

# Multi-County Grand Jury indicts two in nationwide Walmart theft scheme

The Multi-County Grand Jury indicted two individuals in connection with a retail theft scheme targeting Walmart stores across multiple states. According to the indictment, Angel Jones and Christopher Loepke are accused of carrying out a coordinated scheme over the past six months that resulted in more than \$55,000 in losses from Walmart Supercenter stores across 15 states. The pair allegedly used Walmart's Scan & Go mobile checkout system to fraudulently obtain merchandise, including calculators and sports trading cards, by scanning lower-priced items or concealing higher-priced merchandise inside other products. "These types of organized retail theft schemes harm businesses and ultimately drive up costs for hardworking Oklahoma consumers," said Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond. "My office will continue working with law



enforcement and retailers to identify offenders and hold them accountable under the law." Charges filed in the indictment stem from activity that occurred at numerous Walmart locations across Oklahoma, with thefts in at least 13 counties. Jones and Loepke were each charged with three felony counts. Every person arrested or charged is presumed innocent unless and until convicted in a court of law.

# Bill increasing instructional days passes House

The Oklahoma House of Representatives passed legislation last week increasing the minimum number of instructional days for schools operating under a school-hours calendar, and ties the change to an additional \$175 million in state funding to the State Department of Education over FY27 and FY28. House Bill 3151 by Rep. Rob Hall (R-Tulsa) would require schools using the hours-based model to provide at least 173 days of instruction beginning in the 2027-28 school year, while maintaining the current minimum of 1,086 instructional hours. Hall said increasing the number of instructional days will help ensure students spend more meaningful time engaged in the classroom. "Time spent with students in the classroom is the highest and best use of the resources we invest in our schools," Hall said. "Increasing the minimum

number of instructional days is a much-needed step toward improving educational outcomes in our state. Spreading instructional time over more days will help keep students engaged throughout the school day and make the time our educators spend with them more effective." HB3151 also requires school districts that hold parent-teacher conferences during the school day to provide an in-person option for parents and legal guardians. "There are few actions we can take that lead to better outcomes than ensuring our kids have more time in front of high quality classroom teachers," said Oklahoma Speaker Kyle Hilbert (R-Bristow). "I appreciate Oklahoma State School Board Association (OSSBA), Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration (CCOSA), Oklahoma Education Association

(OEA), Professional Oklahoma Educators (POE), Organization of Rural Oklahoma Schools (OROS), United Suburban Schools Association (USSA), ExcelinEd, Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs (OCA) and the Oklahoma State Chamber for their support of this measure." "Over the past decade, Oklahoma has experienced a decline in the number of in-person instructional days offered to students," said Secretary of Education Dan Hamlin. "In recent years, the state has made considerable progress in restoring instructional time to levels that align more closely with national norms. This bill builds on that progress and places Oklahoma on a path toward having a nationally competitive education system." The bill now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

# LEGALS

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DECEASED, et al., Defendant(s)  
No: **CJ-2026-41**  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Unknown Successors of Leo David Mancuso, Deceased, Spouse of Leo David Mancuso,

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by the above named Plaintiff, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before April 21, 2026, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered, foreclosing any interest you may have in the following-described real estate (property) situated in Delaware County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

A TRACT IN THE SW/4 SW/4 NW/4 AND NW/4 NW/4 SW/4; ALL IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST IN DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. COMMENCING AT THE NW CORNER OF SAID SW/4 SW/4 NW/4; THENCE NORTH 89°32' EAST 110.53 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89°32' EAST 550.95 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°08' WEST 765.27 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY SOUTH 77°28' WEST 42.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF A COUNTY ROAD EASEMENT; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE NORTH 30°28' WEST 642.13 FEET; THENCE NORTH 40°00' WEST 282.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 4.91 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA. ALONG WITH 1982 REDMAN MOBILE HOME, #12009539 TITLE# 58028629409K, TAG#H 192408, AND INCLUDING ANY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING LOCATED THEREON WHICH MAY BE MANUFACTURED HOUSING DESCRIBED AS 2023 CMH REDMAN MOBILE HOME, Model 35MYO16562AH23, Serial #CBH037657TX

