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## MEDIA ADVISORY: Commissioner Apple, close friend, recovering after successful kidney donation

(Oklahoma City) Corporation Commissioner Ed Apple yesterday underwent kidney donation surgery, donating one of his kidneys to long-time close friend James "Jim" Metzger. The surgery was performed at Integrus Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Urologist and surgeon James Donovan, M.D., performed the removal of the donated kidney from Apple. Urologist and kidney transplant surgeon E.N. Scott Samara, M.D., performed the kidney transplant operation on Metzger.

Commissioner Apple made the decision to be an organ donor for Metzger more than a year ago, after consultation with his family and another close friend, Duncan surgeon Dr. Jimmy Jones.

Apple and Metzger have been the best of friends since they first met in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade of Barnard Elementary in Tulsa. Commissioner Apple resides in Duncan. He will be 70 in November. James Metzger, a retired attorney, is an Edmond resident.

Commissioner Apple's term ends January 13th of next year. He is not seeking reelection.