

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 May, 2018, we disposed of 341 cases. The Judges sentenced the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 59.5% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 19.4% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 15.0% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 6.2% received local time or local time plus probation

Some notable sentences:

- 5/1/2018 Ryan Lucas St. John was sentenced to 18 years-to-life in prison for causing the death of his girlfriend's 2-year-old son, Brayden Ferguson, who died on February 14, 2017. The defendant was watching the toddler while the mother was out. The defendant told her that the child had thrown up, and when she came home, the child appeared to be sleeping. A while later, when she checked on him, he was not breathing. The coroner determined the child died from severe blunt force trauma, which caused a skull fracture, bleeding of the child's brain, and other injuries.
- 5/18/2018 William Lindsey was sentenced to 10 and-a-half years in prison for causing severe burns to his girlfriend's 23-month-old son on April 26, 2017 while the mother was at a medical appointment. The child was taken to Dayton Children's Hospital South, in Springboro, suffering from life threatening burns over 90% of his body. He was taken to Dayton Children's Hospital in Dayton before being care-flighted to Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. The boy's injuries occurred when the defendant put him in a bathtub with scalding hot water. The child survived, but will face medical complications for the rest of his life.

- 5/24/2018 James Cargle was sentenced to 41 years in prison for the kidnappings, rapes and felonious assaults he committed when he held a woman captive in a dog case in the basement of a home on Sheridan Avenue in Dayton. A second victim escaped from the trunk of a car on Kenilworth Avenue after she had been kidnapped, beaten, and raped inside a garage on Fountain Avenue in Dayton.
- 5/29/2018 Jessica Langford, a math teacher at Miamisburg Middle School, was found guilty as charged by a jury of engaging in sexual conduct with one of her students, a 14-year-old male, in her classroom. In addition to the prison sentence, she was also designated a Tier III Sex Offender, which means she will have to register her address, in person, every 90 days for the rest of her life.

RECENT STAFF ADDITIONS

MS. ADRIENNE RODGERS

On May 8, 2018, Ms. Adrienne Rodgers joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as a Legal Secretary assigned to the Criminal Case Management Section of the office.

Adrienne received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne in 2016. She is currently pursuing her Master of Business Administration degree from Wright State University.



MR. NATHANIEL S. PETERSON

On May 21, 2018, Mr. Nathaniel Peterson joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Civil Division of the office.

Nathaniel received his law degree in 2014 from the Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol, Rhode Island. He received his undergrad degree in 2011 from the University of Maine in Orono, Maine, majoring in Political Science and History.

Nathaniel is originally from Orono, Maine and currently lives in the Dayton area.

MR. MATTHEW C. JOSEPH

On May 29, 2018, Mr. Matthew C. Joseph joined the office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Juvenile Division of the office.

Matthew received his law degree from the Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law in Ada, Ohio in 2013. He received his undergrad degree from the University of Dayton in 2010, majoring in Political Science.

Matthew is originally from Kettering, Ohio.



NOTEWORTHY NEWS

28th Annual Violence Prevention Project Awards Ceremony Held

On May 2, 2018, Prosecutor Heck held the 28th Annual Violence Prevention Awards Ceremony. The primary goal of the Violence Prevention Project is to reduce the incidence of violence in Montgomery County by teaching school-age children that there are alternatives to using violence as a means to resolve personal or interpersonal problems. The Project encourages Montgomery County's youth to submit a poster or write an essay describing how violence affects our community and suggesting constructive ways to prevent violence.

This year, approximately 1,400 students submitted entries for the contest. Prizes and awards were given to the top 150 winners at the ceremony. Those students were invited to attend the ceremony and were treated to a pizza lunch, courtesy of Dayton's Original Pizza Factory.

Many of the essays this year addressed the topic of school shootings. The students expressed their fears and concerns about the number of shootings and the ripple effects of violence. According to experts, bullying is a leading cause of school violence, and bullying continues to be a common topic for many students. Some of the entries discussed the very real connection between bullying and school violence. The students who entered our contest this year have ideas about changing our community and preventing violence.

"Regardless of how each of us may feel about the issues facing our society, it is apparent that our

students are looking to take actions to solve these very complex problems."

Prosecutor Heck noted that the Project is an opportunity to discuss difficult topics such as bullying and violence. "Individually we cannot stop violence, however working together to raise awareness, provide education, and encourage dialogue, we may help reduce bullying and other violence in our schools and in our community," Heck said.

Prosecutor Heck noted that the second week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week, and offered his sincere thanks to all of the teachers who were present. Each of the teachers received a gift certificate to Coco's Bistro as a way to show our appreciation for all they do for their students.



Prosecutor Heck with the teachers who came with their winning students.

The Violence Prevention Project is supported by many people, businesses, and law enforcement agencies in the community, including the Dayton Police Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the Centerville Police Department, and the Kettering Police Department, all of which made donations. In addition, many area businesses also made donations for the students, including:

Arby's Restaurant
Aullwood Audubon Center
Boonshoft Museum of Discovery
Buffalo Wild Wings
Chick-Fil-A
Cold Stone Creamery
Dayton Masonic Center
Firehouse Subs
Graeter's Ice Cream
King's Island
Kroger Aquatic Center
Mikesell's
Poelking Lanes
Sam's Club
Shumsky
SportClips Haircuts
Submarine House
University of Dayton
Walmart
Yogurt Mountain

Many of the winning posters and photos of the winning students will be featured in the 2019 Violence Prevention Calendar, which will be distributed in November of this year. If you have not received our annual calendar and would like to be added to our mailing list, either send an email with your name and address to info@mcpo.com or call the Victim/Witness Division at 937-225-5623.

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