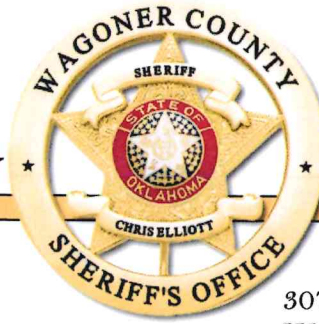


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**Wagoner County Sheriff Chris Elliott's Statement
Regarding Petition for Grand Jury**

As Sheriff of Wagoner County, I want to address the recent citizen-led grand jury petition that sought to investigate alleged misconduct in this office. While the petition ultimately did not receive the number of valid signatures required by law to proceed, I believe it is important to acknowledge the right of Oklahomans to invoke this constitutional process.

The right of Oklahoma citizens to petition for a grand jury is a powerful and essential check on government, enshrined in our state's Constitution. Not only do I deeply respect these rights, I have sworn an oath to support, obey, and defend them. I take that oath seriously and welcome public participation in the democratic process.

An essential safeguard within this process is that petitioners demonstrate substantial community support before a grand jury can be convened. That standard ensures that such serious proceedings are rooted in broad public concern—not simply personal grievances. That threshold was not met in this case, and the judge correctly denied the petition.

While I categorically deny the allegations made in the petition, I want the people of Wagoner County to know I have nothing to hide. Had the petition moved forward, I would have welcomed the opportunity to demonstrate that your Sheriff's Office operates with professionalism, transparency, and integrity. I am confident that any fair and impartial inquiry would have affirmed that truth.

Moving forward, my team and I remain focused on what matters most: serving the people of Wagoner County with honor and dedication. We are committed to earning your trust every day, and to continuing the work we were elected to do—without distraction and with unwavering purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Elliott', written over a horizontal line.

Chris Elliott, Wagoner County Sheriff

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