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## **2012—A Year In Review**

On January 2, 2013 I had the honor of being sworn in for my sixth full term as your elected prosecutor. Looking back over the last two decades I have been in office, I am extremely proud of what my office has accomplished for the citizens of Montgomery County. As I said during my first swearing in, it is my firm belief that, “working together we can make a difference.” That is still true today.

In the past year we have seen true atrocities, such as the mass murders committed at Sandy Hook school and at the Aurora, Colorado theater, as well as tragic crimes committed in our own community. These events remind us what is really important, and why we do what we do.

The past year was a challenging one for my office. 2012 saw a budget reduction of over \$1,000,000 from 2011. In fact, funding was very close to the amount budgeted in 1998! Consequently, the office was forced to reorganize staff to accommodate a 10% staff reduction. This reorganization resulted in the remaining staff taking on additional duties, which continues today. Thankfully, the economic recovery we are starting to see has helped to stabilize Montgomery County’s budget.

During 2012 we reviewed nearly 5,100 law enforcement investigations of felonies committed by adults, which is a decline from 2011, and continues the overall trend we have seen in the past several years.

Some other highlights for 2012:

- Felony Assault charges continue to fall.
- Cases of Arson were the lowest they have been in the past five years.
- Crimes involving weapons, such as carrying a concealed weapon, continues to decline and were the lowest they have been since 2001.

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- Child Endangering cases continue to increase and were the highest they have been since at least 2000.
- Charges of Illegal Manufacturing of Drugs, such as methamphetamines, also continue to increase and were the highest since at least 2000.
- Felony charges of OVI also were the highest they have been in at least the past 12 years.
- Heroin is a growing problem in our community. Over the last five years, the number of convictions for heroin possession has grown by 40%.

So, as you can see, our community has made progress in some areas. Clearly child abuse and neglect and illegal drug and alcohol abuse continue to be a growing problem in our community, and we will continue to prosecute those who commit those crimes.

## 2012—A Year In Review

Below are the outcomes of some of the most significant, important, or tragic cases prosecuted to conviction by our office this past year:

February 8, 2012—Shawn Kortz, 41, convicted of murder, was sentenced to 15 years-to-life in prison for the beating death of Michael Hollon in the victim's Moraine home on September 19, 2010. The defendant was captured by police in Georgetown, KY after a brief chase. The defendant is incarcerated at the Corrections Reception Center and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until January, 2030. (Case# 2010-CR-3142)

February 14, 2012—Timothy Albritton, Jr., 23, was sentenced to 60 months in prison for sexually assaulting a 4-year-old girl. Additionally, he was classified as a Tier II sex offender. The defendant is incarcerated at Belmont Correctional, with an expected release date of August 21, 2016. (Case# 2011-CR-2955)

February 21, 2012—Anthony Croom, 44, convicted of aggravated murder, was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for the August 2, 2007 shooting death of Anthony Hurd at a filling station on North Main Street in Englewood. The defendant is incarcerated at the Corrections Reception Center. (Case# 2010-CR-2215)

February 22, 2012—Keron Simpson, 21, convicted of murder, was sentenced to 50 years-to-life in prison for the robbery of a number of individuals and the murders of Earnest Sanders and Michelle Carter at an after-hours liquor establishment on Germantown Street in November of 2010. The defendant is incarcerated at London Correctional and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until September, 2059. (Case #s 2010-CR-4077, 2010-CR-4101 & 2011-CR-1356)

February 28, 2012—Renee N. Alsup, 30, was sentenced to up to 5 years probation for purposefully crashing her vehicle into a tree with her three 5 and 6-year-old children in the vehicle on September 12, 2011 in Dayton. Thankfully the children were not seriously injured. The defendant is under intensive supervision and if she commits another crime while on probation, she could receive a prison sentence of 7 years incarceration. (Case# 2011-CR-3191)

February 28, 2012—Antonio Wynn, 23, convicted of complicity to commit murder, was sentenced to 15 years-to-life in prison for the shooting death of Deonta Beans outside a market on North Main Street in Dayton on December 3, 2010. The Defendant is incarcerated at Warren Correctional and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until October, 2028. (Case# 2010-CR-3822)

March 5, 2012—Stephon Swain, 21, convicted of murder, was sentenced to 18 years-to-life in prison for the January 1, 2011 shooting death of Jamycol Harris in Harrison Township. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until November, 2028. (Case# 2011-CR-0004)

March 14, 2012—Darrell S. Hatfield, 59, was sentenced to 12 months in prison for the theft of over \$9,700 from the Northmont Band Boosters. Hatfield was the treasurer of the association and used the funds for his personal use. The defendant was incarcerated from March 16, 2012 until his release from prison on December 6, 2012. (Case# 2011-CR-3229)

April 3, 2012—Gary R. Rednour, 52, convicted of murder, was sentenced to 15 years-to-life for the killing of Kimberly Paradiso, whose body was found by a group of children playing behind a vacant house in Dayton. The defendant is incarcerated at London Correctional and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until July, 2025. (Case# 2010-CR-2728)

