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Office of the Governor
State of Oklahoma

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Via Email

The Hon. Gentner Drummond
Oklahoma Attorney General
Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General
313 NE 21st St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Re: Potential Ouster of McCurtain County Sheriff

Dear Attorney General Drummond:

Although I have already called for the resignation of McCurtain County Sheriff Kevin Clardy on account of his participation in a disturbing March 6, 2023 meeting of the McCurtain County Commissioners, Sheriff Clardy has publicly refused to resign.

Pursuant to the removal statutes set forth at 51 O.S. §§ 91 *et seq.*, and the specific authority vested in me by 51 O.S. § 94, I hereby request that you, as Attorney General, immediately investigate complaints of official misconduct against Sheriff Clardy. One definition of official misconduct provided in the removal statutes is “[a]ny willful failure or neglect to diligently and faithfully perform any duty enjoined upon such officer by the laws of this state.” 51 O.S. § 93. As I understand it, Sheriff Clardy has, at the least, willfully failed or neglected to diligently and faithfully “keep and preserve the peace” of McCurtain County, which is a duty enjoined upon him by 19 O.S. § 516(A). Should you find that there is reasonable cause for such complaint, I urge you to institute proceedings to oust Sheriff Clardy from office pursuant to 51 O.S. § 94.

The people of Oklahoma, and the citizens of McCurtain County, thank you ahead of time for your immediate attention to this matter. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Stitt".

J. Kevin Stitt
Governor