

**AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN WHETSEL**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA                    )  
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COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA                )

Mr. John Whetsel, a person of lawful age, being duly sworn, under penalty of perjury do state as follows:

1. I was elected Oklahoma County Sheriff and took office and served from January 1997 to March 2017. I served in law enforcement for 50 years.
2. In 1997-1998, the Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office operated the Oklahoma County Jail.
3. The Oklahoma County Jail had a medical unit, and those medical services were provided at the time by Wexford Health.
4. Based on my experience and knowledge of Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office protocols and practices, the Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office would keep two files for an inmate housed in the Jail: (a) the inmate file and (b) the medical file, if applicable.
5. I have reviewed Attachment A, which is entitled “Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office Medical Information Sheet.”
6. Based on this document and my knowledge from operating the Oklahoma County Jail, this form (Attachment A) is documenting that inmate Justin Sneed #97502547 was being transferred from the Oklahoma County Jail to the Department of Corrections on July 8, 1998.
7. The Oklahoma County Jail would have had a file with Mr. Sneed’s medical records in addition to his inmate file. Personnel from the medical unit at the Oklahoma County Jail probably would have filled out Attachment A and placed it into Mr. Sneed’s inmate file. I can tell this was in Mr. Sneed’s inmate file because of the two-hole punches at the top of the sheet which is the way documents were bound in the file folders.
8. The information in the inmate’s file and medical file would be available to the Oklahoma County District Attorney’s Office or the inmate’s own lawyer if either had asked the Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office for access.
9. I recall it was regular practice that some Oklahoma County Assistant District Attorneys would come to the jail to visit inmates, usually either a defendant or a witness in their

case, for an interview and could ask for the inmate's file at that time.

10. It was not the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office's practice or policy at that time to share the inmate's file or medical file with anyone outside of those two categories (prosecution or defense lawyer for the inmate). For example, a separate inmate or co-defendant's attorney could not have obtained access to the inmate's files (inmate file or medical file) without a court order or the subject inmate's express written consent.
11. In our computer system at the time, on the initial screen, the inmate would have had a flag signaling to the Sheriff's Department to look further in the file. Examples of flags in the computer system included "violent," or "mental health."
12. The Oklahoma County Jail medical unit personnel who filled out the top part of the form (Attachment A) regarding "medical problems: bi-polar" and "medications: previous use of Lithium," would have had to look through the Jail medical records for Mr. Sneed to fill out the form with this specific information and confirm the accuracy of the information being reported.
13. Based on my knowledge and experience, the inmate would not be communicating this information.
14. Based on my knowledge and experience, a copy of the Medical Information Sheet (Attachment A) would travel with the inmate to the Department of Corrections.
15. This form (Attachment A) and the information contained in the form served as a warning for the transport and any personnel involved in the transport of the inmate. The specific references here to "bi-polar" and "medications: previous use of lithium" on Attachment A were intended to provide the transport officer (an Oklahoma County Sheriff's Deputy) as well as the Oklahoma Department of Corrections staff relevant information regarding the inmate.
16. The reference to "use universal precaution during transport" was intended to alert the transport officer and the Department of Corrections in case an issue arose, or they needed to take precautions regarding the inmate for their safety or the safety of the inmate. For this reason, it was important for the information in Attachment A to be accurate, as law enforcement relied on the information for these purposes.
17. I recall in 1997-1998, the only psychiatrist at the Oklahoma County Jail at the time was Dr. Lawrence "Larry" Trombka.
18. I recall in 1997-1998, one of the Jail's medical nurses was Jerry Wainscott. I recognize Mr. Wainscott's signature on this form (Attachment A).
19. Based on my knowledge and experience, there would have first been a medical order by a medical doctor (most likely Dr. Trombka) prescribing lithium to Mr. Sneed before the

medical staff administered lithium to him in the jail.

I swear upon penalty of perjury that the statements in the foregoing two pages are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Further, Affiant sayeth naught.

  
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John Whetsel

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.





OKLAHOMA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

MEDICAL INFORMATION SHEET

INTAKE NUMBER: IN97502547 NAME: SNEED, JUSTIN BLAYNE

DOB: 09/22/77

DATE IN CUSTODY: 01/17/97

DATE TRANSFERRED: 07-08-98

GENERAL BEHAVIOR: FAIR

MEDICAL PROBLEMS: BI-POLAR

ALLERGIES: NKDA

MEDICATIONS: PREVIOUS USE OF LITHIUM

REMARKS: USE UNIVERSAL PRECAUTION DURING TRANSPORT

MEDICAL SIGNATURE:

