



# *The Prosecutor*

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## **2018—The Year In Review**

During 2018, assistant prosecutors in the Criminal Division reviewed the 6,912 felony cases presented to our office by area law enforcement agencies. This is an increase from 2017 of over 18%, a very significant year to year jump. The Juvenile Division reviewed 1,894 criminal filings, an increase of approximately 15% from 2017.

The number of cases of homicide in Montgomery County in 2018 was nearly unchanged from 2017. However, the number of homicides occurring in our county remains unacceptably high, and we will continue to work with area law enforcement agencies in their efforts to reduce the number of violent deaths.

Indicted cases of drug offenses in 2018, such as trafficking or possession of drugs, rose approximately 11% from 2017, to the highest number in over a decade. However, indicted cases of robbery/burglary continued to drop and were at the lowest level since 2000. The number of indicted cases peaked in 2005 and since then has been on a steady downward trend, until 2018.

For the last four years in a row, from 2014 to 2017, the number of felony domestic violence cases increased. The number of indicted cases in 2018 dropped back to 2014 levels, but is still 20% higher than the historical average over the past 18 years.

Finally, the increasing trend continues in indictments of one specific type of gun crime - improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle. In 2018 we indicted 217 defendants with that crime. For comparison, in 2000, there were 7 cases.

As always, our office remains committed to serving the citizens of Montgomery County, and pursuing justice for victims of crime through the fair and efficient prosecution of criminal offenders.

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## 28th Annual Homicide Victim Memorial Service

On December 10, 2018, Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. and the staff of his Victim/Witness Division held the 28th Annual Homicide Victim Memorial Service. The service, which was held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on North Wilkinson Street in Dayton, is to memorialize victims killed by violence in Montgomery County. Also, the service assists homicide survivors through the difficult holiday season and recognizes the impact that violent deaths have on our community.

This year, we acknowledged and remembered the 56 individuals who lost their lives to violence in Montgomery County between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018. Since the first memorial service in 1990, some 1,647 individuals have been remembered. Throughout the years, the service has grown each year from a small group to an event with well over 500 in attendance.



During the service, the names of the homicide victims were read, and friends and family members of the deceased were invited to place an ornament on a memorial Christmas tree. Following the service, everyone was invited to exit the church and participate in a balloon launch on North Pery Street. Many of the balloons carried cards with memorial or inspirational messages from survivors to those who have died. The soaring balloons, with their messages of love and remembrance, provide an emotional and spiritual lift for the survivors.

Prosecutor Heck commented, “We know that losing a loved one is difficult and trying. It is tragic and life-changing. However, losing a loved one due to violence seems more traumatic. It is sudden, unexpected, and senseless. Nothing in life prepares you for the reality that someone you love has died a violent death. Tonight, you are surrounded by persons who understand, who are willing to walk beside you and support you on this journey.”

“Know that your loved one is never forgotten, and that I, and my staff, are with you now and as you move through this difficult process, providing support, guidance and assistance to you and your family. Together as a community, we must come together to do better for one another.”

## 2018 - The Year In Review

### *Criminal Division Cases*

The Criminal Division of the office is the division most people think of when talking about the prosecutor's office. 2018 was a busy year for the Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys (APAs) assigned to Felony Criminal dockets. Below is a listing of some of the most significant, important, or tragic cases prosecuted to conviction by our office over the past year.

January 23, 2018—**Michael J. Wood, Jr.**, 19, convicted of murder and felonious assault, was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison. The defendant and a juvenile co-defendant planned to rob the victim, 41 year old Elroy Facey. On May 3, 2017, on Hoover Avenue, in Dayton, the defendant shot the victim inside a car. When the victim tried to run away, the defendant shot him a second time, fatally. The juvenile co-defendant, 17 year old Elexus Dawkins, was convicted of murder and was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison on November 14, 2017. The defendant is incarcerated at Ross Correctional, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until July, 2037. (Case# 2017-CR-1432, prosecuted by APA Dan Brandt)

February 5, 2018—**Jason Douglas Tidwell**, 19, convicted of involuntary manslaughter, felonious assault, discharge of a firearm on or near prohibited premises, tampering with evidence, aggravated possession of drugs, and having weapons while under disability, was sentenced to 18 years in prison. On July 5, 2017, the defendant was in a fight with another man when gunshots were fired. One of those gunshots entered the home of the victim, 14 year old Mackenna Kronenberger, fatally striking her. The victim was identified as the half-sister of the defendant. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional, with an expected release date of February 26, 2035. (Case# 2017-CR-2101, prosecuted by APAs John Amos and Ward Barrentine)

