

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR STEPHENS COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

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Plaintiff

vs.

LESLIE PAUL GARNER

Defendant.

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CF-2024-270

**FILED DISTRICT COURT
Stephens County, Okla.**

JUN 11 2026

**MELODY HARPER
Court Clerk**

**DIRECT CONTEMPT
FINDING OF GUILT AND SENTENCING MINUTE**

Sentencing Date: June 11th, 2026

State's Attorney:

Charles Scifres

District Attorney's Office

Defendant

Leslie Paul Garner

Pro-Se

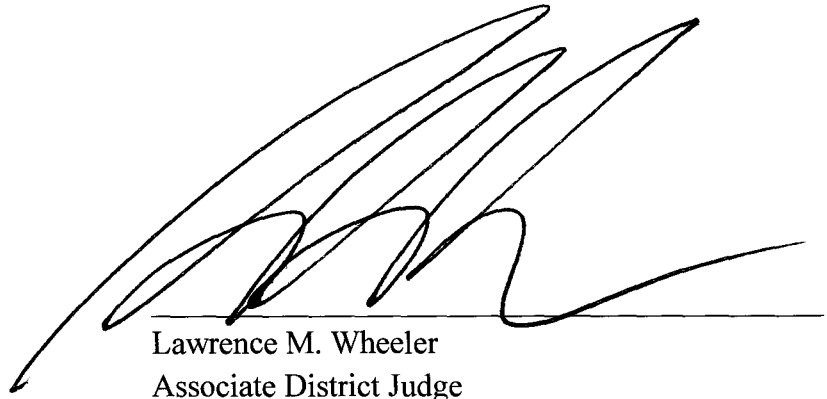
Case came on for evidentiary hearing this 11th day of June, 2026, on the issue of a Direct Contempt of Court finding made by the District Judge, G. Brent Russell, on June 10th, 2026. The State appeared through counsel Charles Scifres and the Defendant appeared in person in a pro-se capacity. The Defendant had been incarcerated since the prior day, June 10th, when the direct contempt finding was made.

The Court swore in witnesses and heard evidence from the State as to the factual allegations of direct contempt from June 10th. The Defendant provided his own sworn personal testimony and called no witnesses. The Defendant was provided an opportunity to cross examine the witnesses of the State. Sworn testimony the Court considered persuasive as to the issue of direct contempt came by way of Judge G. Brent Russell's, and his bailiff, Katelyn Willmon's, testimony that the Defendant called Judge Russell a "piece of shit" as he was leaving felony docket call the prior day. The Defendant did not deny this testimony or allegation when provided an opportunity to testify. The Defendant did testify in several different manners that the justice system is corrupt and he wasn't being given a fair process in the underlying felony case.

The Court found the sworn testimony of Judge Russell and Bailiff Willmon to be credible and persuasive and would have supported a finding of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt on the issue of direct contempt. The general allegations of corruption alleged by the Defendant combined with his complete lack of remorse or apology for his actions the prior day in court were taken into account by this Court in reaching its sentencing finding of 30 days in the county jail plus a \$250 fine and court costs. Defendant shall receive credit for time served of one day for the prior day / evening he already served from the prior day, June 10th.

Defendant was advised of his appellate rights and was then remanded to the custody of the Stephens County Sheriff's Office and the Court was adjourned.

SO ORDERED.



Lawrence M. Wheeler
Associate District Judge