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**Helpful links:**

- <http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/> (Kentucky State Police)
- <http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/sor.htm> (Sex Offender Registry)
- <http://www.corrections.ky.gov/kool.htm> (KY Online Offender Lookup)
- <http://irc.state.ky.us/statrev/frontpg.htm> (Kentucky Revised Statutes)
- <http://apps.kycourts.net/courtrec>

**“Leading the Fight for Public Safety”**

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Edition of our newsletter.

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**ANNUAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE**



**Thursday May 15, 2014 at 5:00 PM**  
**Police Memorial Park**  
**West 1<sup>st</sup> St (next to Hopkinsville Police Dept)**

This service pays honors to Law Enforcement Officers from Christian County who gave their lives in the line of duty to preserve law and order and protect and defend our peaceful way of life. The Key Note speaker will be County Attorney Mike Foster. Please come and pay tribute to the 9 brave Officers who made the supreme sacrifice. The Service runs 30 – 45 minutes, so, bring a lawn chair.

Inclement weather location will be the Christian County Justice Center.



ords/ (Court Case Information)

<http://courts.ky.gov> (Docket Information)

<http://www.dea.gov/seizures/ken-tucky.html> (Locations of Meth Labs)

<http://www.bop.gov/> (Federal Inmate Locator)

<http://ag.ky.gov> (KY Attorney General)

<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/index.htm> (DEA)

[https://www.vinelink.com\\_](https://www.vinelink.com_) (KY Statewide Offender custody status)

## FROM COMMONWEALTH'S DETECTIVE KENNY OVER

### Why Be a Police Officer?

As Police Memorial Week approaches, I often think of why, when it can be so dangerous, men and women want to be police officers. I can only speak for myself, but I bet that what drives me also drives many in this profession.

As some of you know, I actually started out my career in law enforcement at age 13 by going to reform school for about a year and a half. It was there that I met several awesome law enforcement people who cared enough to point me in the right direction and instill in me the desire to help people. As a small person, I had a dislike for those who bully others and I felt that those who break the law were really just bullies. I became interested in police work through an HPD officer that often came into a store where I worked.

I was very lucky to be hired by the Hopkinsville Police Department at the age of 21. My early years there were full of learning about police work and finding out the terrible things that people do to each other. I spent about seven years in Patrol, which was rewarding but I wanted to follow up on cases, not just write the reports. I became a detective and found my niche. I enjoyed the rush of drug raids, endured the boredom of stakeouts, investigated the thefts, burglaries, and robberies that seem to occur very frequently in our little town.

The crimes that bothered me the most were the violent crimes: rapes, assaults, murders, that have such a devastating effect on so many people's lives. While it is very rewarding to put someone behind bars for taking someone's life (I worked on 55 homicides in my career at HPD), it is not a victory, and no one wins. I have cried with victims' and suspects' families; sometimes justice hurts, but it is so necessary in our society.

When I was promoted to Police Chief in 2000, I said then that the citizens of Hopkinsville had raised me and taught me what I knew, and that was true, most of what I knew was not learned at the Police Academy but on the streets of Hopkinsville. Police work, like fire fighting, is more of a calling than a profession. You certainly will not get rich in money, but if done right, the rewards to your character are unequaled.

Many of the finest people I have ever met were policemen, and sadly I have had to fire and arrest some officers. If we can't police ourselves, we have no business policing others. My own personal regret is the sacrifices that my family has had to make over the years in order for me to be gone so often when called in after hours.

The heart of a good policeman is filled with kindness, compassion, and a desire to make things right, they are not magicians, superheroes, nor do they have all the answers - they just care. When you see a Police Officer, especially this week, thank them for caring enough to wear their uniform and represent what this country was built on, and please remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving you.

I have spent 24 years at HPD, 4 years at the SO, and am in my 8<sup>th</sup> year as a detective at the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office; I have been shot at, stabbed, kicked, punched, spit on, maced, and tased (by my own guys), ran over, fractured bones, and had my ass kicked on several occasions, and I can't think of anything I would rather have done.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."  
Matthew 5:9

### **GRAND JURY:**

The March-April Grand Jury effectively and proficiently returned **78** "True Bill" Indictments, **1** "No True Bills," and there was **2** cases referred to District Court. As always, the Grand Jury was very dedicated, and we appreciate their service to our community. Their report is attached.

