

PRESS RELEASE

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INTRODUCTION: EDDY RICE, OKMULGEE COUNTY SHERIFF; JOE PRENTICE, CHIEF, OKMULGEE POLICE DEPARTMENT; ANDY BLIZZARD, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, DISTRICT 25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

These gentlemen are representative members of the District 25 Violent Crime Task Force which is a collaboration of different Law Enforcement Agencies in both Okmulgee and McIntosh Counties. As a result of the members of that task force's hard work and countless man hours, we are here today to announce the filing of charges for those responsible for the triple murder that occurred on September 7, 2019 in rural Beggs.

On that date, a family member went to the residence located at 6450 Lakeview Circle Road only to discover the bodies of Jack Chandler, his wife Kaye Chandler, and the couple's daughter, Tiffany Eichor. Law enforcement was summoned and the District 25 Violent Crime Task Force was activated. The family member that discovered the bodies reported to law enforcement that the family had been having problems with Tiffany's former boyfriend, Barry Titus. Investigation revealed that there were reports of Titus assaulting Tiffany on at least two previous occasions and that felony charges were pending against him in relation to one of those assaults. Further, court records revealed that Tiffany had an active protective order against Titus. The attorney representing Titus in his felony case and his protective order case was Oklahoma City attorney, Keegan Kelley Harroz, who officers later learned was also the wife of Barry Titus. Officers learned that Harroz had a 2010 silver or light colored Lexus sedan registered in her name.

When processing the crime scene, officers discovered all three victims had been shot multiple times with at least two different caliber weapons. It appeared the perpetrators gained entry by kicking in the front door. Multiple shell casings were found at the scene, which were 5.56 caliber and 9 mm.

In further processing of the crime scene, it was discovered that the residence was equipped with a digital video surveillance system which recorded a portion of the events leading up to the homicides. The video revealed the perpetrators arrived in a light colored vehicle and parked in the roadway to the southeast of the residence. Two individuals exited the vehicle; one was obviously male and very tall and the second individual much shorter and smaller than the first. The perpetrators approached on foot and then the video stops. It was also determined the perpetrators pulled the electric meter prior to forcing entry into the residence. Investigators later examined the clock on the stove inside the residence and once power was restored, they discovered that the power was disconnected at 3:04 a.m. Based on that information, investigators believe the murders occurred in close proximity to that time. The vehicle seen in the video is consistent with the car owned by Keegan Kelley Harroz.

Investigators also discovered and collected a dark colored ball cap near the area where the perpetrators parked their vehicle. That ball cap, as well as DNA swabs collected

from numerous other items collected from the scene, were submitted to the OSBI Laboratory for analysis. Investigators later received a notice that the DNA samples taken from the ball cap had been processed and a match was discovered in CODIS (Combined DNA Index System). The sample in the CODIS system was a known sample taken from Barry Titus, II while incarcerated in Colorado and matched the DNA sample taken from the ball cap found at the scene.

Also during the investigation, it was learned that in January, 2019 the Sheriff's Office responded to this address when the homeowners found a suspicious package of a powdery substance under the porch. The substance was seized by law enforcement, and tested for controlled substances which were negative. During the investigation of the homicides, it was discovered that one Jose Uribe, a defendant in a drug trafficking case in Oklahoma County, admitted he had planted this package. He explained that in an effort to obtain a lighter sentence, he had been attempting to work with law enforcement to provide information helpful to the prosecution. He advised that his attorney, Keegan Kelley Harroz, approached him in January, 2019, and asked him to plant what he believed to be methamphetamine at this residence. She explained this was an act of revenge because one of the individuals living at that residence had testified against one of her clients. She also instructed Uribe to contact his handler with the Drug Task Force and advise them drugs were being sold out of this house. As a result of this information, charges were filed on September 13, 2019 in Okmulgee County against Ms. Harroz for Witness Intimidation. She was arrested on the same date. Those charges remain pending.

On this same date, Ms. Harroz's brother, Jacoby Kelley, who lives in Sachse, Texas, contacted local law enforcement and turned over an AR15 rifle that he stated he had reason to believe had been used in a triple homicide in Beggs, Oklahoma. He refused to give any other information or cooperate any further. Officers seized this weapon and ultimately turned it over to the District 25 VCTF. An E-Trace was conducted through the ATF and it revealed the original purchaser of the rifle's receiver was identified. That witness lives in a rural area and has a shooting range on his property. The witness was interviewed and advised he had purchased the receiver and built the rifle, and had sold the rifle to Barry Titus and a female with him later identified as Keegan Kelley Harroz when they came to his property to look at the rifle. He further stated that during the negotiations, both Titus and Harroz fired the rifle. Once the transaction was completed, Harroz retrieved a second AR15 from the vehicle they arrived in, and both she and Titus fired this second rifle with the ammunition they had brought with them. The witness showed investigators where the rifles had been fired and told them no one had fired any other weapons in the area since that time. Officers collected shell casings from the area and found two different kinds of 5.56 ammunition. The shell casings were collected from the witness's property and submitted to the OSBI for analysis and comparison to the shell casings collected at the scene of the murders. It was determined that the shell casings fired from the rifle Keegan Harroz retrieved from the vehicle matched those shell casings seized from the crime scene.

This was a very lengthy investigation that spanned numerous jurisdictions in both Oklahoma and Texas. Countless man hours have been dedicated to this investigation and I applaud the District 25 VCTF for their tireless efforts to bring this case to justice.

As a result of those efforts, we have filed charges against Barry Roland Titus, II., and Keegan Kelley Harroz for the murders of Jack Chandler, Kaye Chandler and Tiffany Eichor. They will both be charged with three counts of pre-meditated murder, and one count of Burglary in the first degree. Arrest warrants were issued earlier today. Both are currently in federal custody, so these warrants will be served upon them while in jail.

I understand this is a high profile case and of great interest to many. However, it is a case that needs to be tried in a court of law and subject to the rules of evidence, not a court of public opinion. The rules of Professional Responsibility limit the information I am able to give out to those facts already a matter of public record. All other facts will be disclosed during the course of the prosecution of this matter.