Sallisaw, Oklahoma fires former police officer Billy Oliver, again



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Former Sallisaw Police Officer Billy Oliver has been fired for a second time by the city of Sallisaw, according to city manager Keith Skelton.

According to a news release sent to 40/29 News, Oliver's employment was terminated Monday, Jan. 31, after his law enforcement certifications were revoked by the Council on Law Enforcement and Training. According to Oklahoma state law, all permanent full-time law enforcement officers must be certified by CLEET.

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Oliver was originally fired from the Sallisaw Police Department in 2020 over excessive use of force and other allegations.

Oliver's Past

Oliver was initially fired in 2020 over excessive use of force and other allegations, but a mediator ordered Oliver to be reinstated as long as Oliver could carry a weapon.

Currently, a protective order is in place against Oliver, filed on behalf of a woman who alleged Oliver raped her. According to the district attorney, the allegations were reported to federal authorities since Oliver is a member of a Native American tribe. Oliver has not been charged with any crime in relation to the rape allegations.

In November, a Sequoyah County judge modified the protective order against Oliver that had previously prevented him from possessing firearms.

Skelton told 40/29 News following the hearing, Oliver was reinstated as a city employee and immediately placed on paid leave pending CLEET recertification.