



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

July 25, 2025

Dear Attorney General Drummond,

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of growing concern in my home county of Wagoner County, Oklahoma.

Over the past several months, local citizens initiated a grand jury petition seeking to investigate District Attorney Jack Thorp and Sheriff Chris Elliott. Their concerns stem from two separate incidents under Sheriff Elliott's leadership, each resulting in the death of an individual while in custody or under law enforcement oversight.

This week, Detective Danny Elliott of the Wagoner County Sheriff's Office obtained a warrant to investigate the petition gatherers, alleging possible criminal activity. This action has raised significant alarm among constituents in my district, many of whom now fear retaliation for exercising their constitutional rights.

In my opinion, this appears to be a clear case of government power being weaponized against the people. Rather than respecting the lawful and constitutional process of petitioning a grand jury, this response seems designed to intimidate and silence citizens who are seeking accountability from their elected officials.

I am deeply concerned that such actions undermine public trust, chill civic engagement, and violate the principles of transparency and accountability that should guide all levels of government.

I respectfully request that your office review this situation and issue an opinion regarding the legality and appropriateness of the warrant issued by Detective Elliott, as well as the conduct of both the Sheriff and the District Attorney in response to the petition effort.

Several constituents have contacted me directly, expressing fear for their personal safety and growing distrust in their local government. I believe this matter warrants independent review at the state level.

For further context, I've included links to relevant news coverage:

- Wagoner County DA challenging grand jury petition (<https://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/wagoner-co-da-challenging-grand-jury-petition-filed-against-him-other-officials>)



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- Commissioners approve settlement after woman's death in jail
(<https://www.newson6.com/story/66f387160c6edac10d5b23a4/wagoner-co-commissioners-approve-multi-million-dollar-settlement-to-womans-family-after-her-death-in-jail>)
- Wagoner County Sheriff's Office targets petitioners in criminal investigation
(<https://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/wagoner-county-sheriffs-office-targets-petitioners-in-criminal-investigation-for-salacious-lies>)
- Video shared on Facebook with further details
(<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19a6G9z8u7/?mibextid=wwXIfr>)

The two referenced cases are those of Angela Liggans and Jeffery Krueger, and I have listed their respective case numbers below along with a link to court documents for Krueger. I have also included a link to the referenced grand jury petition.

- *Estate of Angela Liggans v. Chris Elliott*: **23-CV-139-RAW-GLJ**
- *Krueger v. Board of County Commissioners of Wagoner County*: **CIV-21-044-RAW**; [ORDER by District Judge Ronald A for Krueger et al v. Wagoner County Board of County Commissioners et al :: Justia Dockets & Filings](#)
- <https://nondoc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Wagoner-County-Grand-Jury-Petition-4.24.25.pdf>

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Woolley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Representative Gabe Woolley
Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 98