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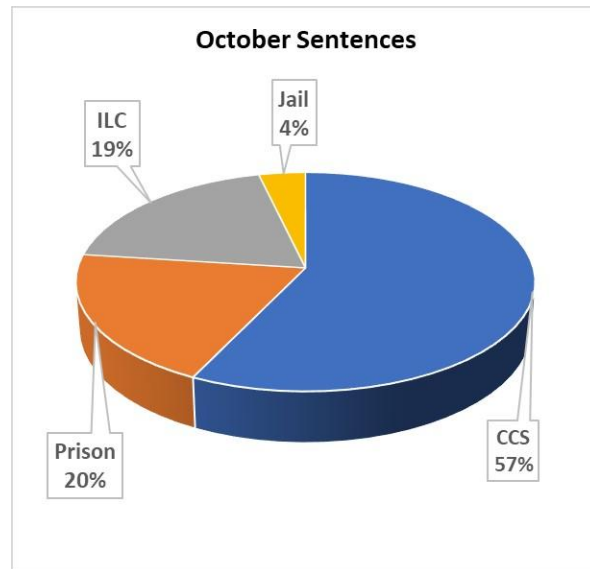
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In October 2020, we disposed of 243 cases. The judges sentenced the

defendants in those cases as follows:

- 57.9% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 19.8% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 19.3% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 3.7% received local jail time or local jail time plus probation



Some Notable Sentences:

- 10/14/2020 - **Brandon Valandingham** was sentenced to three years in prison and was ordered to pay over \$25,000 in restitution after being convicted of four counts of Theft. The defendant owned a home improvement company, Buckeye Storm Solutions, and contracted with homeowners after the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes to do repair work. The defendant failed to do the work and refused to refund the victim's payments. Ms. Alyse Rettich and Mr. Tony Schoen were the assistant prosecutors on the case. The case was investigated by Prosecutor's Investigators in our Consumer Fraud Unit.
- 10/21/2020 - **Tory Ritter** was sentenced to 30 months in prison after being convicted of Domestic Violence with two prior convictions. On August 22, 2020, Dayton Police officers were dispatched to an assault call. When they arrived, they found the victim, a female, who was being loaded into an ambulance to be transported to the hospital. She reported that the defendant, her boyfriend, hit and punched her multiple times after an argument. The defendant was previously convicted in 2004 and 2019 for felony Domestic Violence. Ms. Ashley Adkinson was the assistant prosecutor on the case.
- 10/30/2020 - **Dustin Hatfield** was sentenced to 24 years-to-life in prison after being convicted of Murder, Felonious Assault, Tampering with Evidence, and Failure to Comply with the Order or Signal of a Police Officer. On March 28, 2020, Trotwood Police responded to a call of shots being fired on Elkins Avenue. When they arrived, they discovered the deceased body of David B. Robinson. Witnesses described the vehicle in which two assailants fled. Later that day, the vehicle was spotted by a Miamisburg Police officer, who attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle fled, leading multiple police agencies on a pursuit that ended in Cincinnati, near Paul Brown Stadium. Ms. Lynda Dodd and Mr. Tom Brodbeck were the assistant prosecutors on the case.

Champion of Children Award



Above: Ms. Tiffany Martin and Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck



Above: Miami Police Sgt. Michael Aiken and Ms. Tiffany Martin

"It is important to acknowledge people who "see something, say something" and

The Prosecutor's annual Champion of Children Award is a way to recognize the outstanding work of a citizen who helps safeguard the well-being of children in our community. This year's award recipient is Ms. Tiffany Martin, of Miamisburg.

In 2019, Ms. Martin's 7-year-old daughter disclosed that she and two other girls had been sexually assaulted for approximately three years by a family friend. Tiffany immediately contacted the Miamisburg Police Department.

After the investigation, Scott Pate, 54 years old at the time, was indicted for 10 counts of Rape of a child under 10 years of age, 10 counts of Gross Sexual Imposition of a child under 13 years of age, and two counts of Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles, as it had been learned the defendant had shown the girls pornographic material.

Once news of the indictment was made public, an additional victim came forward and reported that she had also been sexually assaulted by the defendant. Subsequently, the defendant was indicted on May 1, 2019 for an additional four counts of Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor. In addition, Sexually Violent Predator Specifications were added to the original 22 counts in the first indictment.

On October 7, 2019, after a trial, the defendant was found guilty on 25 of the counts. In a separate trial held on December 20, 2019, the defendant was also found guilty on the Sexually Violent Predator Specifications. Assistant Prosecutors Kelly Madzey and Franklin Gehres handled the trials.

On January 31, 2020, the defendant was sentenced to the maximum possible prison sentence - 10

stand up for children. I am honored to recognize Tiffany Martin as this year's Champion of Children!"

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consecutive terms of life in prison without the possibility of parole, plus an additional and consecutive 58 years-to-life in prison.

The defendant in this case and his wife had become like "grandparents" to Ms. Martin's daughters after the death of Ms. Martin's mother. Tiffany's daughter referred to the defendant as "Papaw."

Even though Tiffany was devastated to learn that someone she considered "family" had sexually assaulted her daughter, what made this case stand out, is that Tiffany didn't hesitate to report the matter to the police in order to protect her children and never wavered in her support of them.

Tiffany Martin did everything she could to help our office convict a violent sexual predator and hold him accountable. She not only protected her own children, but now this defendant will never be in a position where he can assault other children in the future.

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