FELONY TRAFFICKING OF ABORTION PILLS BECOMES LAW



A law making it a felony crime to traffic abortion pills is now in effect.

Rep. Denise Crosswhite Hader (R-Piedmont) is the author of House Bill 1168. The measure creates a felony offense for anyone to knowingly possess or deliver abortion-inducing drugs — including mifepristone, misoprostol, and methotrexate — to someone who intends to use them for an unlawful abortion.

"Today, Oklahoma's anti-chemical abortion pill trafficking act officially takes effect, and I couldn't be prouder," Crosswhite Hader said. "Four years ago, I set out to close the loophole that let traffickers ship dangerous chemical abortion pills into our state with no oversight and no accountability. This law protects vulnerable women who have too often been coerced or deceived into taking these pills with no medical care or support. It's projected to save around four thousand preborn babies a year in Oklahoma, and every one of those lives matters. I'm grateful to everyone who fought alongside us to get here."

Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) is the Senate author of the bill.

"Four years of work led to this day," Bullard said. "Oklahoma's anti-chemical abortion pill trafficking act is now the law of the land, and traffickers who ship these deadly pills into our state can finally be held criminally accountable. We estimate this law will save roughly four thousand preborn babies a year in Oklahoma. That's four thousand reasons this fight was worth it, and I'm proud of every person who helped carry it across the finish line."

Crosswhite Hader said she's heard reports of women being given these drugs by non-medical professionals who do not understand what the medications can do to a woman if administered incorrectly.

Under HB 1168, anyone convicted of trafficking or attempting to traffic abortion-inducing drugs could face a fine of up to $100,000, up to 10 years in prison, or both. This is the same as current law for those performing an illegal abortion.

The legislation only addresses those who intend to distribute these drugs illegally to others, not those who are accessing these drugs for themselves, Crosswhite Hader said.

This measure does not limit or prohibit the sale of contraceptives, and it would not impact couples undergoing IVF treatment. Under the definition of "abortion-inducing drug" included in the bill, it specifies that this definition does not apply to drugs that may be known to cause an abortion, but which are prescribed for other medical indications, such as chemotherapeutic agents or diagnostic drugs, or for treatment of an ectopic pregnancy or spontaneous miscarriage. Additionally, HB 1168 does not apply to pharmacists, drug manufacturers or distributors who legally possess, sell or distribute pharmaceuticals intended for lawful medical purposes.

The bill passed the House last year and the Senate this year. It was signed into law by the governor May 5.

Study looks at tax credits to encourage firearm safety training

Sen. Jo Anna Dossett (D-Tulsa) led an interim study in the Senate's Revenue and Taxation Committee exploring the feasibility of an income tax credit for filers who complete firearm safety training or obtain an Oklahoma firearm carry permit.

"With the passage of Senate Bill 50 in 2025, Oklahomans who buy gun safes and safety devices are now exempt from state sales tax when they make those purchases. In this study, we looked at the pros and cons of incentivizing gun safety at the time an individual files their income taxes," said Dossett.

Expert testimony at the study included an explanation from the Oklahoma Tax Commission about how income tax credits work, followed by a state-by-state overview of similar gun safety incentives proposed and enacted across the nation, provided by the National Conference of State Legislatures. Rounding out the study were statements from Oklahoma Rifle Association President Mark Vaughan and Oklahoma County Sheriff Tommie Johnson III.

Key findings were that while many states have enacted a sales tax exemption on the purchase of gun safes and safety devices, only one state, West Virginia, offers an income tax credit for gun safety courses. Other takeaways from the study included the importance of clear guidelines for how an income tax filer would prove to the Tax Commission that they had taken an approved safety course and the necessity of protecting the privacy and confidentiality of such information provided to the Commission.

To view the interim study, visit oksenate.gov/live-chamber, go to the Calendar-Day/Month tab, and select the Revenue and Taxation Committee hearing held at 9 a.m. on Aug. 27.

LEGALS

August 11, 2026

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting at 6:00 P.M. on August 11, 2026, with the following members present: Chairman Mike Furnas, Commissioner Robert Clark and Commissioner Scott Hilton. Doug Pewitt was also in attendance. Notice of the meeting was posted at the south door of the Ottawa County Courthouse at 11:00 A.M., August 6, 2026. Commissioners' Meeting Agendas and Minutes can also be found online at ottawa.okcounties.org. Place: Northeast Oklahoma A&M College, Student Center Ballroom, 200 I Street NE, Miami, Oklahoma 74354.

