

On June 25, deputies from the Wilson County Sheriff's Department transported Chad Christian Lutz, 40, of Topeka, from Shawnee County where he was arrested on a Wilson County probation revocation warrant. He is being held without bond, awaiting first appearance with a Judge.

Officers with the Neodesha Police Department made four arrests on June 25. Those arrested were: Jillian Johnson, 30, Neodesha, who was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, distribution with in 1000ft of a school, endangering a child, criminal possession of a weapon by a felon and no drug tax stamp; Carlos Rafael Santiago, 36, Neodesha, who was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, distribution with

LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in Wilson County Citizen Thursday, June 26, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HERBERT WILLIAM ADAMS, DECEASED

CASE WL-2025-PR-000024

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Heather Harvey, as an heir Herby William Adams, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined on the following described real estate situated in Wilson County, Kansas:

Beginning 272 ft West of the NE corner of the SE¼ of the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 12, Township 29, Range 14, East of the 6th p.m. and running West 67 feet, then North 221 feet, then East 67 feet then South 221 feet, Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block 6, Stiver Addition to the City of Fredonia

And all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the City of Fredonia in Wilson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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in a 1000ft of a school, endangering a child, criminal possession of a weapon by a felon and no drug tax stamp; Edward Arcenio Shields, 35, of Neodesha was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, no drug tax stamp and criminal possession of a weapon by a felon; and Christine Nicole Connelly, 34, of Neodesha, charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and no drug tax stamp.

Johnson was processed and released on a \$2,500 cash/surety bond with a next court appearance date; Santiago was processed and released on a \$20,000 cash/surety bond with a next court appearance date; Shields was processed and released on a \$15,000 bond with a next court appearance date; Connelly was processed and released on a \$15,000 cash/surety bond with a next court appearance date.

Also on June 25, Neodesha police arrested Donlie Andrew Keath, 35, of Neodesha, on charges of possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. He was processed and released on a \$2,500 own recognizance bond with a next court appearance date.

LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in the Wilson County Citizen on Thursday, June 19, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of

NORMAN RAY EISELE, Deceased
WL-2023-PR-000040

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified a Petition was filed on September 7, 2023, in this Court by George Sterling Eisele, praying for the appointment of George Sterling Eisele, as Executor of the Estate of Norman Ray Eisele, and for the issuance of Letters Testamentary.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2239, all creditors of the decedent are hereby notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/GEORGE STERLING EISELE, Petitioner

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ance date.
On June 26, Clayton Maurice Smith, 37, of Neodesha, was placed under arrest at the Wilson County Courthouse for bond revocation. He is being held without bond, with a next court appearance date.

On June 28, the Kansas Highway Patrol arrested Severo Pachacaco, 57, of Emporia, on the charge of driving under the influence. He was processed and released on a \$2,500 own recognizance bond with a next court appearance date.

On June 30, Neodesha police NPD arrested Korey Lee Cook, 37, of Neodesha, on a Wilson County failure to appear warrant, along with a City of Humboldt warrant for failure to appear. He was processed and released on a \$708 cash bond for Wilson County and \$1,000 cash bond for the City of Humboldt.

On July 1, Wilson County Sheriff's deputies transported Jayden Chase Baker, 26, of Chanute from Erie where he was arrested on a Wilson County failure to appear warrant. He is being held on a \$500 cash bond with a next court appearance date.

LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in the Wilson County Citizen on Thursday, July 3, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Robert Walker, next friend and Natural father of Phenix Walker, minor child, PETITIONER,

v. WL-2025-DM-000026

Kiri Boyer, RESPONDENT.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE, CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME AND SUPPORT OF A MINOR CHILD

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a PETITION TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE, CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME AND SUPPORT OF A MINOR CHILD has been filed in the above Court by Robert Walker praying for an order of said Court that Petitioner be granted sole residential custody of the minor child, and for child support for the minor child.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 18th day of August 2025 at 1:15 o'clock p.m. of said day, in the District Courtroom in the Wilson County, Kansas Courthouse in the City of Fredonia, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

/S/ROBERT WALKER, Petitioner

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Leader of Kansas public defender office resigns in face of budget cuts, constitutional crisis

By SHERMAN SMITH
Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — Heather Cessna is resigning as executive director of the state public defender's office after years of warning apathetic legislators about the constitutional crisis they created by persistently underfunding her agency.

Cessna said the Legislature's refusal to adequately support public defense work will result in criminal cases being dismissed because there are no attorneys available to represent impoverished defendants.

"It is not a question of if it will happen," Cessna said on the Kansas Reflector podcast. "It is a question of when and where. And I can tell you we are on the verge of that every single day in every jurisdiction."

Friday, June 27 was Cessna's last day at the Board of Indigents' Defense Services, the public defense agency she has led since October 2019. She is preparing to join the faculty at Washburn University School of Law.

