



PRESS RELEASE- SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN TULSA COUNTY JAIL DAVID MOSS

Tulsa, OK February 16, 2016: "WE THE PEOPLE OKLAHOMA" continues to work on behalf of the people of Tulsa County to keep our elected officials accountable to those they vowed to serve. Recently it has come to the public's attention that former Detention Officer Seth Bowers is alleged to have had sexual contact, including rape, with inmates in the David L Moss jail. Previously the TCSO recommended criminal charges for the alleged sexual assault of a 17 year old girl which included charges of forcible sodomy and rape. Other witnesses described instances in which Bowers exposed himself and displayed other improper forms of behavior. We believe the former District Attorney did not act appropriately when he refused to file charges against the former detention officer. Bowers was instead allowed to resign prior to taking a polygraph test and, in previous depositions, he pleaded the Fifth Amendment when questioned about the girl's allegations.

We are now calling on District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler to do what his predecessor did not and file charges against Seth Bowers. For the crime of rape, forcible sodomy, sodomy, lewd or indecent proposals or acts there is a 12 year statute of limitations from the date of discovery of a crime. We are well within those 12 years and charges should be filed immediately. This is not the first or last incident like this to occur at the jail. There are several documented cases of sexual assault by detention officers and inmates. In 2014 US District Judge John Dowdell believed that information provided to the Department of Justice from the TCSO was misleading and purposely omitted details of sexual assaults not once but twice. In an opinion written by the judge he stated "a reasonable jury could infer that Glanz's and TCSO's policy and practice of housing juvenile female inmates in a wing of the medial unit which was not under direct supervision, had no cameras, and was frequently single-staffed placed those inmates at a substantial risk of sexual assault by Jail staff."

There also have been other abuses including deaths at the jail which has lead us to request the Department of Justice to step in and investigate these and other incidents.

"WE THE PEOPLE OKLAHOMA" will continue to push for transparency and accountability from our public officials. We will continue to work on behalf of the citizens of the great state of Oklahoma because when concerned citizens make their voices heard positive changes can be made.

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