



State of Oklahoma
OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

May 1, 2018

Via facsimile and certified mail

The Honorable Ken Doke, Commissioner
Muskogee County Commissioner District 1
3000 North Street
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74403
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Dear Commissioner Doke:

The Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) is in receipt of a letter dated April 27, 2018 from insurance agent Joshua Hass of the Santa Fe Agency, Inc. memorializing his grave concerns about the door locks at the Muskogee County Juvenile Detention Center.

On April 27, 2018, OJA removed the five juveniles that were placed at the detention center and suspended all new admissions out of an abundance of caution and not based on any particular incident. OJA spoke to Mr. Hass and he stated that once all juveniles are removed, he will cease the insurance coverage of that facility. Per the Contract terms between OJA and the Muskogee County Commissioners, any subcontractor is required to demonstrate the attainment of liability insurance. (Sec. IV Special Terms and Conditions, C) Due to the safety concerns and the lack of insurance coverage, OJA is temporarily suspending the contract with the Muskogee County Commissioners for secure juvenile detention effective May 1, 2018. OJA is temporarily suspending the license with Eastern Oklahoma Youth Services (EOYS) for secure juvenile detention effective May 1, 2018. OJA has ceased admitting juveniles to this facility and will make payment under the payment provisions of the Contract for goods and services rendered before the effective date of suspension.

The Office of Juvenile Affairs will consider reinstatement of the license and contract upon confirmation of the needed repairs. OJA looks forward to working with the Commissioners and EOYS to address these issues.

Sincerely,

Shelley Waller
Deputy Director