don’t but at the end of the day we’re just doing our job.”

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

v.

BITA M. THOMPSON,
DECEASED; SPOUSE OF RITA M. THOMPSON, IF MARRIED;
OCCUPANT 1, (REAL NAME UNKNOWN); OCCUPANT 2, (REAL NAME UNKNOWN);
AND UNKNOWN HEIRS,
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RITA F. THOMPSON,
DECEASED
Defendant(s).

Case No. CJ-2020-48 Judge Barry V. Denney NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO: Rita M. Thompson, Deceased; Spouse of Rita M. Thompson, if married; Occupant 1, (real name unknown); Occupant 2, (real name unknown); Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Rita F. Thompson, Deceased, and their unknown successors and assigns, that the hearing on the above Motion to Confirm Sale is set on the 21 day of January, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., before Judge McAffrey, at the Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, Oklahoma.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

INTERNATIONAL BANK OF

COMMERCE,
Plaintiff,

v.

RICKY LEE LOVETTE,
DECEASED; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF RICKY LEE LOVETTE;
JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT;
AND UNKNOWN HEIRS,
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RICKY LEE LOVETTE,
DECEASED
Defendant(s).

Case No. CJ-2025-117 Judge Jennifer McAffrey NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, TO: Spouse, if any, of Ricky Lee Lovette and Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Ricky Lee Lovette, Deceased, if living or if dead, and to said Defendant(s)' unknown successors, if any.

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by International Bank of Commerce , in the District Court of Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, and that you must answer the Petition on or before March 1, 2026, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you awarding Plaintiff a first lien upon the following described real estate, situated in Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SW1/4 NE1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 24 EAST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SW1/4 NE1/4 THENCE NORTH 385.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1909.85 FEET A DISTANCE OF 596.9 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 44° 08' EAST 37 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SW1/4 NE1/4; THENCE WEST

500.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS THAT PART DEEDED TO THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 62551 E. Highway 137, Miami, OK 74354

for the sum of \$ 138,697.00, with interest from May 1, 2025, at 5.625 percent per annum, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, \$ 225.00 for abstracting, advances for taxes, insurance and property preservation, and the costs of this action, and ordering said property sold to satisfy said judgment, and forever barring you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, equity or interest in and to said real estate adverse to the right and title of the purchaser at said foreclosure sale, and for such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, this 18 day of December, 2025.

Cassie Key, Court Clerk
By: /s/ Deputy Clerk

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File No. 25-141986

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

SHELTER MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, as subrogee of Cynthia Rios, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH ANACITO, Defendant.

Case No. CS-2025-258 Judge McAffrey PUBLICATION NOTICE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: JOSEPH ANACITO

You are hereby notified that an action has been filed in the District Court of Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, styled Shelter Mutual Insurance Company vs. Joseph Anacito, alleging that Plaintiff is entitled to judgment against the Defendant.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued and must answer the Petition filed by the Plaintiff on or before the 8th day of February, 2026, or the allegations contained in said Petition will be taken as true and judgment entered thereon against you as prayed for in Plaintiff's Petition in the amount of \$6,880.33.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of December, 2025.

Cassie Key, Court Clerk
By: /s/ Tisha Nading Deputy

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Zella Aretha Blevins, Deceased.

PB-2024-35 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND

PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Randy Darrell Blevins, Personal Representative of the Estate of Zella Aretha Blevins, Deceased, having filed in this Court his Final Account of the administration of said estate and Petition for order allowing same, Determination of Heirs, and Distribution and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, and the hearing of the same has been set by the Court for the 19th day of February, 2026, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., at the courtroom of said District Court in the courthouse in the County and State aforesaid, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs, of said Zella Aretha Blevins, Deceased determined and said Estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2025.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Brian Brassfield, Purchasing Agent for the City of Miami will receive sealed proposals until 11:00 A.M. CST, on Thursday January 29, 2026, for The City of Miami (RFP 25-89) Employee Benefit Broker for Health, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance. All proposals that have been duly received by the appropriate date and time will be opened in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, located at Miami City Hall, 129 5th Ave. NW, Miami, OK. Everyone is welcome to attend sealed proposal opening.

(RFP 25-89) The City of Miami, requests proposals from qualified Proposers to provide Employee Benefit Broker Services for Health, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance.

SMALL BUSINESS AND MINORITY BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE A PROPOSAL. ENVELOPES SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED "SEALED PROPOSAL" WITH THE PROPOSERS NAME & APPROPRIATE SOLICITATION NUMBER (RFP 25-89) CLEARLY SHOWN ON FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE.

The City of Miami reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Any proposal received after the time set for the opening of proposals shall not be considered by the awarding agency and shall be returned unopened to the proposer submitting same.

Full solicitation packets can be downloaded from our website.. at www.miamiokla.net.

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