

**GRAND JURY REPORT
MARCH – APRIL 2014**

We, the Grand Jury of March and April, 2014, are proud to have served Christian County. We feel confident that our renderings were carefully thought out and thoroughly discussed in regard to each case. We have been enlightened in many ways as to the complexity of our laws and the extreme amount of work it takes to enforce those laws.

We have been saddened by the abuse children undergo at the hands of those whose job it is to protect them. We applaud the Child Support Enforcement Team for pursuing those parents who continue to neglect their children by refusing to support them financially.

We have become uncomfortably familiar with cases that began with consensual sex, often with a minor, and lead to rape charges. Perhaps the law should provide punishment to the parents of the female “victims” for the lack of due supervision.

Our greatest amazement has been the ongoing drug problem in the county. Although 12 citizens cannot even begin to find a solution for the ever growing problem, we believe that unless greater sentences are handed down and enforced, the travesty will remain. Either we legalize these drugs, or we make sure the 10 or 20 year sentences stick the first time. A vast percentage of the drug related cases we were introduced to related to individuals who were repeat offenders. If prison reform is possible, then a 10 year sentence will tell. In the meantime, that individual is at least off the streets. A slap on the wrist only fuels the fire. The consequences of drug involvement need to be stringent enough to deter repeat offenses.

It is our hope that the impact and the recommendations made by the Grand Jury of March-April 2014 will help to change Christian County for the better.

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