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Mat Heck, Jr.

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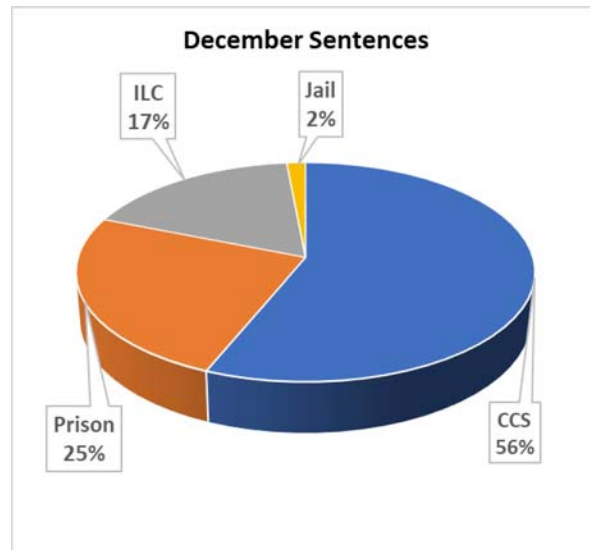
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In December 2020, we disposed of 206 cases. The judges sentenced

the defendants in those cases as follows:

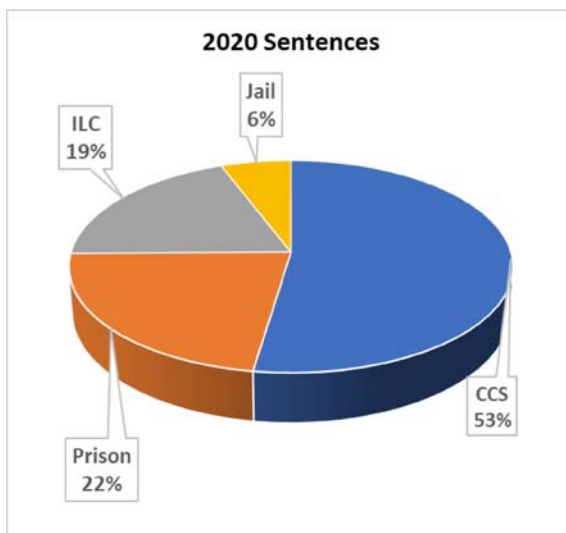
- 56.3% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 24.8% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 17.5% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 1.5% received local jail time or local jail time plus probation



Some Notable Sentences:

- 12/1/2020 - **William D. Jones** was sentenced to a total of 39 years in prison after being convicted of three counts of Rape, four counts of Kidnapping, four counts of Aggravated Burglary, and two counts of Aggravated Robbery. On December 3, 2018, the defendant, 16 years old at the time, entered a residence in the Salem Village neighborhood of Trotwood and raped a 24-year-old female resident at gunpoint. Then, just two days later, he entered into another residence in the same neighborhood and raped a 34-year-old woman at gunpoint. The defendant was transferred to be tried as an adult due to the serious nature of the crimes and the defendant's age. In addition, the defendant was designated a Tier III sex offender. Ms. Ann Gramza and Ms. Nicole Amrhein were the assistant prosecutors on the case.
- 12/17/2020 - **Derion Miliner** was sentenced to a range of 5 to 7 1/2 years in prison after being convicted of Kidnapping and Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle. On August 27, 2020, the defendant stole a vehicle from the Valero fuel station on Valley Street in Dayton. The vehicle owner's 2-year-old daughter was in her car seat in the back of the vehicle. A short time later, police were called by an Amazon delivery driver, who reported he had found the child of the side of the road. Mr. James Staley was the assistant prosecutor on the case.
- 12/23/2020 - **Teaven L. Curtiss** was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole plus an additional five years in prison to be served consecutively to the life sentence, after being convicted of Rape of a child under 10 years of age and Gross Sexual Imposition of a child under 13 years of age. Between the dates of November 2017 and October 2018, the defendant sexually abused the 4-year-old child while she was living with the defendant. In addition, the defendant was designated a Tier III sex offender. Ms. Kim Melnick and Ms. Dylan Smearcheck were the assistant prosecutors on the case.
- 12/30/2020 - **Darrius Pattson** was sentenced to a range of 12 to 15 years in prison after being convicted on counts of Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Burglary, Kidnapping, Having Weapons While Under Disability, Grand Theft of

a Motor Vehicle, Failure to Comply with the Order or Signal of a Police Officer, Cruelty to Companion Animals, Receiving Stolen Property, and Aggravated Menacing. On November 26, 2019, the defendant and two co-defendants (one of which was a juvenile) kicked open the door of a residence on Monroe Avenue in Harrison Township. Once inside, they held a family, including two young children, at gunpoint, shot the family dog, and stole multiple items from the home before kidnapping the mother. The defendant took the family's car and forced the woman to withdraw money from an ATM before eventually kicking her out of her car, face down in an alley. The defendant took the car which was found the next day, crashed. A few days later, on December 5, 2019, officers spotted the defendant, this time in a different stolen car, and tried to stop him. Instead, he fled before eventually crashing that car. He was taken into custody after a short foot chase. Ms. Jennifer Weber and Ms. Victoria Nilles were the assistant prosecutors on the case.



2020 Sentences

For the 2020 year, we disposed of 2,484 cases. For the full year, the judges sentenced the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 52.4% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 22.4% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 19.4% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 5.8% received local jail time or local jail time plus probation

Prosecutor's Office Staff Adopt-a-Family



Every year, Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. and his staff participate in an Adopt-A-Family event as a way to give back to the community. A Christmas tree is erected in the main lobby of the office and is decorated with gift tags. The staff is encouraged to take a tag (or two) and purchase the gift on the tag to be given to one of the families the office has "adopted." This year, the office adopted 10 local families, including 37 children, with the assistance of Northmont Friends in Service for Humanity (FISH). A total of 195 tags were placed on the tree.

The office staff who did not have to appear in court on those days were allowed to wear blue jeans on Fridays for a \$5.00 donation to the Adopt-A-Family fund. Additionally, for a \$50 donation to the fund, the office participated in "No Shave November and December." A total of \$1,420 was raised through these fundraisers, and that money was also used to purchase items from the tree gift tags.

On Thursday and Friday, December 17 and 18, the gifts were delivered to all 10 of the adopted families. Each of the children was given 5 gifts, plus each parent on the list was also given a gift.

Prosecutor Heck commented, "The holidays can be a difficult time for families in need, especially this year with the pandemic. I am proud of my staff for doing what they can to help local families have a happy holiday."

A special thank you to Kim Melnick, Ashley Kochel, and Meggan Lanahan who organized this year's Adopt-A-Family event and purchased gifts. Also, thank you to Carrie Hensley, Jillian Heigel, and Victoria Nilles for their help with gift wrapping.

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