February 7, 2018—**Klone Snowden**, 20, convicted of murder, aggravated robbery, and intimidation of a witness, was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison. From November 11-13, 2016, the defendant and a co-defendant, Ryshon Steele, drove around Dayton and randomly stopped and robbed victims at gunpoint. On November 12, 2016, during a robbery outside the AM/PM Mini Market on Salem Avenue, 24 year old John Madden, III was shot and killed. After the shooting, the victim was also robbed of his money. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until September, 2032. (Case# 2017-CR-1023/2, prosecuted by APA John Amos)

February 9, 2018—**Demetrius Williams**, 40, convicted of murder, felonious assault, and having weapons while under disability, was sentenced to 29 years to life in prison. On September 4, 2017, the defendant, along with a number of friends, traveled from Cincinnati to Dayton and eventually arrived at the Plush Gentlemen's Club in Harrison Township. The group arrived in three separate vehicles, and once the defendant exited his vehicle, he pulled out a handgun and fatally shot 20 year old Pierre Jackson. The defendant also fired a number of shots at another victim, striking him multiple times, but not fatally. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until July, 2038. (Case# 2017-CR-2793, prosecuted by APAs Dan Brandt and Nicole Amrhein)

February 14, 2018—**Ryshon Steele**, 18, convicted of murder, aggravated robbery, felonious assault, and receiving stolen property, was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. From November 11-13, 2016, the defendant and a co-defendant, Klone Snowden, drove around Dayton and randomly stopped and robbed victims at gunpoint. On November 12, 2016, during a robbery outside the AM/PM Mini Market on Salem Avenue, 24 year old John Madden, III was shot and killed. After the shooting, the victim was also robbed of his money. The defendant is incarcerated at Ross Correctional, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until September, 2041. (Case# 2017-CR-1023/1, prosecuted by APA John Amos)

February 21, 2018—**Curtis Howard Burdette**, 39, convicted of involuntary manslaughter, kidnapping, and tampering with evidence, was sentenced to 25 years in prison. On February 10, 2016, the deceased body of 29 year old Brittany Russell, of Middletown, was found inside her car in an apartment parking lot in Dayton. The victim's 6 month old daughter, who was alive, was also inside the vehicle. The defendant and a co-defendant, Brandon Carr (see page 5), were responsible for the fatal shooting. The defendant is incarcerated at Noble Correctional, with an expected release date of February 25, 2041. (Case# 2016-CR-745/1, prosecuted by APA Dan Brandt)

February 27, 2018—**Randy Stanaford**, 41, convicted of rape of a child under 13, and kidnapping, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, plus a consecutive sentence of 15 years to life in prison. On September 26, 2016, the defendant kidnapped an 11 year old girl at knifepoint from her school bus stop on Heaton Avenue in Dayton, took her to a nearby house and sexually assaulted her. The defendant was identified through his DNA. The defendant was a Tier III sex offender at the time of the incident. In addition to the rape and kidnapping counts, the defendant was also found guilty of Sexually Violent Predator Specifications. The defendant is incarcerated at Trumbull Correctional. (Case# 2016-CR-3039, prosecuted by APAs Kelly Madzey and Anthony Schoen)

March 1, 2018—**William David Gibson**, 43, convicted of six counts of felonious assault on a police officer, and a count of having weapons while under disability, was sentenced to 14 years in prison. On October 13, 2017, Trotwood police and medics responded to a home on Wolf Creek Pike on a report of a woman receiving a gunshot wound. While the officers were outside talking to the woman, the defendant fired a number of shots at the officers from inside the home. The SWAT Team responded to the scene and after approximately two hours, the defendant was taken into custody. The defendant is incarcerated at Southeastern Correctional, with an expected release date of October 9, 2031. (Case# 2017-CR-3261, prosecuted by APAs Ward Barrentine and Melissa Zawadzki)

March 8, 2018—**Michael Brune**, 32, convicted of two counts of rape by force, was sentenced to 20 years in prison. On December 9, 2016, two victims, ages 10 and 12, disclosed that the defendant had forced them to perform sex acts with the defendant. In addition to the prison sentence, the defendant was designated a Tier III sex offender. The defendant is incarcerated at Ross Correctional, with an expected release date of November 9, 2037. (Case# 2017-CR-1367, prosecuted by APAs Michele Henne and Richard Glennon)