Cessna has appeared annually before the Legislature to warn lawmakers of the inherent constitutional crisis they created by underfunding public defense for 30 years — while prosecutors have enjoyed unchecked power to file more and more criminal cases, she said.

Lawmakers have refused to add sufficient resources to Cessna's budget. This year, they responded to her call to action by cutting her budget by 1.5%.

The U.S. Constitution guarantees defendants the right to legal counsel and a speedy trial, and 84% of adult felony cases in Kansas require appointed counsel.

Cessna's agency employs 300 workers, including defense attorneys, mitigation specialists, investigators and legal assistants. Her office also provides administrative oversight for the 350 private attorneys who are willing to be appointed

ed to cases. Combined, they are expected to handle 30,000 criminal cases per year, Cessna said.

One of the most frustrating parts of the legislative session this year was sitting through some of our budget hearings, where individuals who I've had this conversation with over and over again, who we've filed testimony in front of, we filed reports in front of, we've been very clear at every step along the way that we are in a constitutional crisis right now," Cessna said. "And the fact that we're holding it together with duct tape and bubble gum doesn't mean that it's less of a constitutional crisis."

"And yet, there were conversations during our budget hearings about how, 'Well BIDS is not in a constitutional crisis right now. So how is the impact of this budget decision gonna put them in a constitutional crisis next year?' And it was about all I could do to keep from coming unglued during that conversation, because I don't know how much more clearer I could be about it."

Heather Cessna, former executive director of the Kansas State Board of Indigents' Defense Services, appears at a June 26, 2025, recording of the Kansas Reflector podcast.

Her cries for help were underscored earlier this year when the Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center at Southern Methodist University in Texas released a 23-page report on the public defense crisis in Kansas. The report highlighted the "dire shortage" of public defenders, work stress caused by high caseloads, and the likelihood that the crisis is about to worsen.

The report found that public defenders in Kansas handled an average of 170 cases per year. If they worked 40 hours per week for all 52 weeks of the year, they would spend an average of 12 hours on each case.

"As a result, people accused of crimes in Kansas face tough choices," the report con-

cluded. "Will they languish in jail, waiting for their attorney to have time to defend them? Will they consider pleading guilty despite possible defenses, risking incarceration, fines, and a loss of rights, just to put the criminal court process behind them?"

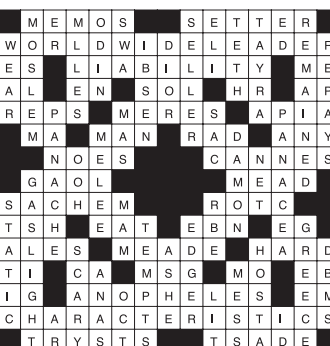
Cessna put it this way: "It has turned into a system where we tend to triage cases instead of actually representing people."

She said the standard to provide minimally competent counsel for a low-level felony case is 33 hours per attorney. The minimal standard for a first-degree murder case would be 240 hours, she said.

"So 12 hours is absolutely a crisis, and that's one of the reasons why we have repeatedly gone over and asked for additional staffing from the Legislature," Cessna said. "Because the truth of the matter is we've got too many cases coming in to these jurisdictions, they're being charged, and we don't have the number of staff that we need to be able to support those caseloads."

She said lawmakers have been unwilling to support public defense in part because "our clients are not the most popular people, and it is not usually a popular topic to add money into criminal defense."

"Now, I will counter that by saying that the vast majority of our clients are presumed innocent, and that's an important thing to remember when we're talking about public defense," Cessna said. "These are people who have not been convicted of a crime."



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4hd,mix,Chanute,435lbs.,\$432	18hd,mix,Thayer,444lbs.,\$395
3hd,bwf,Havana,508lbs.,\$415	21hd,blk,Leon,474lbs.,\$392.50
15hd,blk,Thayer,516lbs.,\$415.50	7hd,Pittsburg,495lbs.,\$369
13hd,mix,UNTN,520lbs.,\$408	7hd,blk,Galena,612lbs.,\$336.00
12hd,mix,Chanute,563lbs.,\$409	25hd,mix,Thayer,553lbs.,\$363.50
14hd,blk,Leon,569lbs.,\$409.50	17hd,blk,Leon,567lbs.,\$361.50
6hd,blk,Thayer,623lbs.,\$378.00	6hd,blk,Galena,612lbs.,\$336.00
4hd,mix,Havana,650lbs.,\$368	4hd,blk,Coffeyville,649lbs.,\$339.00
30hd,blk,Eureka,702lbs.,\$337.00	40hd,blk,Moran,651lbs.,\$333.50
31hd,blk,CFVL,703lbs.,\$341.75	3hd,blk,Havana,665lbs.,\$330.00
18hd,blk,Indy,711lbs.,\$343.75	10hd,blk,Sedan,679lbs.,\$330.00
7hd,mix,YC,730lbs.,\$330.50	5hd,blk,Havana,723lbs.,\$316.00
8hd,blk,Havana,756lbs.,\$330.50	
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