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# **NOTICE OF TORT CLAIM**

Claimant(s): Tamala Leandra Walker, Female

Address: 2604 Williams Ave., Muskogee, OK. 74401

Brian Lawrence Walker, Male

Address: 2604 Williams Ave., Muskogee, OK. 74401

c/o Lowell G. Howe Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1972 Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402 Phone: (918) 683-5529

Date Cause of Action Accrued: Approx. on about or after August 23, 2023

Causes of Action Alleged: All state and federal claims afforded to Claimant(s): Tamala Walker and Brian Walker ("WALKERS") against those responsible person's, agencies, and entities, in their individual and official capacities, resulting from the tortuous conduct and civil rights

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Fax 918.683.5528 P.O. Box 1972 Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402 violations for wrongful, intentional, reckless and/or or negligent acts and omissions (hereafter "acts and omissions") related to, leading up to and discovered on about or after August 23, 2023.

### Claims:

Claimant(s) asserts claims against the responsible parties including but not limited to:

- 1. Civil rights violations;
- 2. Unreasonable search and seizure;
- 3. Negligence;
- 4. Conversion of property;
- 5. Theft;
- 6. Invasion of Privacy;
- 7. Harassment and Intimidation;
- 8. Failure to supervise, direct and train;
- 9. Any and all other tort claims afforded to Claimant(s) as a result of the wrongful acts and omissions which directly and/or indirectly caused injury to Claimant(s), including but not limited to those herein stated that occurred to (s) caused by responsible person's and parties of the City of Muskogee, County of Muskogee, State of Oklahoma, U.S. Dept of Justice; and
- 10. Any other tort or other claims that the facts of this case warrant discovered during litigation.

### Responsible parties:

The responsible parties<sup>1</sup> that caused (s) injuries/damages alleged herein, include but are not limited to the:

- 1. City of Muskogee;
- 2. Police Chief, Muskogee; in his individual and official capacity;
- 3. County of Muskogee;
- 4. Sheriff of Muskogee County, in his individual and official capacity;
- 5. Muskogee County District Attorney's Office;
- 6. United States Marshall's Service;
- 7. Officers, Deputies, Troopers, or other staff, or police or employees or agents of the responsible parties [John and Jane Does]; and/or
- Any agents or employees of the named responsible parties acting under authority of law and while employed and/or within the scope of their employment with the City of Muskogee, and/or County of Muskogee, State of Oklahoma, and/or United States of America.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Out of an abundance of caution, this notice of tort claim is all encompassing and asserts claims against any and all state and political subdivisions or persons; some may <u>not</u> apply.

## Factual Basis:

The relevant known facts at this time according to best information and belief of Claimants' include but are not limited to the following:

## On or about:

- i. On about August 23, 2023, Law enforcement (City of Muskogee, County of Muskogee, State of Oklahoma, and/or United States of America) actively participated in an arrest warrant for TABRION WALKER.
- ii. The WALKERS did not consent or give law enforcement authority to search.
- iii. However, during the service of the arrest warrant, city, county, state and/or federal law enforcement acting under color of law exceeded their constitutional and legal authority and the scope of the arrest warrant and conducted an invasive and intrusive, and unlawful search without exigent circumstances and beyond that of a protective sweep of the WALKER'S home and their personal property located at 2604 Williams Ave. in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Muskogee County, in which after the search valuable property was missing and/or damage was caused to the WALKER'S property.
- iv. Further, during the execution of the arrest warrant, law enforcement engaged in threatening, intimidating, and harassing conduct against the WALKER's, including threats of arrest for harboring a fugitive without evidence, facts, or a legal basis for doing so.

As result of these wrongful acts and conduct you are subject to federal liability for violating Claimant(s) civil rights. As a result of the alleged wrongful acts and conduct, Claimant(s) suffered physical, mental and/or financial injury and seeks actual and compensatory damages in excess of \$ 75,000.00, and punitive damages in excess of \$ 75,000.00.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that I represent, Claimant(s) in state tort and federal claims. The purpose of this letter is to provide notice of Claimant(s) civil claims against you as dictated by the Political Subdivision and Governmental tort Claims Act, codified in Okla. Stat. tit. 51 Section 156, 157. In compliance with said Act, above I am hereby providing you with the requisite contact information for the Claimant(s). However, I direct that you only contact my firm to discuss this legal matter. I am willing to attempt to resolve this matter amicably. However, in the event that I am not contacted within the ninety (90) day expiration period, five (5) days later, I will deem this claim denied, and will be left with no alternative but to name you in legal actions and proceedings that follow on Claimant(s) behalf.

Further, you are hereby notified that if Claimant(s) (or family or loved ones), suffer any retaliation, harassment, mistreatment, abuse, injury or harm from you, or any City, County, State, and/or Federal employees, which is directly or indirectly related to pursuing this action, he/she/they will seek any and all legal civil and criminal remedies available to him/her/them by the Court. More so, you are hereby notified to preserve any and audio/video evidence recorded using the officer's body cam, dash cam, surveillance, and any other evidence depicting the alleged events that occurred on or about August 23, 2023, or related events including but not limited to administrative and disciplinary proceedings.

If you need to contact my client, arrangements can be made through my office. Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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Lowell G. Howe Attorney at Law

## **CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY**

I, Lowell G. Howe, hereby certify that on day of August, 2024, I SERVED a true and correct copy of the foregoing notice of suit, by personal service and/or with proper postage thereon prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following:

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Muskogee County District Courthouse
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Muskogee Police Department 112 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Muskogee, OK. 74401

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