March 8, 2018—**Brandon Charles Carr**, 36, convicted of aggravated murder, murder, kidnapping, felonious assault, possession of heroin, endangering children, and having weapons while under disability, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, plus an additional, consecutive 34 years in prison. On February 10, 2016, the deceased body of 29 year old Brittany Russell, of Middletown, was found inside her car in an apartment parking lot in Dayton. The victim's 6 month old daughter, who was alive, was also inside the vehicle. The defendant and a co-defendant, Curtis Burdette (see page 4), were responsible for the fatal shooting. The defendant is incarcerated at Warren Correctional. (Case# 2016-CR-745/2, prosecuted by APA Dan Brandt)

March 20, 2018—**Benny Jewett, IV**, 23, convicted of aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular assault, and failure to comply with the order or signal of a police officer, was sentenced to 8 years in prison. On May 7, 2016, Dayton police officers were responding to complaints about illegal drug activity on Germantown Street. When they arrived, the defendant fled the area at a high-rate of speed in a residential area. He ran a stop sign at the intersections of Jerome and Ruth Avenues and struck another vehicle, injuring that driver and killing the passenger. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional, with an expected release date of March 22, 2025. (Case# 2017-CR-384, prosecuted by APAs Dan Brandt and Ward Barrentine)

March 27, 2018—**Taevian Harris**, 24, convicted of involuntary manslaughter, felonious assault, and having weapons while under disability, was sentenced to 20 years in prison. On September 13, 2017, Dayton Police officers were in the Hilltop neighborhood, on routine patrol, when they heard multiple gun shots. They located the deceased body of 26 year old Deandre Thomas. A search of the defendant's residence revealed several firearms, including an AK-47, a handgun, and a shotgun. The defendant is incarcerated at Mansfield Correctional, with an expected release date of September 20, 2037. (Case# 2017-CR-3085, prosecuted by APA Dan Brandt and Erin Claypoole)

April 3, 2018—**Kara Parisi-King**, 27, convicted of complicity to commit murder, was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison. On March 12, 2017, the defendant, with two co-defendants, Chuckie Lee (see page 7) and Evans Cassell, got into an altercation with some patrons inside the Glass Hut Bar on Linden Avenue. The defendants left the bar and went to the home of one of the patrons. Defendants Lee and Cassell fired at the home, but missed. Instead they struck and killed Taylor Brandenburg, who was completely innocent and not a part of the altercation. The defendant is incarcerated at the Ohio Reformatory for Women, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until February, 2032. (Case# 2017-CR-785/2, prosecuted by APAs John Amos and Anthony Schoen)

April 12, 2018—**Deron Martin**, 24, convicted of involuntary manslaughter and carrying concealed weapons, was sentenced to 15 years in prison. On February 27, 2017, the defendant fatally shot Charles McDonald, Jr. inside the defendant's ex-girlfriend's Trotwood apartment. The defendant is incarcerated at Southeastern Correctional, with an expected release date of February 23, 2032. (Case# 2016-CR-609, prosecuted by APAs Dan Brandt and Ann Gramza)

April 24, 2018—**Keith Reid, Jr.**, 18, convicted of attempted murder, involuntary manslaughter, tampering with evidence, and carrying concealed weapons, was sentenced to 18 years in prison. On September 30, 2017 the defendant was captured on surveillance video fatally shooting Davion Griffin McGhee on Summit Square Drive in Dayton. The defendant was 17 years old at the time but was tried as an adult due to the defendant's age and the serious nature of the charges. The defendant is incarcerated at Ross Correctional, with an expected release date of September 30, 2035. (Case 2017-CR-3862, prosecuted by APAs Lynda Dodd and Julie Bruns)

April 26, 2018—**David Olsen**, 25, convicted of aggravated vehicular homicide, aggravated vehicular assault, and improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle, was sentenced to 13 years in prison. On October 14, 2017, the defendant was driving on St. Rt. 4 in Riverside in excess of 100 mph when his vehicle struck the rear of a motorcycle. The driver of the motorcycle was seriously injured, and his passenger, Alysha Lewis, was killed. At the time of the crash, the defendant was intoxicated, and he had a loaded firearm in his possession. The defendant is currently incarcerated at Warren Correctional, with an expected release date of February 22, 2031. (Case# 2017-CR-4072, prosecuted by APAs John Amos and Sara Hein)

