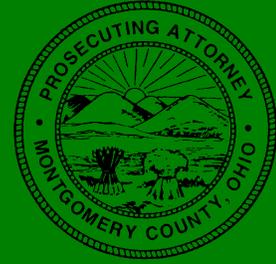


The Prosecutor's Report



December 2019

from Mat Heck, Jr., Prosecuting Attorney

The Prosecutor's Report is the monthly newsletter to the community from the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office.

If you would like additional information on any of the topics discussed, or have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Mr. Greg Flannagan, Public Information Officer, at 937-225-5610 or via email to info@mcpo.com.

Sentencings

In November, 2019, we disposed of 223 cases. The Judges sentenced the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 48.0% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 25.1% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 23.3% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 3.6% received local jail time, or local jail time plus probation

Some notable sentences:

- 11/21/2019 - **D'Ablo McConnell** was sentenced to 18 years in prison and was designated a Tier III Sex Offender after being convicted of four counts of kidnapping, two counts of rape, two counts of aggravated robbery, and one count each of attempted rape, robbery, and assault. On October 18, 2018, the defendant kidnapped and raped a pizza delivery driver at gunpoint. Later that same day, another pizza delivery driver was kidnapped, but as the defendant was about to sexually assault her, she was able to escape. After those incidents occurred, police were able to identify the defendant as having robbed a third pizza delivery driver a week earlier. Ms. Kelly Madzey and Ms. Alissa Schriener were the assistant prosecutors on the case.

Recent Staff Additions

COURTNIE L. FIELDS

On November 18, 2019, Ms. Courtnie L. Fields joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Child Protection Unit of the office.

Courtnie received her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Wright State University in Beavercreek, Ohio in 2016. She received her law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law in the Spring of 2019.

Courtnie was an intern in our office from September 2018 to May 2019. She previously was an intern at the City of Dayton Prosecutor's Office in 2016.



MORGAN L. McCONNELL

On November 18, 2019, Ms. Morgan L. McConnell joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Child Protection Unit of the office.

Morgan received her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 2015. She received her law degree from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law in the Spring of 2019.

Morgan was a Law Clerk in our office during the summer of 2017. She also previously served as an intern at the Family Violence Prevention Center in Xenia in 2015.



JAMIE J. RIZZO

On November 18, 2019, Mr. Jamie J. Rizzo joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Appellate Division of the office.

Jamie received his undergraduate degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice from the University of Akron in 2016. He received his law degree from the University of Akron School of Law in the Spring of 2019.

Jamie was enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 2009 to 2013, and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011.



ArriveSafe Program a Success Over Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend

Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, over 170 Montgomery County residents received a free cab ride home, thanks to the ArriveSafe Program.

First offered in 2007, the ArriveSafe Program was created because of the frustration that Prosecutor Heck felt about drunk drivers. One of his assistant prosecuting attorneys, and her husband, had been recently hit head-on by a drunk driver. They suffered significant injuries and had a lengthy recovery.

The program operates very simply - the rider calls 449-9999 and requests a free cab ride home. The operator gets the caller's name, phone number, and the address of the pick-up and drop-off locations. The operator then relays the call to one of the cab companies we utilize. As long as the total cost of the cab ride is less than \$50.00 the rider pays nothing.

While removing impaired drivers from our streets is the best part of the program, the second best part is that it is offered at no cost to the taxpayer. The program is completely paid for through the use of money seized from drug dealers and financial support from AAA and Budweiser through Heidelberg Distributing.

Since December 2007, the ArriveSafe Program has given nearly 7,500 free cab rides to drivers who believed they should not drink and drive. While it is impossible to know how many crashes, injuries, and deaths have been prevented, there is no doubt that the program has benefited all of the citizens of Montgomery County.

The ArriveSafe program will be offered over the upcoming Christmas and New Years holidays. The program will be active from Noon, December 24, 2019 through 6:00 am December 26th, and again from Noon, December 31, 2019 through 6:00 am January 2nd.

Prosecutor Heck said, "Add ArriveSafe's number, 937-449-9999, to the contacts in your phone. Even if you don't require a safe way to get home over the holidays, you may know someone who does. Remember, the life you save may be your own!"

 *Arrive Safe*



If you celebrate the holidays with alcohol,
Santa won't take you home for free, but *ArriveSafe* will!

449-9999

12 PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 TO 6AM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

12PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 TO 6AM THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

For Montgomery County residents - up to a \$50 fare

The Life You Save May Be Your Own!



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Victim Advocate Regina Hankins Retires After 27 Years of Service

On November 21, 2019, Ms. Regina Hankins retired from our office after 27 years of service. Regina was hired as a Diversion Officer and started on June 8, 1992. Eventually, she expressed interest in helping victims by becoming a Victim Advocate. When that opportunity became available, Regina applied for the position and was accepted. She started her career as a Victim Advocate on April 15, 1996.

Over the many years Regina was a Victim Advocate, she was involved in many projects. Regina was the primary group facilitator for the Felony Victim Support Group. Regina worked with (former) Montgomery County Common Pleas Court Judge A.J. Wagner in creating an interactive workbook for children who were witnesses in criminal cases.

Regina developed a guideline to assist the Victim/Witness Division clients in the preparation of their victim impact statements, which is still used today.

Sandy Hunt, the Director of our Victim/Witness Division said, "Regina is an excellent advocate and her presence will be missed. She is extremely approachable and was always willing to assist her co-workers."

Prosecutor Heck added, "I am extremely happy for Regina as she moves to the next part of her life. She will certainly be missed by our staff and by many of the victims she has assisted over the years. We wish her the best in whatever she decides to do next."



Pictured: Regina (middle) and her husband Don (left) and Prosecutor Heck.

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