

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 21: Crimes and Punishments
Part II. Crimes Against Public Justice
Chapter 12: Escapes and Aiding Therein
§ 440. Harboring criminals and fugitives—Penalty

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A. Any person who shall knowingly feed, lodge, clothe, arm, equip in whole or in part, harbor, aid, assist or conceal in any manner any person guilty of any crime, or outlaw, or fugitive from justice, or any person seeking to escape arrest for any crime committed within this Nation or state, jurisdiction or territory, shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for a period not exceeding three (3) years, or by a fine of not more than Fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person who has reason to believe that a sex offender is in violation of the registration requirements of the Sex Offenders Registration Act and who has the intent to assist the sex offender in eluding arrest, to do any of the following:

a. Withhold information from, or fail to notify, a law enforcement agency about the noncompliance of the sex offender with the registration requirements of the Sex Offenders Registration Act, and, if known, the whereabouts of the offender;

b. Harbor, attempt to harbor, or assist another person in harboring or attempting to harbor, the sex offender;

c. Conceal, or attempt to conceal, or assist another person in concealing or attempting to conceal, the sex offender; or

d. Provide information to a law enforcement agency regarding the sex offender that the person knows to be false information.

C. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of subsection B of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Historical Data

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