May 1, 2018—**Ryan St. John**, 23, convicted of murder, endangering children, involuntary manslaughter, and felonious assault, was sentenced to 18 years to life in prison. On February 13, 2017, the defendant was babysitting his girlfriend's 2-year-old son, Brayden Ferguson, while the child mother was at work. When she arrived home, the defendant stated the child had thrown up, but was sleeping. Later, the mother checked on the child, found he was not breathing, and called medics to rush the child to Dayton Children's Hospital. The child was removed from life support the next day and he died. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until February 2035. (Case# 2017-CR-484, prosecuted by APAs Dan Brandt, Kelly Madzey, and Michael Scarpelli)

May 18, 2018—**William Lindsey**, 28, convicted of felonious assault, endangering children, and tampering with evidence, was sentenced to 10-1/2 years in prison. On April 26, 2017, the defendant was babysitting his girlfriend's 23-month-old son while the child's mother was at a medical appointment. When she returned, she discovered the child was suffering from severe burns and the child was transported to Dayton Children's Hospital South, in Springboro. The child was later taken by Careflight to Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, with life-threatening burns over 90% of his body. The defendant is incarcerated at Manfield Correctional, with an expected release date of January 22, 2028. (Case# 2017-CR-926, prosecuted by APS Erin Claypoole and Jonathan Sauline)

May 24, 2018—**James Cargle**, 31, convicted of rape, kidnapping, and felonious assault, was sentenced to 41 years in prison. On November 27, 2016, a female victim reported to neighbors that she had been kidnapped two days earlier and had been held captive in a dog cage in the basement of a Sheridan Avenue home, in Dayton. That same day, witnesses call 911 after seeing a nude woman escape from the trunk of a moving car on Kenilworth Avenue. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional, with an expected release date of November 12, 2057. (Case# 2016-CR-3685, prosecuted by APA Erin Claypoole)

August 6, 2018—**Wesley A.M. Gates**, 32, convicted of kidnapping, aggravated burglary, and felonious assault, was sentenced to 12 years in prison. On September 21, 2016, the defendant broke into a home in Kettering, where there were two minor children. One of the children was grabbed by the defendant and forced into a bedroom where the other child was located. While the defendant attempted to tape one of the victim's hands behind her back, the second victim grabbed a baseball bat and struck the defendant's head. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional, with an expected release date of September 17, 2028. (Case# 2016-CR-2947, prosecuted by APA Kelly Madzey)

August 16, 2018—**Raphael Ojezua**, 35, convicted of possession of heroin, aggravated possession of drugs, and possession of cocaine, was sentenced to 11 years in prison. On October 8, 2015, deputies were dispatched to the defendant's Harrison Township residence on a report of a shooting. Once inside, they discovered the defendant had been shot, and they also located over 5,000 grams of heroin, plus methamphetamines and cocaine. (continued on page 7)

*(Raphael Ojezua, continued)*

Due to the amount of drugs involved, the defendant was also convicted on a Major Drug Offender Specification. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional, with an expected release date of May 27, 2029. (Case# 2016-CR-531, prosecuted by APAs Erin Claypoole and Ann Gramza)

August 29, 2018—**Shaun D. Hill**, 29, convicted of felonious assault and having weapons while under disability, was sentenced to 14 years in prison. On February 11, 2017, deputies responded to a reported shooting outside the Liquid Sports Club, on North Main Street, in Harrison Township. Once they arrived, they located a 26-year-old man had been shot. An altercation had taken place inside the club and a number of people went outside the building and the defendant shot the victim. The defendant is incarcerated at Pickaway Correctional, with an expected release date of February 17, 2031. (Case# 2017-CR-459, prosecuted by APAs Erin Claypoole and Trent Sulek)

September 4, 2018—**Chuckie Lee**, 40, convicted of murder, felonious assault, discharge of a firearm on or near prohibited premises, and having weapons while under disability, was sentenced to 61 years to life in prison. On March 12, 2017, the defendant, with two co-defendants, Evans Cassell and Kara Parisi-King (see page 5), got into an altercation with some patrons inside the Glass Hut Bar on Linden Avenue. The defendants left the bar and went to the home of one of the patrons. Defendants Lee and Cassell fired at the home, but missed. Instead they struck and killed Taylor Brandenburg, who was completely innocent and not a part of the altercation.. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until March, 2078. (Case# 2017-CR-785/1, prosecuted by APAs John Amos and Anthony Schoen)

