

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 21: Crimes and Punishments

Part VII. Crimes Against Property

Chapter 70: Other Offenses Against Property Rights

§ 1959. Subpoenas prior to commencement of proceedings--Noncompliance-

Misdemeanor

Cite as: 21 CNCA § 1959

A. When any person has engaged in, is engaged in, or is attempting or conspiring to engage in any conduct constituting a violation of any of the provisions of Section 1953 of Title 21 of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated, the Cherokee Nation Attorney General may conduct an investigation of the activity. On approval of the district judge, the Attorney General, in accordance with the provisions of Section 258 of Title 22 the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated and pursuant to the provisions of the Cherokee Nation Computer Crimes Act, is authorized before the commencement of any civil or criminal proceeding to subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, examine them under oath, or require the production of any business papers or records by subpoena duces tecum. Evidence collected pursuant to this section shall not be admissible in any civil proceeding.

B. Any business papers and records subpoenaed by the Attorney General shall be available for examination by the person who produced the material or by any duly authorized representative of the person. Transcripts of oral testimony shall be available for examination by the person who produced such testimony and their counsel.

Except as otherwise provided for in this section, no business papers, records, or transcripts or oral testimony, or copies of it, subpoenaed by the Attorney General shall be available for examination by an individual other than another law enforcement official without the consent of the person who produced the business papers, records or transcript.

C. All persons served with a subpoena by the Attorney General pursuant to the provisions of the Cherokee Nation Computer Crimes Act shall be paid the same fees and mileage as paid witnesses in the courts of this state.

D. No person shall, with intent to avoid, evade, prevent, or obstruct compliance in whole or in part by any person with any duly served subpoena of the Attorney General pursuant to the provisions of this section, knowingly remove from any place, conceal, withhold, destroy, mutilate, alter, or by any other means falsify any business papers or records that are the subject of the subpoena duces tecum.

E. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty, upon conviction, of a misdemeanor.

Historical Data

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