### **COURT PROCEEDINGS:**

From March 1, 2014, through April 30, 2014, our office handled **99** arraignments, **103** probation revocation hearings, and **139** sentencing hearings.

### **JURY TRIALS:**



#### **COMMONWEALTH VS. JIMMIE SANDERS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Agency:** Christian Co. Sheriff Dept.

On March 24, 2014, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Ramsey Groves tried the case of Commonwealth vs. Jimmie Sanders. Jimmie Sanders was charged with twenty-three counts of Sexual Abuse, First Degree and three counts of Rape, First Degree. Essentially, the charges stemmed from allegations that Sanders committed sexual acts with a female child from the time that she was six to eight years old in Christian County, Kentucky.

The alleged victim, who was only thirteen years old at the time of trial, was the first witness for the Commonwealth. She testified that she lived in Christian County with the Defendant from the ages of six to eight and that, during that time, he touched her vaginal area, made her touch his penis, and tried to insert his penis into her vagina. She described "white stuff" coming out of his penis on some of these occasions. Specifically, the child testified that Sanders made her place his hand on his penis and move it up and down in the garage, inserted his finger in her vagina inside of the home, and tried to insert his penis inside of her vagina in the garage but wasn't successful because it hurt too much. She told jurors that she did not tell anyone at the time because she was scared of Sanders, and he told her not to tell anyone. Also, she testified that, at that age, she did not know that what he was doing was wrong and did not realize that it was until sex education in middle school.

She came forward to her mother when she started having nightmares and Sanders was no longer living in their home. When asked why she did not tell anyone earlier, the child stated that she did not want other people, particularly other kids at school, to know what had been going on. The child was tearful and jurors could see her lips trembling. She also said that she did go to counseling once but never went back because she saw someone from school in the lobby and did not want that child or anyone else at school to know what happened.

The child's mother testified next for the Commonwealth. She testified that she lived in Christian County with the alleged victim and Sanders while the child was between the ages of six and eight. After that time, all three moved to Hopkins County. The mother testified that, while they lived in Christian County, primarily only the three of them lived in the home. She also stated that she would leave for work in the mornings before Sanders, and he was responsible for ensuring that the child got on the school bus. The mother said that her daughter never told her about the sexual acts until August 2012. At that time, the mother called and confronted Sanders. Per the tearful mother, she did not immediately tell the police because the child did not want other people to know. However, the mother reported Sanders' conduct to the police a few months later in December 2012 because the child continued to have nightmares.

Dr. Travis Calhoun of the Pennyryle Children's Advocacy Center and Detective Chris Williams of the Christian County Sheriff Department, the investigating officer, also testified on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Two witnesses testified on behalf of Sanders, an ex-wife and his adult son, and Sanders testified in his own defense. Sanders and his witnesses attempted to cast doubt on the credibility of the child. Sanders himself denied any inappropriate conduct and asserted that the mother's son, who would have been in high school at the time, was also living in the house in Christian County in spite of what the mother said in her testimony.

In closing arguments, the defense argued that Sanders was innocent and pointed to some inconsistencies between the child's testimony and the mother's testimony. The Commonwealth argued in closing that the child had absolutely no reason whatsoever to fabricate these allegations, and the child knew details one would only know if they had actually lived it. The Commonwealth attempted to stress that the well-mannered child who makes good grades at school had nothing to gain by making these allegations, nor did her mother, and that it is perfectly logical for a child to delay reporting because of embarrassment or fear.

After deliberation, the jury found Sanders not guilty of any offense. When consulting with a juror following the verdict, the juror stated that they felt like they needed to hear from the son that Sanders alleged also lived in the house and that they needed more evidence in order to convict. According to the juror, they wanted more than the word of one person against another in order to convict.