for the sum for:  
Reason:  
Unpaid Principal Balance  
Amount:  
\$70,182.82  
Date of Default  
August 1, 2025  
Interest Due From  
July 1, 2025  
Interest Rate(s)  
8.25000 %  
\*or as adjusted by the Note and Mortgage

including all advances by Plaintiff, if any, for taxes, insurance premiums, or expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, all costs of this action, reasonable attorney's fees and costs as the Court may allow, and the costs of foreclosing your interest in the property and ordering said property sold with or without appraisal as Plaintiff may elect, all of which you will take due notice.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 19 day of February, 2026.

**Delaware County Court Clerk,**  
By: **/s/ Pam Shotpouch**  
**DEPUTY COURT CLERK**

**Don Timberlake - #9021**  
**Kim S. Jenkins - #32809**  
**Gina D. Knight - #12996**  
**Chynna Scruggs - #32663**  
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## RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GROVE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Grove invites its citizens and other interested persons to attend a Public Hearing at Grove City Hall, 1201 NEO Loop, Grove, OK 74344, on March 24, 2026, at 4:30PM.

The City Council has a resolution on the agenda for the submission of an application to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department for a Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application and will be receiving public comments. We welcome you to provide your comments to identify potential outdoor parks and recreational needs and priorities for 2026 for the City of Grove. Following the identification process, city officials will prioritize components of the application for final submission. All people are invited and encouraged to attend and participate.

For those unable to attend the meeting, you may phone 918-786-6107 to share your comments. Written comments can be mailed or provided to the City of Grove, 1201 NEO Loop, Grove, OK 74344 or emailed to ldavila@cityofgroveok.gov.

This meeting has been rescheduled from March 17, 2026.

**Darren Cook**  
**City Manager**

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Jo Goldsborough, Deceased

**Case No. PB-2025-4**  
**ORDER FOR HEARING**  
**PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY**

On this 11th day of March, 2026, it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the verified Petition of the Personal Representative, Haley Furr, on file herein, that there is good cause to sell the real and personal property interests of the Decedent, Mary Jo Goldsborough, as described in said Petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED by the Court that all persons interested, appear before the District Court of the County of Ottawa, State of Oklahoma, on 31st day of March, 2026 at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m., then and there to show cause, if any they have, why an Order, as prayed for in the Petition should not be granted to the Personal Representative to sell said real and personal property of the Decedent at private or public sale at the discretion of the Personal Representative for the reasons and purposes mentioned in said Petition, as she shall judge to be for the best interest of the Decedent and of all parties interested therein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Court that a copy of this Order shall be mailed to all known heirs, legatees and devisees, whose addresses are known, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for said hearing.

**/s/ David Crutchfield**  
**Judge of the District Court**

**John W. Thomas, OBA# 22445**  
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**Attorney for Personal Representative**  
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**Miami, Oklahoma 74354**  
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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANNY LEE COTRILL, Deceased

**CASE NO.: PB-2025-00086**

## NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING PETITION FOR FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND DISCHARGE OF ADMINISTRATOR

Notice is hereby given that REGENA M. COTRILL, the duly appointed and qualified Administrator of the ESTATE OF DANNY LEE COTRILL, Deceased, has filed her Petition for Final Decree of Distribution of Estate and Discharge of Administrator. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 14th day of April, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in District Courtroom 2 of the Courthouse in the City of Jay, Delaware County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Estate should not be distributed, and the Administrator discharged.

DATED this 11th day of March, 2026.

**/s/ David Crutchfield**  
**JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT**

**By: /s/ Nikitia Smoke**  
**Deputy Court Clerk**

**Susan A. Muscari,**  
**OBA # 16521**  
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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GREGORY LYNN BROOKS, Deceased.

**Case No. PB-26-7**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of Gregory Lynn Brooks, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Gregory Lynn Brooks, 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 Holly Lynn Beaty, Personal Representative, at the law offices of Steven L. Hendrickson, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: May 24, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 24th day of February 2026.

