

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLEVELAND COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA



IN RE: DETENTION OF CLEVELAND)
COUNTY ARRESTEES)
IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY JAIL.)

AO-2020-1

STATE OF OKLAHOMA } S.S.
CLEVELAND COUNTY }

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**ORDER SUSPENDING TRANSPORTATION OF
INMATES DETAINED IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY**

NOW, on this 1st day of April, 2020, the following orders are issued:

In the office of the
Court Clerk **MARILYN WILLIAMS**

1. All persons arrested within Cleveland County for crimes allegedly committed and triable within County Cleveland shall be transported to the Cleveland County Detention Center regardless of whether the arresting authority is an agency of the State of Oklahoma, the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, the City of Norman or any other municipal or governmental authority lawfully operating within Cleveland County. Said order is made pursuant to all statutory authority requiring persons to be confined upon arrest and/or the filing of charges in the county in which the offense was committed. See 22 O.S. §1115.1 *et seq*, 22 O.S. §190.1, 22 O.S. §459, *et al*.
2. The long standing practice of certain municipalities within Cleveland County to transport arrestees to the Oklahoma County Jail for offenses allegedly committed and triable within Cleveland County has never been sanctioned nor condoned by the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, the Cleveland County Board of County Commissioners nor the Cleveland County judiciary except as evidenced by any written contract to accept inmates pertaining to the two detention facilities, if any. Absent an agreement to the contrary, the practice shall immediately cease and the detention of any person so arrested shall be conducted according to statute.
3. Due to the global pandemic, the safety of the public, detention facility personnel and inmates supercedes any convenience of an arresting agency who utilize a practice that does not conform to state law. Furthermore, health and safety concerns weigh in favor of suspending the transport of any person held in the Oklahoma County Jail to the Cleveland County Detention Center whether performed by the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office, the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office or by the original arresting agency.
4. Any persons arrested within Cleveland County for crimes allegedly committed and triable within Cleveland County that are booked in at or are currently in the Oklahoma County Jail in contravention of this Order shall remain there unless released on bond by a magistrate of Cleveland County until further order.
5. This Order specifically and directly vacates any prior order with conflicting or contrary provisions.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 1st DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

Thad Balkman, Chief Judge