## **GUILTY PLEAS/SENTENCINGS:**

This section of our Newsletter includes a brief description of sentencing hearings that took place during the previous two-month period. While many consider “plea-bargains” as a negative way to resolve cases, defendants typically plead guilty to the same charges they are indicted for. When the defendant is sentenced following a guilty plea, they stand convicted of the charges just as if a jury had found them guilty. Therefore, the only thing they bargain away is their right to a jury trial and right to appeal. You will also see the jail-intake photos of these Defendants, when available.

Once the Commonwealth makes an offer and the Defendant enters a guilty plea, it is up to the Circuit Judge to determine if the Defendant will be probated or sentenced to prison. Another option that the judge has is one that must be agreed upon by the Defendant and by the Commonwealth – Pretrial Diversion. A “Pretrial Diversion” is only available to those defendants that are pleading guilty to Class D felonies [1-5 years] [DUIs shall be ineligible] and they are only allowed one diversion in any five (5) year period.

### **COMMONWEALTH V. BRIAN VANDIVER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Private Complaint  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Charges:** Stalking 1<sup>st</sup>, Harassing Communications (2 counts)  
**Disposition:** 90 Days - Probated for 1 year



### **COMMONWEALTH V. SCOTT DIGGS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Private Complaint  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 3, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Deception Over \$500 (2 counts)  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Probated & Diverted



### **COMMONWEALTH V. CODY HEADY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 5, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Methamphetamine  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated



### **COMMONWEALTH V. WILLIAM WOMACK**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 27, 2013



**Sentencing Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Resisting Arrest; Disorderly Conduct; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 3 Counts; Trafficking in Cocaine  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. JERRY SCOTT**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Charges:** Criminal Trespass, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. BRANDON SMITH**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Resisting Arrest; Possession of Methylone  
**Disposition:** 12 Months - Jail



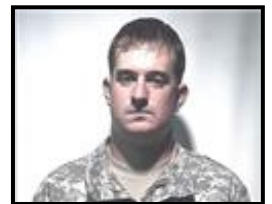
**COMMONWEALTH V. JOE PETTUS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 8, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon  
**Disposition:** 7 Years – probated - 6 months House Arrest



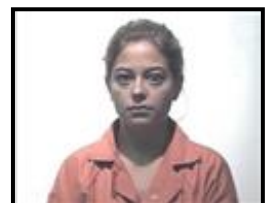
**COMMONWEALTH V. BRANDON FREEMAN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** N/A  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 4, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Criminal Mischief, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted.



**COMMONWEALTH V. KAYLYN FREEMAN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 18, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Criminal Mischief, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Bail Jumping, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. ALBERT WEST**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 29, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Morphine; Possession of Lortab; Possession of Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



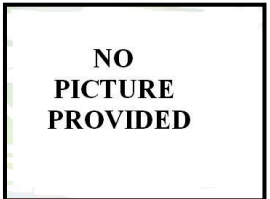
**COMMONWEALTH V. TREVOR ADCOCK**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 4, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. BRYON PETERSON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Office of the Inspector General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 15, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Fraudulently Obtaining SNAP Benefits over \$100  
**Disposition:** 4 Years – Probated and Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. ALTOVISE MCGREGOR**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Criminal Trespass, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. JOSEPH BROWN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 9, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Fleeing or Evading Police 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. JUSTIN HORSTEAD**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 9, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Fleeing or Evading Police 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Attempted Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Police Officer  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTOPHER WALKER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Fleeing or Evading Police 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Attempted Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Police Officer  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. ANTOINE BUCKNER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** ATF and Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 11, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Marijuana, 8 oz or More but Less than 5 lbs, 3 Counts  
**Disposition:** 9 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. STEVEN KILLIAN**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Open Guilty Plea Date:** January 15, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 12, 2014  
**Charges:** Manufacturing Methamphetamine; Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana; Driving on a Cancelled License; Expired Tags  
**Disposition:** 15 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. SUZANNE HEIDEL**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 3, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 12, 2014





**Charges:** Facilitation of Criminal Abuse, 2nd Degree, Child 12 Years of Age or Under  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Probated

**COMMONWEALTH V. TROY HEIDEL**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 3, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 12, 2014  
**Charges:** Criminal Abuse, 2nd Degree, Child 12 Years of Age or Under  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. MARCUS LANE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 11, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** March 12, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Marijuana while Armed; Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Disregarding a Traffic Regulation  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated



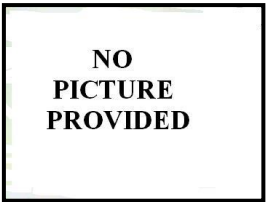
**COMMONWEALTH V. TOMMY WRIGHT**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 12, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500; Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500; 2 Counts Theft by Deception over \$500  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. DUSTIN LUADZERS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 12, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500  
**Disposition:** 1 Year - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. ANTONIO JOHNSON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 19, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 19, 2014



**Charges:** Possession of Marijuana; Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Probated

**COMMONWEALTH V. TOREY CHRISTIAN**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 13, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 19, 2014  
**Charges:** Burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 2 counts; Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm, 6 counts; Persistent Felony Offender, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 15 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. SARA BROWNSTEIN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 8, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 26, 2014  
**Charges:** 2 Counts Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500; Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500; Fleeing or Evading Police, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Criminal Trespass, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. RAMON LEIS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 26, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 26, 2014  
**Charges:** Facilitation to Trafficking in Heroin  
**Disposition:** 21 days – Jail



**COMMONWEALTH V. MICHAEL MIMMS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 21, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 26, 2014  
**Charges:** Assault, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Domestic Violence; Criminal Mischief, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Wanton Endangerment, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. SHARAIN ELLIOTT**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 13, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 26, 2014



**Charges:** Knowingly Receiving Stolen Firearm  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES HASKINS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 4, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** March 26, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Lortab; Tampering With Physical Evidence; Possession of Marijuana; Resisting Arrest; Disorderly Conduct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 1 ½ Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. EARNEST WALLACE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 26, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** March 26, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Lortab; Possession of Unspecified Controlled Substance; Possession of Synthetic Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 12 Months -- Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. DERRIUS SHARP**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 20, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** March 27, 2014  
**Charges:** DUI 3<sup>rd</sup> offense, Possession of Open Container, Rear License not Illuminated  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. MELISSA CUSANO**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 29, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 2, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Clonopin; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Controlled Substance Prescription Not in Original Container, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense; Public Intoxication, Controlled Substance  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. RYAN PHILLIPS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** April 2, 2014



**Sentencing Date:** April 2, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Methamphetamine; 2 Counts Forgery, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. MELVIN STAMPS MOORE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 15, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 2, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine; Persistent Felony Offender, First Degree  
**Disposition:** 15 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. RONNIE MCKNIGHT**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 7 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. MARCUS MERRIWEATHER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 15, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine, Subsequent Offense; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana; Endangering the Welfare of a Minor  
**Disposition:** 12 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. ROBERT GLENN WALKER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Office of the Attorney General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 2, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Matter Portraying a Sexual Performance by a Minor, 3 Counts; Distribution of Matter Portraying a Sexual Performance by a Minor, 9 Counts  
**Disposition:** 6 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. JENNIFER DRAKE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 26, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, Unauthorized Use of Credit Card, 52 counts  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES DUKE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 11, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Failure to Wear Seatbelt, Failure to Use Child Restraint Device, Cultivation of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana, Propagation and Holding of Protected Wildlife  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. TANISHA ANDERSON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Office of the Inspector General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Fraudulently Obtaining SNAP Benefits over \$100  
**Disposition:** 4 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. KYLE TANNER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 29, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Fleeing or Evading Police, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500; Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon  
**Disposition:** 4 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. AGHEANA BAILEY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Assault, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree; Criminal Trespass, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Bail Jumping, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. ASHLEY BUCKINGHAM**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 4, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Assault, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Domestic Violence, 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense or Greater Within 5 Years  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. JONATHAN BURRUS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 19, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 6 Counts  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTOPHER MACKEY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Unlawful Imprisonment, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Using Restricted Ammo during Felony (No Shots); Assault, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. CARLA TAYLOR**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 24, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property over \$500; Possession of Defaced Firearm; Possession of Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. ARLINDA GRIMES**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 29, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Assault, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree; Wanton Endangerment, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. UWA JESUOROBO**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Jury Trial Date:** January 21-23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Robbery, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Criminal Mischief, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. ALMA COX**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 26, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. DONTAE MATLOCK**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** April 9, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Giving Officer a False Name; No Insurance  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Probated

