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SORNA Substantial Implementation Review Kaw Nation of Oklahoma

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) would like to thank the Kaw Nation for the extensive work that has gone into its effort to substantially implement Title I of the Adam Walsh Act, the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). The SMART Office has completed its review of the Kaw Nation's SORNA substantial implementation packet and has found that the Kaw Nation has substantially implemented SORNA.

On May 23, 2011, the Kaw Nation submitted a substantial implementation package that included several exhibits, including background information on the Kaw Nation and its criminal justice system, courts, and police department; policies and procedures regarding sex offender registration; the Kaw Nation's sex offender registration law; and other relevant additional laws. They provided forms and memoranda of agreement with other law enforcement agencies. In addition, the SMART Office had email and telephone correspondence with Bernadette Hicks, Grants & Contracts Director, and Dan Tebow, Chief of Police Kaw Nation.

Our review of these materials follows the outline of the SMART Office Substantial Implementation Checklist-Revised, which contains 14 relevant sections addressing the SORNA requirements. Under each section, we indicate that the Kaw Nation meets the SORNA requirements of that section.

I. Immediate Transfer of Information

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

II. Offenses that Must Be Included in the Registry

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

III. Tiering of Offenses

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

IV. Required Registration Information

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

V. Where Registration is Required

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

VI. Initial Registration: Timing and Notice

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

VII. Initial Registration: Retroactive Classes of Offenders

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

VIII. Keeping the Registration Current

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

IX. Verification/Appearance Requirements

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

X. Public Registry Website Requirements

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

XI. Community Notification

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

XII. When a Sex Offender Fails to Appear for Registration

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

XIII. When a Jurisdiction has Information that a Sex Offender may have Absconded

The Kaw Nation meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

XIV. Other Considerations

The Kaw Nation's substantial implementation submission followed very closely with the model code and their policy and procedures outline all required procedures. All of the omissions or issues have been taken care of by the Kaw Nation and are reflected in pages amended to the binder or in emails in the cover of the Substantial Implementation Package.

Conclusion

The Kaw Nation of Oklahoma has put forth exceptional work and effort in adopting SORNA and enhancing its sex offender registration and notification system.