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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTYRICK WARREN STATE OF OKLAHOMA COURT CLERK

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IN RE: OKLAHOMA COUNTY GRAND JURY

District Court

Case No. GJ-2023-2

FINDINGS AND ORDER

This Court recognizes the confidential nature of the investigation of the Oklahoma County Grand Jury. This Court **FINDS** that pursuant to 51 O.S. § 24A.29, it is necessary in the interest of Justice to remove certain material from the public record and all proceedings of the Oklahoma County Grand Jury, including but not limited to all motions filed in this case docket, or other process including but not limited to grand jury subpoenas, and together with all documents, other material or testimony produced pursuant to Oklahoma County Grand Jury subpoenas contain and reflect confidential grand jury investigation information and as such are not subject to disclosure, other than the following specific items:

- 1. The *Letter* of Honorable Vicki Zemp Behenna, District Attorney requesting the convening of a County Grand Jury, dated August 28, 2023, and filed herein on September 20, 2023;
- 2. The Order Convening County Grand Jury, dated August 31, 2023, filed herein on September 20, 2023; and
 - 3. This Order.

The Court further **FINDS** that the Office of Court Clerk for Oklahoma County should immediately notify the Oklahoma County Office of District Attorney in the event that a subpoena or disclosure request is served on the Office of Oklahoma County Court Clerk from any party in any civil or criminal matter, seeking documents that are in whole or in part obtained in connection with the investigation by the Oklahoma County Grand Jury. When so notified, the Oklahoma County Office of District Attorney will immediately seek a hearing with the Presiding Judge of the Oklahoma County Grand Jury regarding such subpoena or request.

IT IS THREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all witness transcripts,

documents, records or other tangible things obtained pursuant to any Oklahoma County Grand Jury

subpoena shall not be filed with the Office of Court Clerk for Oklahoma County, but shall be maintained

confidential under separate seal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that unauthorized disclosure of any and all grand jury

proceedings, including all motions, grand jury subpoenas, documents, material or testimony, to any person

outside of specifically designated persons within the Oklahoma County Office of Court Clerk, or

specifically designated personnel of the Oklahoma County Office of District Attorney as lawful advisors

to the Oklahoma County Grand Jury, is strictly prohibited. Any and all unauthorized disclosures of such

grand jury proceedings, etc. shall be brought to the attention of the Presiding Judge of the Oklahoma County

Grand Jury as soon as practical, and a hearing regarding same will be promptly scheduled with the Presiding

Judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the confidentiality Ordered herein shall remain in force and

effect until released by Order of the Presiding Judge of the Grand Jury. The proceedings and documents

made confidential by the Order will be released only upon a finding by the Court that the need for disclosure

outweighs the need for grand jury secrecy and the interest of Justice no longer exists. In the event the Court

permits release of proceedings or documents other than those set forth above, the Court will issue an Order

releasing the agency from its obligation to retain specific documents, material or testimony in a restricted

manner.

IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated this 20 day of September 2023.

DISTRICT JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE

OKLAHOMA COUNTY GRAND JURY

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