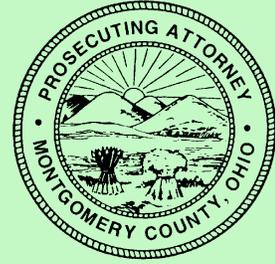


The Prosecutor's Report

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from Mat Heck, Jr., Prosecuting Attorney



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

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Sentencings

In January, 2020, we disposed of 293 cases. The Judges sentenced the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 42.7% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 25.9% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 22.2% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 9.2% received local jail time, or local jail time plus probation

Some notable sentences:

- 1/8/2020 - **Jazzmon Brooks** was sentenced to 18 years-to-life in prison after being convicted of murder, tampering with evidence, gross abuse of a corpse, and having weapons while under disability. On September 22, 2018, Dayton police responded to an apartment on Hunter Avenue after receiving a tip that there was a deceased body inside the apartment. The officers located the deceased body of Timothy Truesdale in a bathroom partially wrapped in a shower curtain. The victim had been shot by the defendant. Ms. Lynda Dodd and Mr. Franklin Gehres were the assistant prosecutors on the case.
- 1/9/2020 - **Trendell Goodwin** was sentenced to a total of 18 years-to-life in prison after being convicted of murder, felonious assault, and discharge of a firearm on or near prohibited premises. On October 2, 2018, the defendant got into an argument with his ex-girlfriend, LaShonda Childs, and another male. When the defendant brandished a firearm, Childs called 911 and reported the incident. As the pair were attempting to drive away, the defendant pointed the gun into the driver's side of the vehicle and fired, striking the victim, who died the next day. Ms. Erin Claypoole and Ms. Alyse Rettich were the assistant prosecutors on the case.

- 1/27/2020 - **Shawn Albertson** was sentenced to a total of 17 years-to-life in prison for his convictions on counts including murder, aggravated arson, aggravated burglary, aggravated robbery, aggravated possession of drugs, grand theft of a motor vehicle, and grand theft of a firearm. On April 1, 2018, the Harrison Township Fire Department responded to a house fire on Merrimac Avenue. Inside, they located the deceased body of Gerald Lee Manns. The fire was the result of an arson. The defendant was found in possession of the victim's property, including his vehicle. Forensic evidence linked the defendant to the arson. Mr. Dan Brandt and Mr. John Amos were the assistant prosecutors on the case.
- 1/31/2020 - **Scott Pate** was sentenced to a total of 10 consecutive terms of life without the possibility of parole, plus an additional and consecutive 58 years-to-life. The defendant was convicted on counts of rape of a child under 10 years of age, gross sexual imposition of a child under 13 years of age, unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, and disseminating matter harmful to juveniles. In addition, there were Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) specifications attached to 10 of the counts. After a trial on the counts, except for the SVP specifications, the jury found the defendant guilty as charged on 25 of the 26 counts. A separate trial was held in front of the judge on the SVP specifications, and the judge found the defendant guilty as charged on those specifications as well. Ms. Kelly Madzey and Mr. Franklin Gehres were the assistant prosecutors on the case.

January Staff Updates

DONALD B. LEIST

On January 6, 2020, Mr. Donald B. Leist joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Don received his undergraduate degree in History from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois in 1985. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois School of Law in Champaign, Illinois in 1988.

For the previous five years, Don served as the city attorney for Peoria, Illinois. Prior to that, he was the equal-opportunity and legal-affairs officer for the McHenry County (Illinois) Sheriff's Office.

Don is assigned to the Civil Division of the office. The Civil Division is the legal advisor to all county boards, agencies, elected officials, commissioners, as well as township trustees and boards.

Don is originally from Illinois, and he and his wife now reside in Dayton.



Prosecutor Heck's *ArriveSafe* Program Provides Over 300 Free Cab Rides Over Christmas and New Years

Prosecutor Heck's ArriveSafe program was active over the Christmas and New Years holidays in December 2019. Now in it's 13th year, the program is still a success and is an effective way to reduce OVI-related traffic crashes.

Over the Christmas holiday, the program provided 75 cab rides and another 265 were provided over New Years. This brings the 12 year total to over 7,800 cab rides.

Prosecutor Heck said, "Thanks to our partners, Heidelberg Distributing and AAA, for continuing to support this initiative. I am proud to be able to provide cab rides home for those who should not be driving, and do so at no cost to the taxpayer."

The program will again be offered on St. Patrick's Day and over the 4th of July holiday weekend.

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