

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 May, 2020, we disposed of 146 cases. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this total is approximately one-half the normal number of disposed cases. The Judges sentenced the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 56.8% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 15.8% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 24.0% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 3.4% received local jail time, or local jail time plus probation

Some notable sentences:

- 5/15/2020 - **Stacie Lauhon-Wheeler** was sentenced to 21 months in prison after being convicted of gross abuse of a corpse and grand theft. The Dayton Police Department was made aware of a deceased body in a home on Virginia Avenue. When they investigated, they found the mummified body of the defendant's grandmother in a plastic tub. The defendant had lived in the home before moving to West Virginia, and had left the tub and remains behind. Further investigation determined the defendant had cashed a number of the grandmother's social security checks, both in Ohio and West Virginia. Mr. Tony Schoen was the assistant prosecutor on the case.
- 5/20/2020 - **Todd Anthony King** was sentenced to a total of 28 years in prison after being convicted of five counts of felonious assault on a police officer, inducing panic, endangering children, domestic violence and other charges. On February 5, 2019, Dayton police officers were dispatched to a residence on a domestic violence complaint. When the officers ordered the defendant out of the residence, he fired rounds at the officers and used the minor children in the residence as human shields. Eventually, after an 11-

hour standoff, the defendant was arrested. Ms. Kelsie Carson was the assistant prosecutor on the case.

- 5/26/2020 - **Michael Blair** was sentenced to a range of 11 to 12 1/2 years in prison after being convicted of six counts of felonious assault with a deadly weapon. On May 14, 2019, Dayton Police were dispatched to U.S. Route 35 near Liscum Drive on a report of a person shooting at vehicles. Witnesses described the vehicle the shooter was in, and they were able to locate it. Multiple vehicles were struck by bullets, but no one was injured. Ms. Jennifer Weber and Mr. Shaun McPherron were the assistant prosecutors on the case.

STAFF CHANGES

Each year, a number of college and law school students work as interns in our office over the summer break. Each clerk is assigned to one of the various division within the office. Half way through the summer, the clerks are rotated to a different division. This gives the students a chance to get a taste of what it's like to work in a real law office and also gives them the chance to perform work in a couple of different areas of law.

This year's summer law clerks are:



MS. BAILEY BREWER

Bailey will start her second year at Rutgers Law School in Newark, New Jersey in the fall.



MS. SARAH CHANEY

Sarah will start her second year at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana in the fall.



MS. LYDIA DIABATE-TONNE

Lydia will continue to pursue her undergraduate degrees in Human Rights and Political Science at the University of Dayton in the fall.



MR. JAREN HARDESTY

Jaren will start his second year at the University of Dayton School of Law in the fall.



MS. ALYSSA HAYMAN

Alyssa will start her second year at the University of Dayton School of Law in the fall.



MS. GINA IACOVANGELO

Gina will start her second year at the University of Dayton School of Law in the fall.



MR. MICHAEL KELLER

Michael will start his second year at the University of Minnesota Law School in Minneapolis, Minnesota in the fall.



MS. HEIELA SALHIEH

Heiela will start her second year at the University of Dayton School of Law in the fall.



MR. MATT SMITH

Matt will continued to pursue his undergraduate degree in English at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio in the fall.

Statement of Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck on George Floyd

As the Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney, I want the citizens of our community to know that I not only hear your voices of protest, but I want to add my voice to your cause in seeking justice for the death of George Floyd.

Kneeling on the neck of a person and causing their death is nothing less than murder, a heinous crime for which the person or persons responsible must be charged, convicted, and held accountable. The fact that the perpetrator is a police officer makes the crime even more despicable. The protests over the weekend in Dayton and around the nation demonstrate that people are fed up with the unfair treatment and violence that African-Americans have received by some in law enforcement. The tragic and senseless death of George Floyd in Minneapolis was

the latest horrific example that ignited the frustrations and pent up anger many have felt for years. Many other leaders from around the country, including sheriffs, chiefs of police, mayors, and governors, have publicly stated that what happened in Minneapolis is patently outrageous and unacceptable. I totally agree.

I support and stand with lawful protests of injustice. Peaceful protests by the citizenry are deeply entrenched in American history and tradition. Our founding fathers enshrined in the Constitution the right of the people to freely express their opinions through peaceful protest and demonstration. I do not condone any of the destructive acts of vandalism, looting, and assaults that have taken place. Such acts harm others and distract from the important message of the peaceful protesters. The story then becomes about broken windows, burnt or spray-painted buildings, and businesses ruined, instead of the senseless murder of a defenseless and unarmed black man. The facts and circumstances and callousness of his murder cries out for justice. I join others in calling for justice for his death and others who have been the victims of racial violence.

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