

Description of Federal Crimes

Table 1 (Page 1 of 4). Abbreviations Used In The Fort Smith Criminal Cases Index:

Crime	Definition
Adultery	Adultery.
Aid Escape	Helping a prisoner escape from jail. Rescue U.S. prisoners.
Arson	Set fire to a building, haystack, etc.
Arson/Assault	Set fire to a building, haystack, etc. and Assault. (listed as one charge on the case)
Assault	Assault with intent to kill or murder. Assault with a knife, gun, etc. Threaten to kill. Attempt to kill.
Assault/Larceny	Assault and Larceny. (listed as one charge on the case)
Assault/Liquor	Assault and Liquor. (listed as one charge on the case)
Assault/Obstruct Mail	Assault and at the same time knowingly and willingly obstruct and retard the passage of of the mail. (listed as one charge on the case)
Bigamy	Having two or more spouses at the same time.
Bribery	Bribing a witness or an officer. Corruptly influence an Officer of the U.S. Taking a Bribe.
Child Custody	Child custody.
Conspiracy	Conspiracy.
Contempt	Contempt of court.
Counterfeit	Passing or making counterfeit bills.
Counterfeit/Larceny	Counterfeiting and Larceny, usually buying goods or animals with counterfeit bills. (listed as one charge on the case)
Debt	Default on a loan of money.
Deface	Mutilate or deface US coin or money.
Disbar	Remove lawyers license.
Disrupt	Disrupting or disturbing anything!
Embezzle	Embezzle money from an individual or business.
Enslavement	Involuntary servitude.
Escape	Escaped from jail or custody.
Exposure	Indecent exposure.
Extortion	Extorting money from an individual or business.

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False Claim	Filing a false claim against U.S. Government.
Forgery	Forging U.S. Vouchers. Altering records or writing.
Fornication	Illicit sexual intercourse between two unmarried people.
Fraud	Fraudulent activity (i.e. cheat, swindle). Defrauding creditors.
Gaming	Gambling on a card game. Bet money and other valuable things on a game of cards called poker and/or on a game of hazard or skill at dice called craps.
Homestead	Obstructing homestead entry.
Impede Justice	Impede justice. Interfere or obstruct the law or a law officer. Failure to serve subpoena.
Impersonate	Impersonating an officer.
Incest	Incest.
Intimidate	Intimidating a witness. Corruptly influencing a witness.
IRL	Internal Revenue Law, no other information.
Keep Peace	Proceedings to "Keep the Peace".
Kidnapping	Unlawfully and against their will and consent, detain and restrain a person of their liberty.
Larceny	Stealing horses, cows, pigs, money, etc. Theft of anything!
Larceny/Arson	Stealing horses, cows, pigs, money, etc. and Arson. Theft of anything and Arson. (listed as one charge on the case)
Larceny/Bribery	Stealing items and then offering the person money.
Larceny/Liquor	Theft of anything and Liquor. (listed as one charge on the case)

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Crime	Definition
License	Internal Revenue Law - No license for: Being a photographer. Following the occupation of a lawyer. Herding cattle in Indian Territory. Introducing fur trading and goods into Indian Territory. Keeping a "Jack" for the use of mares and receiving pay. Keeping a stallion for the use of mares and receiving pay. Manufacturing cotton. Mining. Operating a store. Piloting a boat. Practicing or selling medicine. Running a butcher shop. Running a hotel. Selling broken packages of fish. Selling stock. Wholesale dealer of oleomargarine.
Liquor	Introducing liquor in Indian Territory. Illicit distilling. Internal Revenue Law - Selling liquor without a license.
Liquor/Tobacco	Internal Revenue Law - Selling liquor and tobacco without a license.
Maim	Cause injury.
Manslaughter	Manslaughter.
Marriage	Marriage License recorded in court records.
Mayhem	Causing a disturbance.
Misprison	Maladministration of public office.
Murder	Murder.
Obscene Mail	Sending obscene material in the U.S. Mail.
Obstruct Mail	Obstructing U.S. Mail.
Obstruct RR	Obstructing railroad.
Open Mail	Opening U.S. Mail.
Perjury	Perjury.
PO Defraud	Post Office mismanaged causing debt. Using the mail for the purpose to defraud a person or business.
Postal Law	Violation of U.S. Postal Statutes.
Quarantine	Violation of quarantine law by transporting diseased cattle.
Rape	Rape.
Resist Arrest	Resisting arrest. Resist due process of the law. Resist an officer.
Rob Mail	Steal or embezzle U.S. Mail.

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Crime	Definition
Rob Post Office	Steal and carry away stamps, stamped envelopes, money, etc. belonging to the U.S. Post Office.
Sci Fa	Person did not show up for trial. Property is being attached by the Court to satisfy the appearance bond. The person and the people putting up the bond are listed as defendants.
Seduction	Seduction of a minor.
Slander	Slander.
Stolen Property	Knowingly receiving stolen goods. Purchasing equipment from U.S. soldiers. Passing stolen pension drafts or checks.
Tax Debt	Owe the U.S. Government tax money.
Threat	Threaten to kill cattle. Threaten to injure or kill.
Timber	Cutting timber on government land.
Tobacco	Internal Revenue Law - Selling tobacco without a license.
Treason	Treason.
Trespass	Trespassing on private or government land.
Unknown	Subpoena only, no charge mentioned. Appearance Bond only, no charge mentioned.
Unlawful Weapon	Carrying a gun when not an officer or on own property. (Violation of Sec. 1907 Chapt 45, Mansfield Digest)
Voting Rights	Enforcement Act Violations.
Items not entered:	Death of witness is entered under name of the person on trial, if known. Oath of Office, Deputy Marshall, is put in a separate file. Request for new trial is not entered because it is usually filed with the old trial.