September 11, 2018—**Keason Harron**, 40, convicted of murder, felonious assault, and tampering with evidence, was sentenced to 21 years-to-life in prison. On August 5, 2017, the defendant called 911 to report that he thought his ex-girlfriend, Leanette Newton, was deceased. An autopsy revealed the victim died of a combination of strangulation and blunt force trauma. The defendant is incarcerated at Chillicothe Correctional, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until June, 2038. (Case# 2017-CR-2437, prosecuted by APAs John Amos and Bryan Moore)

September 12, 2018—**Justin Sanderson**, 33, convicted of rape, kidnapping, aggravated burglary, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, and interfering with civil rights, was sentenced to 43 years in prison. On June 28, 2017, the defendant, who was then a Phillipsburg Police Officer, met two women at a motel in Vandalia for sex. The defendant, in his police uniform, told the women he was only going to give them a warning for prostitution, and then he engaged in sexual activity with them. When news of the defendant's arrest became public, two additional victims came forward. On May 20, 2017, a female was stopped by the defendant, taken to the Phillipsburg Police Station and was forced to have sex with the defendant. On June 3, 2017, another female was arrested by the defendant, taken to the police station, and was forced to submit to sexual conduct. The defendant is incarcerated at Lorain Correctional, with an expected release date of August 13, 2060. (Case# 2017-CR-2588, prosecuted by APAs Kelly Madzey and Dylan Smearcheck)

September 26, 2018—**Jeremy Harris**, 27, convicted of murder, felonious assault, aggravated robbery, tampering with evidence, and having weapons while under disability, was sentenced to 38 years to life in prison. On September 21, 2017, Dayton Police officers responded to calls concerning a body found in an alley in the Five Oaks neighborhood. The victim had died from a gunshot wound. The defendant is incarcerated at Toledo Correctional, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until July, 2055. (Case# 2017-CR-2987, prosecuted by APAs John Amos and Trent Sulek)

October 11, 2018—**Willie Henry, Jr.**, 43, convicted of two counts of murder and having weapons while under disability, was sentenced to 30 years to life in prison. On June 21, 2018, Dayton Police officers responded to a residence on East Norman Avenue on a report of a shooting. Inside the residence, the defendant had grabbed a shotgun and fired a shot at his brother, Lavar Cottrell, seriously injuring him. The defendant then turned the gun on his brother's girlfriend, Barbara Goubeaux, and fatally shot her. The defendant is incarcerated at Pickaway Correctional, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until November 2047. (Case# 2018-CR-2426, prosecuted by APAs Erin Claypoole and Trent Sulek)

October 30, 2018—**Zaren Wiesenborn**, 19, convicted of 13 counts of rape, 13 counts of gross sexual imposition, and 7 counts of kidnapping for sexual activity, was sentenced to 78-1/2 years in prison. The victim, now 17 years old, disclosed that from January 2013 until March 2018, the defendant sexually assaulted her multiple times and as a means to punish and control her. The defendant is incarcerated at the Corrections Reception Center, with an expected release date of August 9, 2096. (Case# 2018-CR-864, prosecuted by APAs Julie Bruns and Dylan Smearcheck)

November 27, 2018—**Ralphiel Harris**, 29, convicted of involuntary manslaughter and aggravated robbery, was sentenced to 20 years in prison. On October 28, 2016, Dayton Police officers responded to an apartment at Summit Square Apartments on a report of a shooting. Once inside, the officers found the deceased body of Lynn Shackelford, who the defendant had shot once in the back of the head. The defendant is incarcerated at the Corrections Reception Center, with an expected release date of September 9, 2037. (Case# 2017-CR-1638, prosecuted by APAs Lynda Dodd and Ann Gramza)

December 20, 2018—**Daniel O'Connor**, 35, convicted of rape, felonious assault, aggravated burglary, kidnapping, and domestic violence, was sentenced to 46 years in prison. On February 9, 2018, Miami Township Police officers responded to a report about two people fighting. The victim was approached by the defendant outside her residence and was forced inside where the defendant choked her, tied her up, raped her. In addition to the prison sentence, the defendant was also designated both a Tier II and a Tier III sex offender. The defendant is incarcerated at the Corrections Reception Center, with an expected release date of February 20, 2064. (Case# 2018-CR-541, prosecuted by APAs Anthony Schoen and Nicole Amrhein)

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## **ArriveSafe Update**

Prosecutor Heck's *ArriveSafe* Program, started in December, 2007, has provided over 7,000 cab rides to those Montgomery County residents who were impaired and knew not to be behind the wheel. The goal is very simple - provide a free cab ride to get them home safely and prevent needless OVI crashes, which cause injuries and deaths.