**COMMONWEALTH V. MARK MAYES**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 15, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Cultivating Marijuana under 5 Plants; Trafficking In Marijuana Over 8 oz Under 5 Lbs.; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. ZAQUESHA HILL**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. JASMINE MOORE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. THOMAS NUNEZ**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Tampering with Physical Evidence; Trafficking in Marijuana, Less than 8 Ounces; Disregarding Traffic Control Device  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. KENNETH EVANS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Todd County Sheriff's Office; Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 19, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 14, 2014  
**Charges:** Knowingly Receiving Stolen Firearm; Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Tampering With a Prison Monitoring Device; Persistent Felony Offender, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. RACHEL CARTER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 5, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Charges:** Forgery 2<sup>nd</sup> (9 counts), Theft of Identity (2 counts)  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. XZAVIOUS BREWTON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 12, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Charges:** Wanton Endangerment, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2 Counts  
**Disposition:** 2 ½ Years – Probated & Diverted





**COMMONWEALTH V. WESLEY HARDISON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Charges:** Knowing Abuse or Neglect of an Adult  
**Disposition:** 6 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. ZILPHA HARDISON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Charges:** Knowing Abuse or Neglect of an Adult  
**Disposition:** 6 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. AKEEM HUMPHREY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Charges:** Convicted Felon in Possession of a Handgun; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Firearm Enhanced; Possession of Marijuana – Firearm Enhanced; Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense  
**Disposition:** 7 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTOPHER SMITH**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. TERRANCE CHRISTIAN**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 13, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Charges:** Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm, 6 counts  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. ANTONIO DOOLEY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 17, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Charges:** Attempted Assault, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Wanton Endangerment, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 3 counts; Bail Jumping, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Persistent Felony Offender, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 7 Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. ANTHONY BROWN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 28, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon; Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon  
**Disposition:** 6 Years -- Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. DAVID GENTRY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 30, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 16, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Marijuana Over 8 oz. Under 5 Lbs  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. MELVIN STAMPS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** April 17, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 17, 2014  
**Charges:** Criminal Trespass, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Criminal Mischief, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Probated

**COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES PINGLETON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 23, 2014  
**Charges:** Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. BENJAMIN FOSTER**

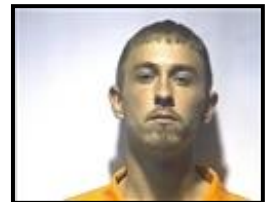
**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** KY Div. of Unemployment Insurance  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 15, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 23, 2014  
**Charges:** Making False Statement to Obtain Increase in Unemployment Benefits over \$100  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. CHARLES HALSTEAD**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 12, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 23, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Deception over \$500  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. SHAWN GILKEY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 6, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 23, 2014  
**Charges:** DUI, 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense W/Aggravator; Driving on DUI Suspended License, 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense W/Aggravator; Leaving Scene of an Accident; Theft By Unlawful Taking Over \$500; Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Persistent Felony Offender, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 7 Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. BRADLEY KNIGHT**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 19, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 23, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Cocaine, 2 counts; Trafficking in Marijuana, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense, 2 counts; Possession of Lortab While Armed; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia While Armed  
**Disposition:** 4 ½ Years – Probated - Serve 100 days in jail

**COMMONWEALTH V. SHAQUOIA EWING**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Private Complaint  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 12, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 30, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500  
**Disposition:** 2 years probated and diverted 2 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. JOSHUA MEACHAM**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Christian Co. Sheriff's Off. & KSP  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 12, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 30, 2014



**Charges:** Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Promoting Contraband; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 7 Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. CLARISS REDD**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 12, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 30, 2014



**Charges:** Burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Cruelty to Animals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Criminal Mischief, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Alcohol Intoxication in a Public Place, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Offenses  
**Disposition:** 8 Years – Probated

**COMMONWEALTH V. SIERRA BREADFORT**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** April 9, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** April 30, 2014



**Charges:** Complicity to Trafficking In Cocaine  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated

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