April 16, 2012—Glenn B. Walker, Jr., 29, convicted of murder, was sentenced to 15 years-to-life for the shooting death of his mother, Michelle Walker, in her Huber Heights home on March 16, 2011. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until February, 2029. (Case# 2011-CR-944)

May 8, 2012—Mark A. Reed, 46, convicted of murder, was sentenced to 18 years-to-life in prison for the May 4, 2011 shooting death of his girlfriend, Lisa Palm, in their Dayton residence. After killing the victim, he then pointed the firearm at the deceased's adult son and pulled the trigger, but the gun jammed. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until March, 2029. (Case# 2011-CR-1588)

May 17, 2012—Angela Norman, 43, was sentenced to nine years in prison for involuntary manslaughter and child endangering after her 14-year-old daughter, Makayla, died. The victim suffered from cerebral palsy and weighed just 28 pounds at the time of her death on March 1, 2011. The defendant is incarcerated at the Ohio Reformatory for Women with an expected release date of November 12, 2020. (Case# 2011-CR-3826)

May 17, 2012—Brian and Rivae Hart, 52 and 51 years-of-age, were each sentenced to three years in prison for child endangering by causing their granddaughter to stay confined to a bathroom while she lived in their home. Brian Hart is incarcerated at Madison Correctional with an expected release date of January 25, 2014, while Rivae Hart is incarcerated at the Ohio Reformatory for Women with an expected release date of January 23, 2014. (Case# 2011-CR-0389)

May 18, 2012—Robert Bernardi, 44, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for a rape that occurred in Englewood in 2001. The defendant climbed through the bedroom window of a sleeping 14-year-old girl and raped her. DNA evidence identified the defendant in 2011. He is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional with an expected release date of November 7, 2026. (Case# 2003-CR-1594)

May 18, 2012—Levi Slaughter, 19, convicted of murder, was sentenced to 21 years-to-life in prison for the shooting death of Douglas Byrd, Jr. on January 17, 2012 on Pittsburg Avenue in Dayton. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until December, 2032. (Case# 2012-CR-0233)

June 6, 2012—Eva Christian, 44, was sentenced to nine years in prison for break-ins and a fire that were staged in order to collect insurance money. The staged crimes were reported to have occurred at her Washington Township home and at her restaurant, Cena Brazilian Steakhouse, near the Dayton Mall. The defendant is incarcerated at the Ohio Reformatory for Women and she is expected to be released on May 13, 2021. The defendant is a German citizen, and will be deported when she is released from prison. (Case# 2011-CR-0563)

June 11, 2012—Jamar Carpenter, 22, convicted of voluntary manslaughter, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for the shooting death of Essien Obong, Jr. on October 6, 2011 at an apartment complex on Liscum Drive in Dayton. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional with an expected release date of October 6, 2021. (Case# 2011-CR-3466)

June 19, 2012—Derrick Phillips, 22, was sentenced to 66 months in prison for causing the death of Kenyon Moon on February 11, 2011. The defendant was driving at a high rate of speed on residential streets in Dayton when his vehicle struck Moon's vehicle, killing him. The defendant is incarcerated at the Corrections Reception Center with an expected release date of November 27, 2017. (Case# 2011-CR-3460)

July 10, 2012—Benny Harper, 51, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for the manslaughter of Craig Gober on October 4, 2006. The defendant struck the victim in the head with a handgun and seriously injured him on September 13, 2006. The victim never regained consciousness before his death on October 4, 2006. The defendant is incarcerated at Ross Correctional with an expected release date of September 30, 2021. (Case# 2010-CR-0796)

July 11, 2012—Patrick L. Kennedy, 36, was sentenced to 15 years-to-life in prison for rape and sexual assault of children he babysat. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correction and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until January, 2025. (Case# 2011-CR-231)

July 24, 2012—Nicholas Slusser, 33, was sentenced to eight years in prison for seriously injuring two men with a baseball bat on the porch of a home on East Third Street in Dayton on July 20, 2011. The defendant is incarcerated at London Correctional with an expected release date of July 19, 2019. (Case# 2011-CR-2448)

August 23, 2012—Michael S. Finn, Jr., 24, convicted of aggravated vehicular homicide, was sentenced to five years in prison for killing his passenger, K. C. Newman, in a traffic crash on Edwin C. Moses Blvd. in Dayton on September 9, 2011. The defendant's BAC at the time of the crash was .229%. The defendant is incarcerated at Allen Oakwood Correctional with an expected release date of December 29, 2017. (Case# 2011-CR-3902)

August 24, 2012—Richard Burton, 27, convicted of involuntary manslaughter, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for shooting into a crowded bar on April 1, 2011, killing Marcus Bean and injuring two others. The defendant is incarcerated at Ross Correctional with an expected release date of April 6, 2026. (Case# 2011-CR-1206)

