

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF
OKLAHOMA SITTING IN AND FOR CREEK COUNTY

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER BEERS

ADDR:

DL:

SSN:

DOB:

Defendant(s).

Case No. **CF-2025-161**

FILED IN DISTRICT COURT
CREEK COUNTY SAPULPA OK

MAY 15 2025

TIME 2:00 pm
Amanda VanOrsdol, COURT CLERK

INFORMATION

FOR:

- COUNT 1: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND BATTERY ~ 21 O.S. § 646, a FELONY
COUNT 2: KIDNAPPING ~ 21 O.S. § 741, a FELONY
COUNT 3: TRESPASSING AFTER BEING FORBIDDEN ~ 21 O.S. § 1835, a MISDEMEANOR

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF CREEK:

I, Max Cook, the undersigned District Attorney of said County, in the name and by the authority of the State of Oklahoma, give information that in said County of Creek and in the State of Oklahoma, **JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER BEERS** did then and there unlawfully, willfully, knowingly and wrongfully commit the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND BATTERY ~ a FELONY, on or about the 25th day of March, 2024, by committing an aggravated assault and battery upon one Willard Walbridge, Jr. whom is 76 years old, by means of strength or robust health with force and violence and did thereby inflict assault and battery upon the body of said Willard Walbridge, Jr..

This crime is punishable by up to 5 years in the penitentiary or up to 1 year in county jail or by up to \$500 fine, or both.

COUNT 2: KIDNAPPING ~ a FELONY, on or about the 25th day of March, 2024, by forcibly seizing Willard Walbridge, Jr. and confining him on [REDACTED] Oilton, without lawful authority and with the intent to cause Willard Walbridge, Jr. to be confined/imprisoned against his will.

This crime is punishable by imprisonment for up to 20 years.

COUNT 3: TRESPASSING AFTER BEING FORBIDDEN ~ a MISDEMEANOR, on or about the 25th day of March, 2024, by wrongfully trespassing upon certain real property at the location of [REDACTED] Oilton, without the consent of Willard Walbridge, Jr., the owner thereof, and that said defendant did then and there was on said property without proper authority.

This crime is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or by confinement in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or by such fine and imprisonment.

MAX COOK
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

By: 


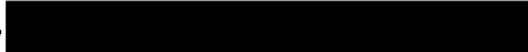
Assistant District Attorney

I have examined the facts in this case and recommend that a warrant do issue.

By: 

Assistant District Attorney

WITNESSES ENDORSED FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Steve Tanner, OSBI, 6600 N. Harvey, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73136
Dru Davis, CREEK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Travis Braswell, CREEK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Alex Short, CREEK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Hailey Rangel, CREEK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Willard Walbridge Jr.
Devin Walbridge
Judy Walbridge
Devin Blackburn
Gregory Smith
Melissa Dennis, 
Josh Jackson
Rajdeep Singh, 

NOTICE OF OPEN FILE

THE PROSECUTION SHALL ALLOW INSPECTION BY THE DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY OF THE FILE CONTAINING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS KNOWN TO THE PROSECUTION, PURSUANT TO TITLE 22 O.S. § 258.

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ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

Defendant,

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AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

The undersigned upon oath deposes and states as follows, to-wit:

1. I am an Agent with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, State of Oklahoma, and have been so since June 5, 2000. Prior to that I was a criminal investigator with the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office beginning on October 1, 1997. I also served 22 years in the United States Air Force with 17 of those years as a law enforcement specialist. During the course of my law enforcement career, I have conducted numerous criminal investigations and I am aware of what is required in order to request an arrest warrant.
2. The information provided in this affidavit is not everything I know about this case, and it is being provided solely to establish probable cause for an arrest of the above-named subject. The alleged crimes occurred within the boundary of Creek County, State of Oklahoma. I have read certain official investigative reports, statements of witnesses, and recordings regarding the above-named subject, and from these statements, reports, and recordings and my own observations and knowledge, it appears as follows:
3. On March 25, 2024, Creek County District Attorney MAX COOK requested OSBI investigative assistance pertaining to the matter involving then Oilton Police Sergeant JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER BEERS, assaulting WILLARD EARL WALBRIDGE, JR., at [REDACTED] outside the city limits of Oilton, in Creek County, Oklahoma.
4. On March 9, 2024, BEERS received a report of solicitors in Oilton which was against city ordinance unless someone had a permit to solicit. BEERS stopped a female in Oilton, and she told BEERS she did not have a permit to solicit. The female identified a vehicle and two others who were also soliciting, but were not with her at the time of the contact. BEERS located the vehicle and two others at WALBRIDGE'S property, [REDACTED], in Creek County, Oklahoma.

