

SHORT TITLE: Notoriety-for-profit; custody and distribution of proceeds from sale of rights arising from criminal act; giving victims priority claim to proceeds and profits; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 310

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to notoriety-for-profit; amending 22 O.S. 1991, Section 17, which relates to custody and distribution of proceeds from sale of rights arising from criminal act; deleting language; modifying language; expanding source of profits from crime; requiring profits be forfeited except under certain conditions; providing criminal penalty for failure to comply; giving victims priority claim to proceeds and profits; stating other priority payments; expanding statute of limitations for civil suit; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 1991, Section 17, is amended to read as follows:

Section 17. A. Every person who has been charged, convicted, has pled guilty or has pled nolo contendere to any crime, hereinafter referred to as the defendant, who contracts to ~~re-enact such crime by the use of any movie, book, newspaper, magazine article, radio or television presentation, live entertainment of any kind, or from the expression of his thoughts, opinions or emotions regarding such~~ receive any proceeds or profits from any source, as a direct or indirect result of the crime or sentence, or the notoriety

which the crime or sentence has conferred upon the defendant, shall
forfeit the proceeds or profits as provided in this section;
provided, however, proceeds or profits from a contract relating to
the depiction or discussion of the defendant's crime shall not be
subject to forfeiture unless an integral part of the work is a
depiction or discussion of the defendant's crime or an impression of
the defendant's thoughts, opinions, or emotions regarding the crime.
All parties to a contract described in this section are required to
pay to the district court wherein the criminal charges were filed
any ~~money~~ proceeds or thing of value ~~contracted~~ which pursuant to
the contract is to be paid to the defendant. The district court
shall deposit ~~such monies~~ in an escrow account any proceeds received
pursuant to this section and the proceeds shall be for the benefit
of and payable to ~~any victim~~ victims of the crime or ~~his~~ the legal
representative of any victim of ~~erimes~~ the crime committed by the
defendant. Any person violating the provisions of this section
shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished
by a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and not
to exceed three times the value of the proceeds of the contract, or
by imprisonment not exceeding ten (10) years in the custody of the
Department of Corrections, or both such fine and imprisonment.

B. ~~Payments from the account shall be made to the defendant~~
~~upon an order of the judge of the district court wherein the charges~~
~~were filed upon showing that the money or thing of value shall be~~
~~used for the exclusive purpose of retaining legal representation for~~
~~the defendant at any stage of the proceedings arising out of a~~
~~criminal charge, and that the defendant would otherwise be unable to~~
~~afford adequate representation.~~

C. Payments from the escrow account shall be used to satisfy
any judgment rendered in favor of a victim or ~~his~~ a victim's legal
representative, ~~provided said victim brings;~~ to pay restitution and
other payments, reparations or reimbursements ordered by the court

at the time of sentencing; to pay every cost and expense of incarceration and treatment authorized by law as a cost of the defendant; and to pay court costs. A victim or the legal representative of a victim must file a civil action, in a court of competent jurisdiction, to recover money against the defendant or his the defendant's legal representatives representative within ~~five~~ seven (7) years of the filing of the criminal charges against the defendant. The victims and the legal representative of a victim of the crime shall have a priority interest in any proceeds or profits received pursuant to the provisions of this section. If no victim or legal representative of a victim has filed a civil suit within ~~five~~ seven (7) years from the filing of the criminal charges against the defendant, any money ~~remaining~~ in the escrow account shall be paid over (1) for restitution; (2) for any fine and payments ordered in the sentence; (3) for the costs and expenses of incarceration; (4) for court costs; and (5) any remaining money to the Victims' Compensation Revolving Fund. Upon disposition of charges favorable to the defendant, any money in the escrow account shall be paid over to the defendant.

~~D.~~ C. The district court wherein the criminal charges were filed shall, once every six (6) months for ~~five~~ seven (7) years from the date ~~the~~ any money is deposited with the court, publish a notice in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in each county of the state in accordance with the provisions on publication of notices found in Sections 101 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, notifying any eligible victim or legal representative of an eligible victim that monies are available to satisfy judgments pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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