**HOLLY LYNN BEATY**  
**Personal Representative**

**/s/ Steven L. Hendrickson**  
**Steven L. Hendrickson**  
**Attorney for Personal Representative**  
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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MAYES COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of Neil Richard Jensen, Deceased.

**Case No. PB-2026-15**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**PETITION FOR PROBATE**  
**OF WILL, APPOINTMENT**  
**OF PERSONAL**  
**REPRESENTATIVE,**  
**DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,**  
**LEGATEES AND DEVEISEES,**  
**AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS**  
**OF TESTAMENTARY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the estate of Neil Richard Jensen, deceased, that on the 11th day of March, 2026, Randy Dawson produced and filed in the District Court of Mayes County, Oklahoma, an instrument in writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Neil Richard Jensen, deceased, and also filed in said Court a Petition praying for the probate of said Will, the Letters of Testamentary be issued to Randy Dawson and that the heirs, legatees and devisees of said Decedent be judicially determined. Said Petition will be heard in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge in the said Court in the City of Pryor, County of Mayes, State of Oklahoma, on the 8th day of April, 2026, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. of said date, when and where all persons interested can appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayers contained in said Petition should not be granted.

**/s/ Rebecca Gore**  
**JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT**

**Tommy R. Dyer, Jr.,**  
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**Attorney for Petitioner**

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

In the Matter of the Estates of CLYDE JOHN LOWE, and SUSAN KAY LOWE, Deceased

**Case No. PB-2026-22**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

TO THE HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN AND CREDITORS OF: CLYDE JOHN LOWE AND SUSAN KAY LOWE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Clyde John Lowe and Susan Kay Lowe, that on the 11th day of March, 2026 Melinda S. Lowe produced and filed in the District Court of Delaware County and State of Oklahoma, an instrument in writing purporting to be a copy of the Mutual and Conjoint Last Will and Testament of Clyde John Lowe and Susan Kay Lowe, Deceased, and also filed in said Court her petition praying for the probate of said Will, and that Letters Testamentary be issued thereon to Melinda S. Lowe as the Personal Representative and the Court determine the heirs, devisees and legatee of Clyde John Lowe and Susan Kay Lowe, Deceased.

THAT said Petition will be heard at the courtroom of said Court in the Town of Jay, in said County on the 31st day of March, 2026 at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.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 11th day of March, 2026.

**/s/ David Crutchfield**  
**Judge of the District Court**

**John W. Thomas, OBA #22445**  
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Ridgerunner Self Storage at 64625 E. 290 Road, Grove OK, will dispose of the content in unit Q 4, Quinn Sharp, on or after March 19, 2026. This is not an auction.

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

ANDREW ERICKSON; CATHY ERICKSON; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF ANDREW ERICKSON; REGINALD JON ERICKSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EX REL SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANT(S), IF ANY, OF THE PREMISES, Defendants.

**CASE NO. CJ-2024-00087**  
**ALIAS NOTICE OF SALE**

Attention: Defendants and all parties with interest in the listed real property

The Delaware County Sheriff will sell the below-described real property to satisfy a judgment for the indicated action.

LOT TEN (10), BLOCK ONE (1), JOHN COX FIRST, AN ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF GROVE, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

Common Address: 603 E 4th Pl, Grove, OK 74344

The property will be sold to the highest cash bidder at the public auction:

Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Date: 27th day of April, 2026  
Place: Delaware County Courthouse, Front Steps  
Appraised real value: \$145,000.00

The sale adheres to the Special Writ of Execution and Order of Sale issued per the judgment in the District Court of Delaware County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2024-00087, titled Plaintiff, v. ANDREW ERICKSON; CATHY ERICKSON; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF ANDREW ERICKSON; REGINALD JON ERICKSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EX REL SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANT(S), IF ANY, OF THE PREMISES; all those holding or claiming any interest in the property.

**/s/ Thurman Ray Thomas**  
**Sheriff of Delaware County**

**By: /s/ Samantha Demereck**  
**Deputy Sheriff**

**Sally E. Garrison, OBA #18709**  
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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. Plaintiff,

UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS OF LEO DAVID MANCUSO,