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## OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS RELEASES TOP 20

**OKC**---The Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) has released the top 20 counties in which restitution collections totaled just over \$300,000. Oklahoma County collections top the list at \$62,315 with Stephens County rounding out the top 20 at \$7,217. This restorative program reflects a strong commitment to victims who have been impacted by juvenile crime and have sustained some type of monetary loss. Restitution is aggressively sought for victims through diversion programs administered by local Juvenile Bureaus, OJA probation and parole offices, Juvenile Services Unit (JSU), or through court orders. It is Juvenile Bureau's and/or OJA's responsibility to work with the juvenile offender and the victim to develop a reimbursement plan either monetarily, through direct service to the victim and/or through completion of community service hours. The data released reflects monetary reimbursement only.

Gene Christian, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs, explained, "Part of a juvenile offenders accountability and treatment plan, where appropriate, can include reimbursement to the victim of a crime the juvenile was either involved in or completely responsible for. We have recently upgraded our management information system allowing us to accurately capture the amount of monetary restitution collected during Fiscal Year 2006. The 2006 monetary restitution total for all 77 counties is \$422,950. We want the public to know about these programs, how juveniles are held responsible for their actions as well as the type of help provided to victims."

The top 20 counties for restitution collections are as follows:

1.) Oklahoma County*	\$62,315	11.) Delaware County	\$ 10,491
2.) Comanche County*	\$35,892	12.) Pottowatomie County	\$ 10,080
3.) Tulsa County*	\$19,052	13.) Garfield County	\$ 9,546
4.) Canadian County*	\$18,873	14.) McCurtain County	\$ 9,250
5.) Carter County	\$14,209	15.) Ottawa County	\$ 9,144
6.) Caddo County	\$14,052	16.) Mayes County	\$ 8,780
7.) Custer County	\$12,327	17.) Garvin County	\$ 8,778
8.) Grady County	\$12,156	18.) Pontotoc County	\$ 8,415
9.) Kay County	\$11,255	19.) Rogers County	\$ 7,586
10.) Cleveland County	\$10,750	20.) Stephens County	\$ 7,217

**TOTAL: \$300,168**

\*These counties include Juvenile Bureau and Office of Juvenile Affairs.