

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, 2017, we disposed of 275 cases. The Judges sentenced the defendants in those cases as follows:

- 64% received Community Control Sanctions (probation)
- 22% were sentenced to the penitentiary
- 11% were granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)
- 3% received local time or local time plus probation

Some notable sentences:

- 11/8/2017 Reginald Varner was sentenced to 18 years-to-life in prison for the fatal shooting of his girlfriend, Katherine Glass. On June 7, 2016, the defendant fatally shot the victim inside a vehicle in the parking lot of Arby's on Springboro Pike in Moraine. The defendant moved the victim's body to the back of a van. The van was later located at a home in Jefferson Township after the homeowner called police to report the shooting.
- 11/14/2017 Elexus Dawkins was sentenced to 15 years-to-life in prison for the shooting death of Elroy Facey. On May 3, 2017 the defendant and a co-defendant, Michael J. Wood, Jr., planned to rob the victim. The defendant lured the victim to her apartment parking lot on Hoover Avenue in Dayton. The co-defendant then fatally shot the victim. Under Ohio law, this defendant is equally responsible for the shooting death.
- 11/21/2017 Quentin L. Brown was sentenced to 24 years-to-life in prison for the shooting death of Benjamin Werner. On November 26, 2016, the defendant fatally shot the victim, whose body was discovered outside a car on West Norman Avenue in Dayton.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER STAFF ADDITIONS

Ms. Reagan Willis

On October 10, 2017, Ms. Reagan Willis joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as the Office Messenger.

Reagan is a 2017 graduate of Valley View High School in Germantown, Ohio.

Reagan currently resides in Germantown.



Ms. Emily Kleiner

On October 30, 2017, Ms. Emily Kleiner joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as a legal secretary, assigned to the Child Protection Unit.

Emily has nearly 20 years experience working in the banking industry, most recently as an Escrow Specialist.

Emily currently resides in Huber Heights, Ohio.



Mr. Nathaniel Dodd, Jr.

On October 30, 2017, Mr. Nathaniel Dodd, Jr. joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as a legal secretary, assigned to Criminal Case Management.

Nathaniel received his A.A.S. in Paralegal Studies from Sinclair Community College in 2016.

Nathaniel currently resides in Miamisburg, Ohio.



Ms. Whitney Crim

On November 15, 2017, Ms. Whitney Crim joined the staff of the prosecutor's office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Child Protection Unit.

Whitney received her undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton in 2010, majoring in Criminal Justice. In 2017, she received her law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

Whitney is originally from Englewood, Ohio, and currently resides there.



Judge Orders The Harem Closed

On October 31, 2017, Common Pleas Court Judge Dennis Adkins sustained a motion for a temporary injunction filed by our office and ordered the closing of the property at 5825 North Dixie Drive, in Harrison Township, being operated as The Harem. The Court found that the defendants' use of the business and its parking lot constitutes a nuisance, and ordered that the property be vacated by all persons. The court further ordered that the Sheriff's Office change the locks on the premises and barricade the parking lot.



On November 6th, Montgomery County Engineer Paul Gruner worked with Prosecutor Heck and Deputies from the Harrison Township division of the Sheriff's Office to install barriers blockading the property.

A trial will be set at a later date to determine if the property will be closed for one year, the maximum amount of time allowed under Ohio law.

Two Area Teachers Indicted On Sex Charges

State v. Jessica Langford, 2017-CR-3291

State v. Madeline Marx, 2017-CR-3584

On November 14, 2017, a former Miamisburg Middle School teacher, Jessica Langford, of Centerville, was indicted on three counts of Unlawful Sexual Conduct With a Minor and three counts of Sexual Battery. Then, just three days later, on November 17, 2017, a substitute teacher for Kettering and Oakwood schools, Madeline Marx, was indicted on two counts of Sexual Battery.

Defendant Langford engaged in sexual conduct with a 14-year-old male student at the Miamisburg Middle School during the last week of school on May 23, 2017.

Langford was arraigned on November 28, 2017 and the case against her is pending.

In Defendant Marx's case, Kettering Schools staff members became aware of a possible sexual relationship between the defendant and students. The Kettering Police Department conducted an investigation and arrested Marx at Kettering Fairmont High School on November 8, 2017. She was arraigned on November 30, 2017 and her case is also pending.

Prosecutor Heck commented, "Far too often we are hearing of people in trusted positions abusing their power. These teachers violated their positions of authority by engaging in inappropriate sexual relationships with students."

ArriveSafe Program a Success Over Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend

Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, from November 22nd through November 26th, Prosecutor Heck's ArriveSafe Program provided over 160 cab rides home to impaired drivers, at no cost to taxpayers.

In December 2007, Prosecutor Heck announced the creation of a unique program aimed at removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways in Montgomery County. The ArriveSafe Program provided a free cab ride home for those who celebrated Christmas or the New Years' holidays with alcohol. Over 90 people took advantage of the program over the Christmas 2007 holiday, and over 250 used ArriveSafe during the New Year's holiday.

Since the program was such a success, in 2008 the program was expanded to also include the St. Patrick's Day holiday and the 4th of July holiday weekend. Then, in 2011, the Thanksgiving holiday weekend was added. Over the past nearly 10 years, the ArriveSafe program has provided well over 6,000 cab rides.

The program is paid for primarily with money seized from drug dealers in Montgomery County, and through generous donations from Heidelberg Distributing and AAA Miami Valley.

Prosecutor Heck said, "We know that people are going to celebrate the holidays, and some celebrate to excess. We are simply giving the residents of Montgomery County who should not be driving the chance to get home safely by providing a free cab ride home. There is simply no excuse for driving while impaired, and remember, the life you save may be your own!"

The ArriveSafe Program will again be offered over the upcoming Christmas and New Years holiday weekends, from December 22nd to the 26th, and again from December 29th to January 2nd.

ArriveSafe

YOU DECIDE:



Celebrate the holidays responsibly!
Have a designated sober driver or call **ArriveSafe** at:

449-9999

A FREE Cab Ride HOME from
6pm Friday, December 22 to 6am Tuesday, December 26
6pm Friday, December 29 to 6am Tuesday, January 2
For Montgomery County residents - up to a \$50 fare
The Life You Save May Be Your Own!



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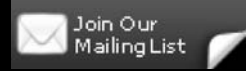
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