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FROM YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS



District Attorney Rob Barris

District 25

Okmulgee and McIntosh Counties

In the Fall of 2012 and March of 2013 we prosecuted jury trials in the cases of Christina Stribel and Dustin Martin. These two defendants murdered Mr. Tim Parenti. Mr. Parenti was shot and then the Defendants set his body and house on fire to try to cover their crime. Both are now serving life sentences and additional terms of years in prison due to the hard work of investigators, attorneys and support staff in our Office. The jury verdicts have helped to bring closure and justice to Tim's mother, daughters, and grandkids.

In January 2013, 27 persons were arrested at the culmination of "Okmulgee Vice", a joint drug operation between the DA District 25 Task Force, local law enforcement and the OBNDD. It is the first investigation utilizing a wiretap in the history of District 25. While those twenty-seven (27) defendants are now charged in over forty (40) individual felony cases, this Office intends to vigorously prosecute these drug dealers who trafficked in methamphetamine imported from Mexico at the rate of up to five (5) pounds per month in Okmulgee County. The costs and resources required to prosecute these cases will be great but Oklahoma's prosecutors face this type of challenge to resources every day as they work to protect Oklahomans.

In September 2012, Steven Wade Bigham was tried by a jury of McIntosh county citizens for the sexual abuse of his stepdaughter. The abuse began when she was three (3) years old and lasted for nearly ten (10) years total. This decade of abuse and horror was put to a stop. The child will never have him to fear again because, due to hard work of police and prosecutors from this Office, he was convicted and sentenced to a total of 44 1/2 years in prison. Unfortunately, she is not the only child victim the State's District Attorneys help and protect every day.

This is what District Attorneys do every day. Bring justice to the citizens of Oklahoma.

Perry Kafer, a career special education teacher in the Glenpool school system, a wife, a mother and two days before her death, a grandmother, was struck by a 3/4 ton truck aimed at her husband as he stood on a road in rural Okmulgee County. She was struck because she was trying to reach her husband, James and push him out of the way of the oncoming vehicle. Unfortunately, she died from her injuries, leaving her family, friends and many families she had touched as an educator behind. It was my honor and duty to prosecute her killer. After a jury trial, the Defendant is now serving twenty-five (25) years in prison for his crime. Like District Attorneys do every day in this State, we were able to see to it that those left behind received justice from this process.

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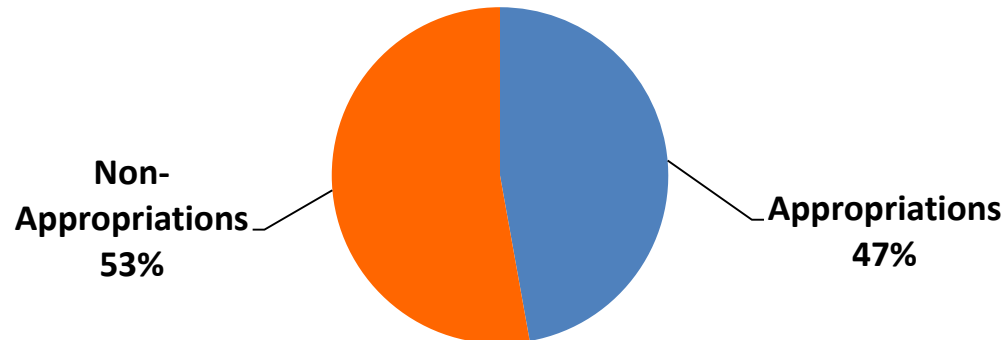
FY 14 Expenditures:	\$83 million
State Appropriations:	\$39 million

- ❑ **State funds less than half**
- ❑ **Seeking 1% of the state budget**
- ❑ **Immediate need of \$15 million to adequately staff offices**
- ❑ **Bogus check still in serious decline**
- ❑ **Supervision fees declining**
- ❑ **991 costs not filling the gap**
- ❑ **Average salary for a prosecutor: \$64,045**

The State funds less than half of DA Offices

- Appropriations fund less than **HALF** of the offices.
- The remainder comes primarily from **self-generated** funding sources.
- These include bogus check, supervision, 991 costs, grants and forfeiture funds.
- Self-generated funds **require staff** to work the programs.
- Bogus check funds continue to **decline**.

District Attorney Budget



OKLAHOMA'S DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

District Attorneys have increasingly become check collectors, probation officers, investigators, grant writers and civil forfeiture attorneys in an attempt to keep the doors open. "Prosecutor" continues to fall further and further down the list.

District Attorneys now begin each day worrying not about the murder case their office will try, but about how they will fund a prosecutor to handle it.

Caseloads are staggering

- ❑ **301** assistant prosecutors
- ❑ **92,042** felony and misdemeanor cases filed in 2013
- ❑ Averages **306 new cases** per lawyer
- ❑ Added to **existing caseload** and duties of those prosecutors, including juvenile cases, traffic dockets, drug court, mental health court and cases, county representation and many others.



Must consider the cost of prison diversion programs

- ❑ Diversion courts can help offenders and keep people out of prison, but they cause an incredible strain on prosecutors' budgets.
- ❑ A prosecutor touches a traditional case file where the defendant enters a guilty plea about **5 times**.
- ❑ A prosecutor touches a drug court file about **57 times**.
- ❑ It takes **four times** the number of lawyers to manage a drug court docket than a traditional plea docket.

District Attorneys fully support the continued use of drug courts and other alternative courts --- but they must be funded.

Prosecutor pay is not competitive

- Average starting salary for a new lawyer is **\$45,000**.
- The average starting prosecutor makes less than a starting OBN or OSBI agent.
- These agents and officers deserve every penny, and so do your prosecutors.
- Prosecutors must have a law degree. The average debt upon graduation of law school is **\$102,000**. Some have student loan payments of **\$770** or more.

Prosecutor pay is not competitive

STARTING SALARIES:

OBN Agent 1: \$46,900
OSBI Agent 1: \$49,125

Assistant District Attorney: **\$44,543**

SALARIES:

OBN Agent 3 over 2 years: \$64,749
OSBI Agent 3 over 2 years: \$63,900

Assistant District Attorney 2 – 4 years: **\$53,239**

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Average Tulsa police officer
compensation is \$72,203, analysis
shows

Assistant District Attorney Average Compensation is

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