August 29, 2012—Raleigh Trammell, 75, was sentenced to 18 months in prison after he was convicted on 51 felony counts related to payments he fraudulently received from Montgomery County for his home-delivered meals program. The defendant is not in custody, having been released from prison while he appeals his convictions. (Case# 2010-CR-3364)

August 30, 2012—Sean D. Upchurch, 41, was sentenced to 11 years in prison for committing a series of burglaries and other crimes in Oakwood, Kettering, Centerville, Miamisburg, Miami Township, Clayton, Butler Township and Dayton. The defendant is incarcerated at London Correctional with an expected release date of April 20, 2022. (Case# 2011-CR-1471)

September 4, 2012—Alicia Tyner, 42, convicted of aggravated vehicular homicide, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for killing Kathleen Saunders and injuring another in a head-on crash that occurred on August 26, 2011 on Salem Avenue at Gettysburg Avenue in Harrison Township. The defendant's BAC at the time of the crash was .180%. The defendant is incarcerated at the Ohio Reformatory for Women with an expected release date of August 23, 2023. (Case# 2011-CR-2970)

September 6, 2012—David Leroy Grimes, 51, was sentenced to five years in prison for raping a mentally challenged teenager in Kettering in 1994. DNA evidence connected Grimes to the crime after he was convicted of an OVI in Greene County and a DNA sample was collected and submitted to a statewide database. The defendant is incarcerated at Madison Correctional with an expected release date of July 30, 2017. (Case# 2012-CR-1667)

September 20, 2012—Amber Gipson, 25, was sentenced to three years in prison for involuntary manslaughter and child endangering. Her six-month-old son was found dead in a laundry basket beside the bed the defendant was sleeping in. Toxicology tests found cocaine in the blood of the defendant as well as the deceased infant. The defendant is incarcerated at Dayton Correctional with an expected release date of September 22, 2014. (Case# 2011-CR-2024)

October 2, 2012—Samuel C. Stein, 29, was sentenced to nine years in prison for plotting to kill his ex-girlfriend. The defendant is incarcerated at Ross Correctional with an expected release date of March 4, 2021. (Case# 2012-CR-786)

October 16, 2012—James House, Jr., 53, convicted of murder, was sentenced to 18 years-to-life in prison for the shooting death of his girlfriend, Regina Crum, while she was sleeping in bed on February 24, 2011. The defendant is incarcerated at Warren Correctional and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until January, 2029. (Case# 2011-CR-667)

October 17, 2012—Robert Finkley, 30, convicted of aggravated vehicular homicide, was sentenced to eight years in prison for killing Christina Jackson and Corey Cooper in a crash at the intersection of Wayne and Wilmington Avenues in Dayton on November 19, 2011. The defendant was drunk and speeding at the time of the crash. He is incarcerated at Chillicothe Correctional with an expected release date of November 16, 2019. (Case# 2011-CR-3964)

October 29, 2012—Kevin Collins, 31, was sentenced to eight years in prison for raping two teenage girls under the age of 13. The defendant impregnated one of the girls and took her to Franklin County to have a forced abortion. The defendant is incarcerated at Madison Correctional with an expected release date of June 5, 2020. (Case# 2012-CR-712)

October 30, 2012—Aisha Marie Sanders, 25, convicted of aggravated murder, was sentenced to 28 years-to-life in prison for the robbery and beating death of her grandmother, Mary Muha, on December 16, 2011. The defendant is incarcerated at Dayton Correctional and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until December, 2039. (Case# 2011-CR-4311)

November 13, 2012—Jason Shern, 31, convicted of murder, was sentenced to 15 years-to-life in prison for the shooting death of Central State University student Kordero Hunter on September 23, 2011 in Dayton. The defendant is incarcerated at Lebanon Correctional and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until August, 2026. (Case# 2011-CR-3310)

December 20, 2012—Nikolaos Boscarino, 29, a professional fighter, was sentenced to seven years in prison for assaulting Dayton Police Officer Donnie Smith outside a Dayton bar on August 12, 2011. The defendant is incarcerated at the Corrections Reception Center with an expected release date of October 12, 2019. (Case# 2011-CR-2802)

December 21, 2012—Earl Jerome Draper, 45, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for brutally attacking a woman in the 900 block of Wayne Avenue on July 22, 2012. He is incarcerated at the Corrections Reception Center with an expected release date of July 24, 2022. (Case# 2012-CR-2260)

## Ohio's Prisons—Where are they located?

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction facilities mentioned in this issue are:

Allen Oakwood Correctional Institution — Lima, Ohio  
 Belmont Correctional Institution — St. Clairsville, Ohio  
 Chillicothe Correctional Institution — Chillicothe, Ohio  
 Corrections Reception Center — Orient, Ohio  
 Dayton Correctional Institution — Dayton, Ohio  
 Lebanon Correctional Institution — Lebanon, Ohio  
 London Correctional Institution — London, Ohio  
 Madison Correctional Institution — London, Ohio  
 Ohio Reformatory for Women — Marysville, Ohio  
 Ross Correctional Institution — Chillicothe, Ohio  
 Warren Correctional Institution — Lebanon, Ohio

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