

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.

If you would like additional information on any of the topics discussed, or have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Mr. Greg Flannagan, Public Information Officer, at 937-225-5610 or via email to info@mcpo.com.

Sentencings

In September, 2018, we disposed of 262 cases. The Judges sentenced the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 49.6% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 32.8% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 8.4% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 9.2% received local jail time or local jail time plus probation

Some notable sentences:

- 9/4/2018 - **Chuckie M. Lee** was sentenced to 61 years-to-life in prison after being convicted on multiple counts in connection with the shooting death of 20-year-old Taylor Brandenburg. On March 12, 2017, the defendant and two co-defendants, Kara Parisi-King and Evans Cassell, got into an altercation with some patrons inside a Dayton bar. The defendants got firearms, and then went to the home of one of the bar patrons. Defendants Lee and Cassell shot at the bar patron, but missed and instead struck and killed Brandenburg, an innocent bystander. Co-defendants Cassell and Parisi-King were both convicted of complicity to commit murder. Cassell was sentenced to 18 years-to-life, and Parisi-King was sentenced to 15 years-to-life. Defendant Lee will not be eligible for consideration of parole until he has served at least 61 years in the penitentiary. Mr. John Amos and Mr. Anthony Schoen were the Assistant Prosecutors on the case.
- 9/11/2018 **Keason Herron** was sentenced to a total of 21 years-to-life in prison after being convicted of the strangulation death of his ex-girlfriend, Leanette Newton. On August 5, 2017, the defendant called 911 to report a deceased person, the victim, inside his residence. The coroner ruled the

death a homicide, and determined the victim had died as a result of a combination of strangulation and blunt force trauma. Mr. John Amos and Mr. Bryan Moore were the Assistant Prosecutors on the case.

- 9/12/2018 **Justin Sanderson** was sentenced to a total of 43 years in prison after being convicted on multiple counts of rape, kidnapping for sexual activity, aggravated burglary, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, and interfering with civil rights. The defendant was a Phillipsburg Police Officer and he used his position and authority to force multiple women into sexual activity with him while he was on-duty. Ms. Kelly Madzey and Ms. Dylan Smearcheck were the Assistant Prosecutors on the case.
- 9/26/2018 **Jeremy R. Harris** was sentenced to a total of 38 years-to-life in prison after being convicted of the shooting death of Antonio Perkins. On September 21, 2017, Dayton police officer responded to calls about a deceased person whose body was discovered in an alley behind a home on Five Oaks Avenue. The victim had died as a result of a gunshot. The defendant was convicted of murder, felonious assault, aggravated robbery, tampering with evidence, and having weapons while under disability. Mr. John Amos and Mr. Trent Sulek were the Assistant Prosecutors on the case.

RECENT STAFF ADDITIONS

MR. MATTHEW C. DeROSA

On September 18, 2018, Mr. Matthew DeRosa joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, appointed to the Juvenile Division of the office.

Matthew received his BA in Political Science from the University of Illinois in 2007. In 2009, he received his ME in Organization and Leadership. In 2013, he received his law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law.

Matthew previously was an attorney in the Stark County, Ohio Public Defender's Office. He has also worked in private practice.



MR. M. DAVID MERRELL

On September 28, 2018, Mr. David Merrell joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Intake/Grand Jury Section of the office.

David received his Masters degree in Health Administration in 2012 from Xavier University in Cincinnati. He received his law degree in 2014 from the University of Dayton School of Law.

David was most recently a Knox County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.



NOTEWORTHY NEWS

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Every year, the month of October is set aside as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Starting in October 1981, the "Day of Unity" was conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The goal was to connect domestic violence advocates across the nation who were working to end violence. The Day of Unity grew into a week-long effort to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrate those who have survived, and connect those who work to end domestic violence.

In 1989, Congress passed public law 101-112, which designated October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Similar legislation has been passed by Congress every year since.

This year, Prosecutor Heck partnered with Key-Ads of Dayton to produce ads in an effort to remind the public that domestic violence affects everyone in our community. The ads will be appearing throughout Montgomery County during the month of October.

**It's not a *personal*
problem...**

**It's a *COMMUNITY*
problem.**

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This sign will be appearing on Key-Ads electronic billboards in various locations throughout Montgomery County.

 **It's not your problem...
It's *EVERYONE'S* problem.**

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This sign will be appearing at up to 30 locations around Montgomery County during the month of October.

In addition, the Artemis Center, Dayton's domestic violence resource agency, is conducting its Dayton Men Against Domestic Violence campaign. The social media campaign features Dayton-area men featured in the Breaking the Cycle event.

BREAKING

the cycle.

Fundraising Breakfast

Thursday - OCTOBER 18 - 2018



"Why do I stand against domestic violence?"

As Prosecuting Attorney, I see firsthand the injuries, both physical and psychological, that result from domestic violence. Working together, we can end the abuse. Stand With Me to Break the Cycle of Domestic Violence."

Mathias H. Heck,
Prosecuting Attorney
Montgomery County

Artemis Center
Dayton's Domestic Violence Resource Agency



Prosecutor Heck was proud to be featured in a Breaking the Cycle ad.

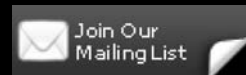
Prosecutor Heck said, "Domestic Violence really is a community wide problem that touches every one. Everyone in our community is affected, either directly or indirectly, or knows someone who is a victim. I believe that working together, we can break the cycle of violence."

Heck continued, "If you know someone who you believe is being abused, call our 24-hour hotline at 937-225-5623. Our Victim/Witness Advocates can help direct you to agencies that can assist in getting that person help. If your situation is an emergency, call 911 and get immediate help."

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