

## *Information Regarding Media Coverage of the **Richard Glossip** Execution Scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015*

OKLAHOMA CITY – Media interested in covering the execution at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015 of Richard E. Glossip at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP) in McAlester must email Oklahoma Department of Corrections (DOC) Public Information Officer Alex Gerszewski **no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28** at [alex.gerszewski@doc.ok.gov](mailto:alex.gerszewski@doc.ok.gov) with the following information:

- The name, title and work address of all personnel attending from the organization of the represented party including drivers and live truck operators
- The number of vehicles including make, model and license plate numbers
- The name of the reporter from the organization to be considered as a media witness to the execution

Failure to provide the listed information or any emails received later than 3 p.m. on Sept. 28 will jeopardize the organization's access to the media center established at Jackie Brannon Correctional Center (JBCC) visitation facility and the witness selection process on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

**All media organizations or representatives who submitted information prior to the original Sept. 16 date must resubmit all required information for the Sept. 30 date.**

On Sept. 30, all personnel in attendance must be able to provide photo identification.

Due to the large volume of requests for access to the media center, seating will be limited and be on a first-come-first-serve basis. The DOC will try to accommodate everyone as best as possible. The DOC is attempting to ensure two seats for every organization. For organizations with more than two representatives, please be courteous to your colleagues.

### **Selection of Media Witnesses**

A total of five media witnesses are allowed to view the execution. One seat is reserved for a local media representative in the community the crime was committed and one seat is reserved for a representative with the Associated Press.

In the case of Richard E. Glossip, the crime was committed in Oklahoma City, therefore interested media witnesses from the Oklahoma City market will be randomly selected by a name draw.

The same name draw process will be used to select the remaining three media witness spots.

The name draw selection process will take place at approximately 2 p.m. at the media center at [1301 N. West St. McAlester, OK 74502-0097](#).

Only one representative from each organization will be permitted to submit a name for the witness draw.

Media witnesses selected must agree to the stipulations outlined in the attached policy. The attached policy must be printed, initialed, signed and brought to the media center on Sept. 30.

The agreement can also be found on the [DOC website](#).

After the witnesses are selected, they will board a DOC van and will be taken to OSP where they will be led into the witness area.

Selected media witnesses will be provided with a pencil and paper. Electronic devices are not allowed.

After the execution, witnesses will be transported back to the JBCC media center.

### **Media Center**

The media center will open at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 30. No access into the building will be allowed after 11:30 a.m. Access to the media center will not be provided prior to 10:30 a.m.

The gates to the facility will be closed at 1 p.m. There will be no movement in or out of the facility until the execution proceedings are completed.

Wi-Fi is not available on the facility grounds.

If anyone from an organization leaves the grounds of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at any point after entering, they will not be permitted back on facility grounds. This does not mean leaving the media center to go to a vehicle or speak with a colleague who is outside.

### **Additional Information**

For more information on the process, procedures and protocol on the DOC execution methods, please visit the department's website at <http://www.ok.gov/doc/>.

There are restricted areas where there is no filming allowed. If an organization films in a restricted area or does not comply with the DOC guidelines, they will be removed from the grounds immediately. Actions taken by an individual will reflect on the represented organization and risk future coverage with the DOC.

The media center will close at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 and everyone will be asked to vacate the premises shortly thereafter.

Any questions can be directed to Alex Gerszewski at the information below.

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