The program is primarily paid for from money that is seized from drug dealers, but also from donations we receive from Budweiser through Heidelberg Distributing, and from AAA Miami Valley. No taxpayer money is used to pay for the program.

The *ArriveSafe* Program will be active and providing rides over the upcoming St. Patrick's Day weekend, March 15-18, 2019. In the meantime, never drink and drive. Have a designated sober driver, call for a cab, or use a ride-sharing service such as Uber or Lyft. As Prosecutor Heck says, "The life you save may be your own!"

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## Staff Updates

Since the last edition of *The Prosecutor*, we have hired a number of additional staff to replace retiring staff, or those who left to pursue other employment:

On September 18, 2018, **Matthew C. DeRosa** was appointed as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Juvenile Division of the office. Matthew received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and his Master of Education in Organization and Leadership from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2013.

On September 28, 2018, **Mark David Merrell** was appointed as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Intake/Grand Jury Section of the office. David received his Masters in Health Administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2014. Mark was previously an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Knox County, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He is originally from Dayton.

On October 1, 2018, **Brian L. Titus** joined the staff as a Legal Secretary, assigned to the Criminal Case Management Section of the office. Brian is a 2018 graduate of Ohio University, in Athens, Ohio, majoring in Political Science, with a minor in Sociology. Brian is from Englewood.

On November 14, 2018, **Patricia S. Riley** was appointed as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Child Protection Unit of the office. Patricia received her undergraduate degree in Criminology, Law & Society from the George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia in 2013. She received her law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2017. Patricia is originally from Spotsylvania, Virginia.

On December 3, 2018, **Cheyenne M. Solomon** joined the staff as a legal secretary, assigned to the Juvenile Division of the office. Cheyanne received her Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication from Wright State University in 2017. Cheyanne lives in Dayton.

On December 5, 2018, **India A. Taste** joined the staff as a legal secretary, assigned to the Delinquent Tax Assessment and Collections Unit of the office. India received her Associates of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education in 2012 from Sinclair Community College. In 2016, she received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Central State University, in Wilberforce, Ohio. India is originally from Trotwood.

On December 17, 2018, **Karen B. Groseth** was appointed as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Criminal Division of the office. Karen received her undergraduate degree in Social Work from The Ohio State University in 2010. She received her law degree from the Capital University Law School in 2013. From November 2013 to July 2016, Karen was an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in our office. She left to go to work as a Municipal Prosecutor at the Columbus City Attorney's Office for two and a half years. Karen is originally from Dayton.

On December 31, 2018, **Elizabeth L. McCormick** was appointed as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, assigned to the Intake/Grand Jury Section of the office. Liz received her undergraduate degree in Political Science in 2007 from the University of Dayton. In 2011 she received her law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law. For the past 7 years, Liz was an assistant prosecutor in the Clark County Prosecutor's Office, in Springfield. Liz is originally from Columbus.

## Current Sex Offender Tier Designations Under Ohio Law

TIER I - offenders include those who have been convicted of offenses such as sexual imposition, voyeurism, and pandering obscenity. Adult offenders must register their address with the Sheriff's Office once a year for 15 years; juvenile offenders must register for 10 years.

TIER II - offenders include those who have been convicted of offenses such as gross sexual imposition with a victim under 13 years old, pandering sexually oriented material involving a minor, and unlawful sexual conduct with a minor when the offender is four or more years older than the victim. Adult offenders must register their address with the Sheriff's Office every 180 days for 25 years; juvenile offenders must register for 20 years.

TIER III - offenders are considered the most serious offenders. They include those who have been convicted for offenses such as rape, sexual battery, or murder with sexual motivation. Both adult and juvenile offenders must register their address with the Sheriff's Office every 90 days for the rest of their lives.



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