

# 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 March, 2017, we disposed of 248 criminal cases against those charged as adults. The Judges sentenced the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 57.4% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 35.7% received a prison sentence
- 5.6% received local time or local time plus probation
- 0.8% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)

Some notable sentences:

- 3/16/2017 Waymon Jones, Jr. was sentenced to 42 years and 2 months to life in prison for fatally shooting Joshua Cohen on July 8, 2016. An argument erupted between the defendant and the victim. The defendant then produced a 9mm semi-automatic pistol and shot the victim multiple times, killing him. He also fired the gun at two other men as they fled the scene, but missed. At the time of these offenses, Jones was on probation for trafficking in marijuana. He had previously been sentenced to the penitentiary three times for convictions of robbery, escape, and having weapons while under disability.
- 3/23/2017 David G. Mattox was sentenced to 30 years to life in prison for his convictions on seven counts of rape of a child under 13, two counts of gross sexual imposition of a child under 13, two counts of kidnapping, and nine counts of illegal use of a minor in nudity oriented material. The 61 year old had been sexually abusing the children over a number of years before the abuse was reported to authorities. At sentencing, he was also designated a Tier III Sex Offender, which requires that he register his address with the

Sheriff's Office every 90 days for the rest of his life in the event he is ever released from prison.

- 3/28/2017 Jesse York was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison for causing the death of 22-month-old Rylee Sellars inside a Germantown home in November 2013. The cause of death of blunt force trauma. York was watching the child while the child's mother was at work.

### MARCH'S STAFF ADDITIONS

#### Kayla Burkett

On March 20, 2017, Mrs. Kayla Burkett joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as a Legal Secretary in the Criminal Case Management Section.

Kayla is currently pursuing her Bachelors degree through Park University. She received her Associates of Science in Business Administration through Sinclair Community College.

Kayla is a 2008 graduate of Northmont High School.



### NOTEWORTHY NEWS



#### Very Special Citizen's Efforts Acknowledged

On April 5, 2017, at the kick-off of Child Abuse Awareness Month, Ms. Linda Kerley was recognized by Prosecutor Mat Heck and the Butler Township Police

## Department.

On August 7, 2015, Robert Maranger was on vacation with his girlfriend and her 8-year-old daughter, returning from Washington, DC to Wisconsin. They stopped in Dayton to visit the Museum of the United States Air Force before checking into the Quality Inn in Butler Township. Maranger had a lengthy history of committing sex crimes, and in fact was a "lifetime sex offender registrant" in Wisconsin, and had been sentenced to prison on a number of occasions for sex offenses.

Linda Kerley, working as the desk clerk at the Quality Inn, was watching the video from the security cameras in the indoor pool and exercise rooms of the hotel when she witnessed Maranger sexually molesting the 8-year-old girl. Ms. Kerley was quick to get involved and called the Butler Township Police, who viewed the security video and then located and arrested Maranger.

The defendant was prosecuted and convicted on counts of rape of a child under 10 and gross sexual imposition of a child. Additionally, we successfully convicted Maranger of "Sexually Violent Predator Specifications", making his sentence of life without the possibility of parole a mandatory sentence.

Prosecutor Heck and Butler Township Police Chief John Porter acknowledged Ms. Kerley's actions. Prosecutor Heck commented, "I want to personally thank Linda for having the courage to get involved. Her actions not only saved the victim in this case from further sexual assault, but also helped my office and the Butler Township Police Department ensure that the defendant will never again victimize any more children." Chief Porter presented Ms. Kerley with a proclamation signed by the Butler Township Trustees recognizing and commending her "...for her pivotal performance as a witness to a violent crime and her extraordinary service to society."

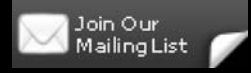
Prosecutor Heck wants to remind you that if you know or strongly suspect a child is being abused or neglected, please get involved and report it to law enforcement or call 937-224-KIDS (937-224-5437).

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