



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

**Re: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, LLC and Tate Music Group, LLC**

Dear author and/or artist,

The Consumer Protection Unit of the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office has filed multi-count criminal cases against Richard and Ryan Tate, the principals of Tate Publishing & Enterprises, LLC ("Tate Publishing") and Tate Music Group, LLC ("TMG") which allege the defendants have committed various counts of Embezzlement, Extortion, Attempted Extortion, and Racketeering Activity.

The defendants ceased operations on January 17, 2017, and have plead not guilty to the charges filed by the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office.

**The Defendants have informed** the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office that any and all contractual agreements between Tate Publishing authors and TMG artists have been terminated and that Tate Publishing and TMG no longer claim any interest in, or rights to, any of its respective authors' and artists' projects, including, but not limited to, books, audiobooks, artworks, music, and videos.

DISCLOSURE

The Oklahoma Attorney General's Office has collected some authors' and artists' files from the defendants. The defendants claim they are incapable of returning all authors' and artists' files. Some of those returned have been incorrect, incomplete, corrupted, or otherwise defective. The Oklahoma Attorney General's Office can provide no assurances as to the quality of the files returned by the defendants, nor may any statement herein be construed as legal advice to any party.