



STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISTRICT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OSAGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
PAWHUSKA, OKLAHOMA 74056

STUART L. TATE
DISTRICT JUDGE

(918) 287-4767

May 17, 2024

Eddie Virden
Osage County Sheriff
900 St. Paul
Pawhuska, OK 74056

RE: Submitted probable cause affidavit

Sheriff:

The Affidavit you authored which was submitted to the Honorable Burl O. Estes, Associate District Judge on May 3, 2024, has resulted in his disqualification and recusal. In accordance with procedure, he has referred the matter to me as the Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial District. I must disqualify and recuse as well. As I am also the Presiding Judge for the Northeastern Judicial Administrative District, protocol and rule requires I forward this matter to the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court for assignment to another judge outside of the Tenth Judicial District for consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Tate", written over a horizontal line.

Stuart Tate