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Stephens County, Okla.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEPHENS COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
JOSE MARIA DECASTRO, )  
Defendant(s), )

Case No. CM-2025-530

**STATE'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR JUDICIAL RECUSAL**

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma by and through Dan Jacobsma, District Attorney, and in response to the Defendant's Motion For Judicial Recusal, presents the following:

The proper procedure to begin a request a judge to disqualify themselves from a criminal or civil case in Oklahoma is set out in in Title 12, Chapter 2, Appendix-Rules for District Courts in Oklahoma, Rule 15:

Rules for District Courts of Oklahoma

Rule 15. Disqualification of Judges in Civil and Criminal Cases.


a. Before filing any motion to disqualify a judge, an in-camera request shall first be made to the judge to disqualify or to transfer the cause to another judge. If such request is not satisfactorily resolved, not less than ten (10) days before the case is set for trial a motion to disqualify a judge or to transfer a cause to another judge may be filed and a copy delivered to the judge.

The State of Oklahoma is not aware of any in camera request being made to the Court in the case at bar. The Defendant's Motion is premature. In the interests of judicial economy, the State will address the alleged grounds for recusal. There are no grounds for recusal and it appears the Defendant not only is violating Rule 15 but is questioning the Court's credibility based on information that would create the same conflict for every District Judge, Associate District Judge and Special District Judge in the State of Oklahoma.

The State would request the Court deny the Motion for Judicial Recusal even though the procedure in Rule 15 has not been followed.


Respectfully submitted,

DAN JACOBSMA  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

  
District Attorney

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Response to Motion For Judicial Recusal was mailed the Defendant, Jose DeCastro, at P.O. Box 36143; Los Angeles, CA 90019, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2026.

  
Dan Jacobsma  
District Attorney