A. Meeting called to order by Chairman, Mike Furnas.

B. Quorum called.

C. The County Commissioners held a public meeting regarding the Ottawa County sales tax special election held on August 25th, 2026, within the County. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sales tax proclamation and purpose, discuss the issues involved and answer questions the public might have concerning the election and the purpose of the tax. If the one cent sales tax is not voted to be implemented the County will see an increase in property tax which will impact the entire County. Residents made their concerns verbal, especially in getting people to go vote in favor of the one cent sales tax.

D. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to adjourn. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

Mike Furnas, Chairman
Robyn Mitchell,
Ottawa County Clerk
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR
OTTAWA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

PAR H INVESTMENTS, LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.

DUSTIN D. EDEN and SPOUSE, if any, TRASHENA J. DEMERY and SPOUSE, if any, all if living and if any of them be deceased, the Unknown Successors of such Deceased Defendant or Defendants.
Defendants.

Case No. CV-2026-96
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: DUSTIN D. EDEN and SPOUSE, if any, TRASHENA J. DEMERY and SPOUSE, if any; all if living and if any of them be deceased, the Unknown Successors of such Deceased Defendant or Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 13th day of August, 2026, Plaintiff, Par H Investments, LLC, filed a Petition in the above-entitled action wherein they seek the judgment of said Court quieting their title to all the following described real property:

Lot 10 in Block 3 in MIAMI HEIGHTS ADDITION, to the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

and for further judgment adjudging Plaintiff's title to said real property to be legal and valid and forever quieting said title in Plaintiffs as against the claims of the Defendants, or anyone claiming by, through or under them; for perpetual injunction against the Defendants named in Plaintiff's Petition and all persons claiming by, through or under them, from hereafter claiming or asserting any right, title or interest in and to said real property, and for equitable relief, and unless you, said Defendants, answer Plaintiffs' Petition herein on or before the 9th day of October, 2026, Plaintiff will take judgment against you in accordance with the prayer of its Petition as above set forth.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 19th day of August, 2026.

CASSIE KEY, Court Clerk
By: /s/ A Severs
Deputy

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

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Kimie Clark,
Petitioner,
-and-
Sean Clark,
Respondent,

Case No. FD-26-75
ORDER SETTING HEARING

This matter coming on before this court this 2 day of September, 2026, and the court, being fully advised in the premises finds the above styled case should be set for hearing.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the above case is set for hearing before this court on the 1 day of October, 2026 at 9:30 AM in room #3.

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

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Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
General Council Meeting

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Annual General Council Meeting will be held Saturday, September 12th, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Indigo Sky Casino in the Great Cedar Ball Room (7022 East Hwy 60, Wyandotte OK 74370). A meal will be served to Tribal Members at 5:30 P.M. at the same location

Eastern Shawnee Business Entities Exhibits and Information 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Indigo Sky Casino, Great Ceder Ballroom.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON KAY SHEPHERD, Deceased

CASE NO. PB-2026-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against SHARON KAY SHEPHERD, 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 Administrator, ANGELA BLALOCK, c/o her attorney, SUSAN A. MUSCARI, Muscari Law, PLLC, P. O. Box 452409, Grove, OK 74345, on or before the following presentment date: the 26 day of October, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 25 day of June 2026.

/s/ Angela Blalock
ANGELA BLALOCK
Personal Representative

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

In the Matter of the Estate of D. ROBERT DUBÉ, Deceased

Case No. PB-2026-25
NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR ORDER DETERMINING HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that Shelli Isle, Personal Representative of the Estate of D. Robert DuBé, Deceased, have filed in this Court his Petition for an order determining heirs, determining distribution and discharge of the Personal Representative.

Notice is further given that the hearing on the same is hereby fixed by the undersigned Judge of said Court for the 1st day of October, 2026 at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa County Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma; and all persons interested in said estate are then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such Petition should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of D. Robert DuBé, deceased be determined, the assets of the estate distributed and the Personal Representative thereupon discharged.

DATED this 3 day of September, 2026.

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

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HUGE ESTATE AUCTION

Thursday, September 17, 2026 STARTS @ 9:17 AM

Directions to Parking: From Hwy 20 East of Claremore, OK, Take S 4170 Rd North 1 mi to Stop Sign. Turn Left on E 480 Rd. Go approx. 4/10 mi. to Parking Area.
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ESTATE OF: John Leigh OWNER: Jeannie Leigh/Bump

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