

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 November, 2018, we disposed of 240 cases. The Judges sentenced the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 52.9% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 23.3% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 16.7% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 7.1% received local jail time, or local jail time plus probation

Some notable sentences:

- 11/27/2018 - **Ralphiel Harris** was sentenced to a total of 20 years in prison after being convicted of the shooting death of Lynn Shackelford. On October 28, 2016, Dayton Police officers were dispatched to a reported shooting inside a residence at Summit Square Apartments. Once inside, they discovered the deceased body of the victim, who had been shot one time in the back of the head. Witness statements and other evidence lead the investigators to Harris. He was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and

aggravated robbery. Ms. Lynda Dodd and Ms. Ann Gramza were the Assistant Prosecutors on the case.

- 11/29/2018 **Jessica Grieco** was sentenced to a total of 8 years in prison after being convicted of the shooting death of Peter Underwood. On March 11, 2017, Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to a home on Claggett Drive in Harrison Township on a reported shooting. The defendant had called 911 and told dispatchers that she had accidentally shot the victim. When the Deputies arrived, they located the deceased body of the victim, who had been shot with a shotgun once in the chest. The defendant was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and domestic violence. Ms. Erin Claypoole and Mr. Dan Brandt were the Assistant Prosecutors on the case.

RECENT STAFF ADDITIONS

MS. PATRICIA S. RILEY

On November 14, 2018, Ms. Patricia S. Riley joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, appointed to the Child Protection Unit of the office.

Patricia received her undergraduate degree in Criminology, Law & Society from the George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia in 2013. In 2017, she received her law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law.

Patricia is originally from Spotsylvania, Virginia, and currently resides with her husband in Fairborn, Ohio.



HOLIDAY SEASON FINANCIAL SECURITY

Every year, countless people are victimized but it is especially prevalent around the holidays. Here are some common sense ways to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your financial security, that may not have occurred to you.

WHEN SHOPPING:

- Be aware of your surroundings, especially at ATM's and when paying for purchases. Always cover your hand when entering your PIN, whether at an ATM or at a register.
- Look closely at any ATM you use. Does it appear tampered with? Are there oddly placed items or unusually colored items on it? If so, find another ATM to use.
- Make sure you put receipts in a safe place and destroy them when you no longer need them.
- If you find yourself carrying a large amount of cash, keep some separate from your wallet or purse.
- If you are taking packages to your car, place them out of sight, such as in the trunk or under a cover. If you are doing more shopping, you may even want to consider moving your car to another location so no one knows you just put purchases in your car.
- If you are shopping online, only use known and trusted merchants and secure apps and websites.
- If you receive cash back from a store, take a moment to inspect it before putting it away. Counterfeit currency increases during the holidays and many companies hire young, inexperienced staff during the busy holiday season.
- Never send money using a wire transfer in response to an email or telephone call. Be wary of online merchants who only accept wire transfer payments.

AT HOME:

- Request identification from anyone requesting access inside your home, even utility or cable workers. Do not let strangers into your home, even people who claim to be selling or buying something.
- Pay special attention to suspicious vehicles or persons in your neighborhood. Write down license plates and/or physical descriptions.
- Try to be home for any package deliveries. "Porch Pirates" are known to follow delivery trucks and then steal packages left on porches.
- Break down boxes for high-value gifts (such as TVs, computers, and game systems) and place them in a bag or set them out for trash pick-up at the last moment. Don't advertise your purchases by leaving boxes in your alley or on the street in front of your home.
- If possible, consider using a security system or install cameras on your home.
- If you are going away for the holidays, do not post about it on social media. You could be tipping someone off that your home will be empty.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL:

- Only give out your travel plans to those who need to know. Again, don't post it on social media.
- If you will be out of town for any extended period of time, either have your mail delivery stopped by notifying the post office, or arrange for someone to pick up your mail.
- Leave a light on inside your home, or use timers for inside lights, and motion sensors or "dusk-to-dawn" fixtures for outside lights.
- Turn off the GPS function on your smartphone if you are posting holiday photos on social media. The GPS location and date data included on photos posted from smartphones to social media sites can alert to the fact that you are out of town.

- When you purchase gasoline, it's best to pay cash inside or with a credit card at the pump - never use a debit card. Also, inspect the pump to make sure the pump door is locked and has a current Auditor's seal on it.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS:

- Monitor your bank statements and credit card statements for any unauthorized charges.
- Pay attention to your billing cycles. If bills or financial statements are late, consider contacting the financial institution to alert them.
- Check your credit bureau reports for any new accounts you did not open, or for any hard inquiries that may indicate someone is attempting to open an account in your name.
- Review your receipts and promptly report any unauthorized charges or added amounts you did not make.
- Shred receipts, financial statements, and credit card applications when they are no longer needed - don't simply place them in the trash.

FINALLY:

- Share these tips with friends and family members.
- Check on elderly family members and neighbors, and remind them to be safe during the holidays.

Prosecutor Heck added, "If you believe you have been scammed, either call your local police department and make a report, or call my Consumer Fraud Division at 937-225-4747 and request a Fraud Complaint Form. If it is an emergency, call 911 right away."

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