

# The Prosecutor's Report

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from Mat Heck, Jr., Prosecuting Attorney



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## Sentencings

In October, 2019, we disposed of 268 cases. The Judges sentenced the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 54.9% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 17.5% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 24.3% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 3.4% received local jail time, or local jail time plus probation

Some notable sentences:

- 9/4/2019 - **Charles Ashford** was sentenced to a total of 10 years in prison after being convicted on seven counts of aggravated robbery, and one count each of felonious assault on a peace officer, impersonating a peace officer, and discharge of a firearm on or over a public roadway. On February 5, 2018, the defendant committed an armed robbery of the Shell gas station on Byers Road in Miamisburg. The defendant fled the scene, but his vehicle stalled near the intersection of I-75 and State Route 725. The defendant exited the vehicle and, armed with a gun, approached a number of vehicles in an attempt to commit a carjacking. An off-duty Miami Township officer witnessed the defendant's actions, and exited his vehicle and identified himself as a police officer and ordered the defendant to drop his weapon. Instead of complying, the defendant pointed his weapon at the officer. The officer fired his weapon, striking the defendant in the arm before taking him into custody. Further investigation determined the original vehicle the defendant was driving had been stolen the night before in a robbery near Paul Lawrence Dunbar and West Third Streets. Ms. Jennifer Weber and Ms. Ashley Adkinson were the assistant prosecutors on the case.

## Recent Staff Addition

### **HANNAH J. BAKOSH**

On September 23, 2019, Ms. Hannah J. Bakosh joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as a Victim Advocate, assigned to the Victim/Witness Division of the office.

Hannah received her Bachelor of Science in Family Sciences, with a focus on Human Development, from Miami University in May, 2019.

She previously worked at a Psychologist's office, and served as a Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Intern at the Women's Recovery Center in Xenia.

Hannah also was a volunteer at the Crisis Text Line, and completed 30 hours of training and over 100 hours of volunteering.



## Victim/Witness Presentation at MVCTC

On Thursday, September 5, 2019, the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) welcomed a presentation from Sandy Hunt, Director of the Victim/Witness Division of the office.

The presentation included information for students on strategies to handle advances made by predators; how to handle difficult social situations; substance abuse; appropriate and inappropriate dating; sexting; computer misconduct, and many other areas in which students could fall victim to in today's society.

For many years, this has been a very well-received presentation by MVCTC students and staff. Sandy has been presenting this program at MVCTC for over 15 years. MVCTC Guidance Counselor, Ms. Gaye Gerren, helped organize the presentation. She said, "Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. was always supportive and encouraged Sandy to bring knowledge to our students in hopes of deterring some of the ugly possibilities of our society from affecting our students."



(Pictured: Sandy Hunt, Director, Victim/Witness Division; Brian Jettinghoff, Student Services Supervisor; Gaye Gerren, Guidance Counselor)

The Victim/Witness Division of the office was established in 1974, and is designed to help those individuals who have been a victim or witness of a violent crime.

The Victim/Witness Division provides 24-hour crisis intervention, support, and informational services to those affected by violent crime. The Advocates specialize in cases of sexual assault/abuse and homicide. However, they offer a variety of services to other victims and witnesses as well. The goal of the division is to help victims and witnesses understand their rights and responsibilities so that they can make intelligent choices about what is best for them.

Prosecutor Heck commented, "Advocates from my Victim/Witness Division are available to give presentations to groups, both large and small, on topics such as sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, bullying, homicide survivors, victim rights, violence prevention, and other topics. If you are interested in scheduling a presentation for your group, call my Victim/Witness Division at 937-225-5623."

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