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Mat Heck, Jr.

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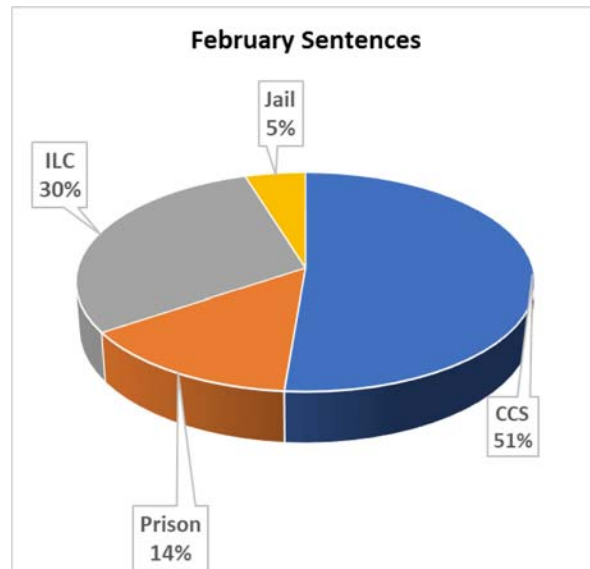
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In February 2021, we disposed of 230 cases. The judges sentenced

the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 51.3% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 14.3% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 29.6% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 4.8% received local jail time or local jail time plus probation



Some Notable Sentences:

- 2/12/2021 - **Jessica Boomershine** was sentenced to a range of 25 to 30 1/2 years in prison after being convicted of Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Burglary, Felonious Assault, Kidnapping, Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Grand Theft of a Firearm, Misuse of a Credit Card, Escape, and Vandalism of Government Property. On January 15, 2020, the defendant, along with a co-defendant, Billy Joe Farra, broke into the home of an 85-year-old man in Miamisburg. The defendants kidnapped the victim and took the victim's vehicle and a firearm from his home. The defendants assaulted the victim and forced him, at gunpoint, to give them his ATM PIN number. They drove to an ATM and withdrew the victim's funds. Eventually, they tied the victim up and forced him into the trunk of his vehicle before abandoning it at the Rumpke waste facility on Monument Avenue in Dayton. The victim was able to escape from the trunk of the vehicle and was found by Rumpke employees. Additionally, on January 21, 2020, the defendant attempted to climb into the ceiling of a holding area in the jail while she was waiting to be transported to court. Jail staff pulled her from the ceiling without injury, but the ceiling sustained significant damage. The co-defendant was sentenced to a range of 55 to 60 1/2 years in prison in November. Ms. Kim Melnick and Mr. David Merrell were the assistant prosecutors on the case.
- 2/22/2021 - **Sean Powers** was sentenced to a total of 20 years in prison after being convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter. On May 29, 2009, the defendant shot Deon Ramey after an ongoing dispute. The defendant was convicted of Attempted Murder, Felonious Assault, Tampering with Evidence, Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises, and Having Weapons While Under Disability, and in September 2009 he was sentenced to 17 years in prison. On April 5, 2012, the victim died as a result of complications from multiple gunshot wounds. On February 22, 2021, the defendant received an additional three year prison sentence, for a total of 20 years. Ms. Erin Claypoole and Ms. Victoria Nilles were the assistant prosecutors on the case.

Mr. Leon J. Daidone Retires After 39 Years of Service



Debra B. Armanini, First Assistant Prosecutor; Leon J. Daidone; Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr.

On February 26, 2021, after 39 years with the Prosecutor's Office, Mr. Leon J. Daidone retired from public service. Mr. Daidone served as the Chief of the Criminal Division for the past 14 years.

Mr. Daidone received his law degree from the Ohio Northern University Claude Pettit College of Law and joined the Prosecutor's Office in November 1981. He was assigned to various divisions in the office before being promoted to the Violent Crimes Bureau in January 1993. In 1990, he was appointed to the Ohio Organized Crime Task Force. In January 2007, he was promoted to Chief of the Criminal Division after the retirement of Mr. James Levinson.

Mr. Daidone was an adjunct professor at Sinclair Community for 24 years, and was frequently an instructor at the Dayton Police Academy. He was also a highly rated lecturer at various National District Attorney Association seminars. In 2001, Mr. Daidone was named the Outstanding Assistant Prosecutor of the Year by the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. In 2008, he was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and in 2012 he was appointed as the Chair of the Prosecuting Attorneys Committee.

Prosecutor Heck said, "Leon's dedication and work ethic were truly exemplary. He has always shown compassion for victims of crime and true professionalism in the courtroom. He will certainly be missed, but I think I speak for everyone in the office when we wish him a very happy and well-deserved retirement."

Ms. Kimberly A. Melnick Promoted to Violent Crimes Bureau

On February 3, 2021, Prosecutor Heck announced that Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kimberly A. Melnick was promoted to the Violent Crimes Bureau of the office. The Violent Crimes Bureau handles the prosecution of homicide and other high-profile cases occurring in Montgomery County.

Ms. Melnick graduated from Wright State University in 1990, majoring in Marketing. In 1993, she received her law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law. In January 1994, Kim joined the prosecutor's office and was assigned to the Child Support Enforcement Division. She was subsequently assigned to the Juvenile Division and then the Intake/Grand Jury Section. In July 1997, Kim was assigned to the Criminal Division as a Criminal Docket Attorney.

Kim left the Prosecutor's Office in 1998 for two years to work in private practice, returning in May 2000. Then in April 2002, Kim left the office and relocated to Golden, Colorado where she served as a Deputy District Attorney for Jefferson County, Colorado. In October 2006 she returned to Ohio and rejoined the office as a Criminal Docket Attorney and became the Supervising Attorney of the Adult Protection Unit. In May 2019, Kim was promoted to Criminal Trial Team Supervisor.



Prosecutor Heck said, "Kim has extensive trial experience as a criminal docket prosecutor handling a variety of felony criminal cases. I believe her experience, knowledge of the law, and ability to communicate with victims, police officers, and judges in a professional and effective manner makes her an excellent asset to the Violent Crimes Bureau."

Ms. Anu Sharma Appointed as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

On February 8, 2021, Prosecutor Heck announced that Ms. Anu Sharma had been

appointed to the position of Assistant Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney.

Ms. Sharma received her undergraduate degree in Health Information Management & Systems from The Ohio State University in 2001. In 2005, she received her law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law.

For the past six years, Anu served as an Assistant Greene County Prosecuting Attorney, in Xenia, Ohio, most recently in the Civil Division. For the eight years prior to that, Anu was a Senior Legal Research Associate with LexisNexis Corporation in Dayton.



Anu is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, and now resides in the Dayton area.

Three New Victim Advocates Hired to Assist Crime Victims and Witnesses

On February 4, 2021, three new Victim Advocates joined the staff of the Prosecutor's Office. The Victim/Witness Division of the office was established in 1974 and was designed to help those individuals who have been a victim or witness of a serious crime. The goal of the advocates is to help victims and witnesses understand their rights and responsibilities so that they can make intelligent choices about what is best for them. The advocates are dedicated to providing emotional support, advocacy, and assistance to victims of violent crime and to survivors following the tragic death of a loved one.

The new advocates are:

Ms. Mackenzie Banfield, a 2020 graduate of Wright State University, where she majored in Psychology with a double minor in Forensics and Criminal Justice.

Ms. Macey Boring, a 2020 graduate of Wright State University, where she majored in Psychology with a minor in Forensics.

Ms. Hannah Ingram, a 2019 graduate of Bowling Green State University, where she majored in Criminal Justice.



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