5. I reviewed body camera video and observed the following. As BEERS approached the two solicitors, WALBRIDGE approached the officer to see what was going on. WALBRIDGE believed the solicitors were on his property with his (WALBRIDGE'S) permission. WALBRIDGE continually told BEERS they were in the County, and that he wanted BEERS to leave his property. BEERS acknowledged he was in the County but he did not leave. WALBRIDGE kept telling BEERS to leave his property but BEERS refused.
6. While on WALBRIDGE'S property, (not within Oilton Police jurisdiction) BEERS grabbed WALBRIDGE and attempted to handcuff him. It appeared in the video BEERS was attempting to take WALBRIDGE into custody and confine him from free movement, while still on WALBRIDGE'S property. BEERS slammed WALBRIDGE to the ground at which time WALBRIDGE had a heart incident incapacitating him. WALBRIDGE was transported to Cushing Hospital. WALBRIDGE received several bruises from being slammed to the ground.
7. BEERS eventually attempted to file charges against WALBRIDGE for Battery or Assault on a Police Officer, Plans, Attempts, Conspires, or Endeavors to Perform an act of Violence to involve serious bodily harm to another person, and By Means or Violence, resisting any executive office in the performance of his duty. Through my training and experience I know with the filing of a probable cause affidavit for arrest, that meant BEERS did plan on taking WALBRIDGE into custody during the incident in question.
8. On March 29, 2024, I interviewed WALBRIDGE. WALBRIDGE told me on March 9, 2024, some guys came knocking on WALBRIDGE'S door. WALBRIDGE thought it was them (solar panel people), in response to his inquiry with a solar panel company for solar panels (it was solar panel employees). WALBRIDGE had called them (solar panel people) several times but they never called back. (NOTE: Later in the interview WALBRIDGE showed me a call log on his phone that showed the solar panel company called him back from [REDACTED].) The guys started talking to him about solar panels so WALBRIDGE just thought that they found him and sent someone out.
9. WALBRIDGE went out to talk to them, and about that time this officer (later identified as BEERS) showed up and "jumped on them" about having a peddler's license or not. WALBRIDGE went out to tell BEERS they did not need a license because they were on county property and he (WALBRIDGE) had a right to talk to them. WALBRIDGE stated, "That pretty much aggravated me a lot". WALBRIDGE stated like me (TANNER) they were guests on WALBRIDGE'S property. Had BEERS approached WALBRIDGE, and told him what was going on, it would have been different. But for someone to get there and bark orders, WALBRIDGE had no use for that.
10. BEERS told those guys to get in their car and leave, which they did not do, WALBRIDGE got in BEER'S face and told him he was on county property and WALBRIDGE wanted BEERS off of his property. WALBRIDGE did have a bit of a temper and he did not back up for nothing. WALBRIDGE wanted, and told BEERS several times to get off of his property and BEERS did not leave.

BEERS put his hands on WALBRIDGE to cuff him. WALBRIDGE said to BEERS, " You don't put your hands on me, especially not here (WALBRIDGE'S property)". WALBRIDGE said BEERS had a chance to de-escalate at the time he arrived at WALBRIDGE'S property, but BEERS did not. Instead, BEERS continued to bark orders to WALBRIDGE and WALBRIDGE'S visitors.

11. Based on the evidence, it appears that BEERS committed the crimes of Aggravated Assault and Battery upon WALBRIDGE when he slammed him on the ground given WALBRIDGE'S age (76 years old), Kidnapping when he arrested and confined WALBRIDGE and attempted to take him into police custody, and Trespassing After Being Forbidden when BEERS refused to leave WALBRIDGE'S property.

Based on this information, the undersigned prays that this Honorable Court issue a finding of fact that probable cause exists to believe that the crimes of AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, TRESPASSING AFTER BEING FORBIDDEN, and KIDNAPPING has been committed and that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant above named committed those crimes.

Steve Tanner
Affiant

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
COUNTY OF CREEK) SS.

Subscribed and sworn this 14th day of May, 2025.

Diane Miller
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 2-29-25

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The undersigned Judge of this Court, upon sworn testimony and/or Affidavit, hereby determines there to be probable cause to detain the defendant.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Pam Hammers
Judge of the District Court