



House of Representatives
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Via Email

Attorney General Gentner Drummond
Office of the Attorney General
313 NE 21st Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Attorney General Gentner Drummond:

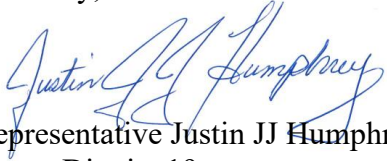
On October 31, 2025, Oklahoma Watch released a news article stating that approximately April 3, 2025, Steven Harpe, former director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, entered into a one-year \$1,017 million contract with an AI company, LEO Technologies. The article reports six months later on Oct. 3, 2025, Harpe posted he had accepted the position of chief product officer at LEO Technologies. The Oklahoma Watch article indicates the attorney general's office is responsible for investigating and holding officials accountable for these types of law violations.

In the past, you have ignored my request to investigate Steven Harpe for giving himself a \$90,000 raise. I have checked and found no authorization for such a remarkable increase in salary. I submitted an open records request to the Department of Corrections asking for any authorization to allow the \$90,000 raise. The Department replied no documents were available. Awarding oneself \$90,000 extra pay would certainly appear to meet the requirements for embezzlement. The director's pay before the dramatic increase was \$185,000. Harpe increased his pay to \$275,000, one of the highest salaries for a correctional director in the nation. Harpe had no experience, no training and no education in corrections, yet he received one of the top salaries for correctional pay in the nation. In comparison to other state corrections departments, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections would be one of the smaller departments. These factors establish credible evidence that Steve Harpe embezzled and was unjustified in giving himself a \$90,000 raise.

When Steven Harpe was the executive director of the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Service (OMES), there were reports of missing finances and the scandal of Swadley Bar-B-Q. Despite his disgraceful behavior, Harpe was appointed to manage the Department of Corrections.

Harpe removed experienced employees and replaced those employees with his close, zero-experienced extremely overpaid friends. He has abused his position to enrich himself and his friends. I believe Oklahomans are sick of political appointees, district attorneys, court officials and others receiving special treatment and favors. I hope you will use your office to hold Steven Harpe accountable for his illegal actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Justin JJ Humphrey". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and "H".

Representative Justin JJ Humphrey
House District 19