

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to sexual assault victims; directing
8 law enforcement agencies to inform sexual assault
9 victims of the status of certain evidence; allowing
10 for submission of written requests; specifying list
of rights for sexual assault victims; stating intent
of statute; allowing law enforcement to deny
disclosure under certain circumstances; providing for
codification; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 142C-6 of Title 21, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Upon the request of a sexual assault victim, the
19 investigating law enforcement agency shall inform the victim of the
20 status of the sexual assault forensic evidence from the criminal
21 case of the victim. The law enforcement agency may, at its
22 discretion, require that the request by the victim be in writing.
23 The provisions of this subsection shall not require a law
24 enforcement agency to communicate with the victim or the advocate of

1 the victim regarding the status of forensic testing absent a
2 specific request from the victim or advocate of the victim.

3 B. Sexual assault victims have the right to be informed of the
4 following:

5 1. Whether or not a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) profile was
6 obtained from the testing of the sexual assault forensic evidence
7 from the criminal case of the victim;

8 2. Whether or not the DNA profile developed from the sexual
9 assault forensic evidence has been entered into the Combined DNA
10 Index System (CODIS) Database; and

11 3. Whether or not there is a confirmed match between the DNA
12 profile developed from the sexual assault evidence and a DNA profile
13 contained in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Database.

14 C. This section is intended to encourage law enforcement
15 agencies to notify victims of information that is in the possession
16 of the law enforcement agencies.

17 D. This section shall not require the disclosure of evidence,
18 information, or results which would impede or compromise an ongoing
19 criminal investigation.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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