Murphy v. Carpenter: Overview and Implications

Tribal Criminal Justice Systems within the Former Indian Territory
THE CHICKASAW NATION - LIGHTHOUSE POLICE
CROSS-DEPUTIZATION JURISDICTIONS

Other Cross-Deputizations:

Seminole County
Asher Police Dept.,
District #6 - DA’s Office
District #22 - DA’s Office
Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

Choctaw Nation
Madill ISD Campus Police
ECU Campus Police
Murray State Campus Police
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Lexington Police Dept.

Projection: Mollweide, 15° Zone North
Source: Lighthorse Police
Geospatial Information
Base Map: UTM, Mollweide 15°N

Cross-Deputized City
Cross-Deputized County
Chickasaw Nation Boundary
TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS TODAY

• The Five Tribes represent over 750,000 tribal citizens throughout the US.
• The Chickasaw Nation has over 68,000 citizens today.
• The Five Tribes have common interests and formed the Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in 1949.
• Generally, each of the Five Tribes has its own separate Supreme Court with lower courts.
• Specialized courts such as tribal healing to wellness courts and peacemaking courts have been developed.
TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS TODAY

• Currently, 4 of the Five Tribes exercise special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction under VAWA 2013.
• There are 5 tribal bar associations representing the Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), Choctaw, Seminole and Chickasaw Nations which provide various levels of oversight, ethics enforcement and legal education opportunities to members of the tribal bar associations.
CHICKASAW CRIMINAL JUSTICE

• Currently, LPD has cross-deputation agreements with
  • 7 counties
  • 29 municipalities
  • 1 state agency
  • BIA
  • 9 other agencies, including local DA’s offices, ECU
• 2 Jail Contracts; 2 Part-time Judges;
• Average of 65 criminal cases filed per year
# State Prosecutions within 13 Counties - Chickasaw Nation

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Leveraging Law Enforcement Resources
- Leveraging Other Tribal Resources (CLEET)
- Maximize Cross-Deputation Agreements
- Utilize Expanded Definition of Peace Officers and Powers
- Find Allies Within State Agencies and State Courts
- Find Allies Within Federal Agencies and USAO (SAUSA)