

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 3009

By: Terrill, Roan and Condit of  
the House

and

Johnson (Rob) and McAffrey  
of the Senate

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending  
21 O.S. 2011, Section 701.7, which relates to the  
crime of murder in the first degree; expanding scope  
of crime; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Murder in the first degree

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 701.7, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 701.7 A. A person commits murder in the first degree  
when that person unlawfully and with malice aforethought causes the  
death of another human being. Malice is that deliberate intention  
unlawfully to take away the life of a human being, which is  
manifested by external circumstances capable of proof.

B. A person also commits the crime of murder in the first  
degree, regardless of malice, when that person or any other person  
takes the life of a human being during, or if the death of a human  
being results from, the commission or attempted commission of murder  
of another person, shooting or discharge of a firearm or crossbow  
with intent to kill, intentional discharge of a firearm or other  
deadly weapon into any dwelling or building as provided in Section  
1289.17A of this title, forcible rape, robbery with a dangerous  
weapon, kidnapping, escape from lawful custody, eluding an officer,

first degree burglary, first degree arson, unlawful distributing or dispensing of controlled dangerous substances, or trafficking in illegal drugs.

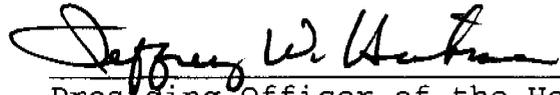
C. A person commits murder in the first degree when the death of a child results from the willful or malicious injuring, torturing, maiming or using of unreasonable force by said person or who shall willfully cause, procure or permit any of said acts to be done upon the child pursuant to Section 843.5 of this title. It is sufficient for the crime of murder in the first degree that the person either willfully tortured or used unreasonable force upon the child or maliciously injured or maimed the child.

D. A person commits murder in the first degree when that person unlawfully and with malice aforethought solicits another person or persons to cause the death of a human being in furtherance of unlawfully manufacturing, distributing or dispensing controlled dangerous substances, as defined in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, unlawfully possessing with intent to distribute or dispense controlled dangerous substances, or trafficking in illegal drugs.

E. A person commits murder in the first degree when that person intentionally causes the death of a law enforcement officer ~~or~~, correctional officer, or corrections employee while the officer or employee is in the performance of official duties.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2012.



Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 17th day of April, 2012.



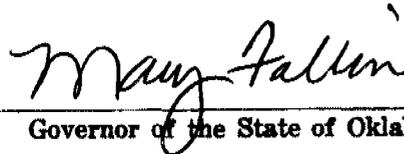
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**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Received by the Governor this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 20 12,  
at 1:03 o'clock PM.

By: Jessica B. Poyers

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma the 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 20 12, at 3:01 o'clock PM.



Governor of the State of Oklahoma

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

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24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 20 12,  
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By: Michelle R. Day