



**LYNN PRYOR**  
**COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY**  
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT/CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KY

January-February, 2013

Newsletter

Volume 36

## Contact Us:

Commonwealth's  
Attorney Lynn Pryor  
511 South Main Street  
Courthouse Annex  
Second Floor  
Hopkinsville, KY 42240  
(270) 889-6587  
(270) 889-6590

### Email:

[lprior@kyprosecutors.com](mailto:lprior@kyprosecutors.com)  
[kadams@kyprosecutors.com](mailto:kadams@kyprosecutors.com)  
[jlover@kyprosecutors.com](mailto:jlover@kyprosecutors.com)  
[tlbozell@kyprosecutors.com](mailto:tlbozell@kyprosecutors.com)  
[afranklin@kyprosecutors.com](mailto:afranklin@kyprosecutors.com)  
[jlfolz@kyprosecutors.com](mailto:jlfolz@kyprosecutors.com)  
[mcotthoff@kyprosecutors.com](mailto:mcotthoff@kyprosecutors.com)  
[dcavanah@kyprosecutors.com](mailto:dcavanah@kyprosecutors.com)  
[rgroves@kyprosecutors.com](mailto:rgroves@kyprosecutors.com)

## 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://lrc.state.ky.us/statrev/frontpg.htm> (Kentucky Revised Statutes)

## “Leading the Fight for Public Safety”

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the 36<sup>th</sup> Edition of our newsletter.



### SAFETY TIPS FROM COMMONWEALTH'S DETECTIVE KENNY OVER

#### Gardening/ Lawn Care Safety

- As the weather gets warmer and spring approaches, most of us are eager to get outside and do some gardening and lawn care.
- Make sure your tetanus vaccination is up to date. Adults should get a tetanus vaccination every ten years.
- Wear proper protective clothing, hats, gloves, sturdy shoes, eye/ear protection, etc. for the activity you're doing.
- Don't overdo it! Many back injuries and strains can be avoided by stretching before and during any outdoor activity.
- You will tire more easily until your body gets used to activity again after a few months of being indoors. Start slow and work for short periods of time.
- Watch for the beginning signs of blisters on hands and feet, always treat blisters immediately.
- Check cords on any electrical equipment for any breaks or frayed wires.
- Have lawnmowers properly serviced before using them.
- Always use the correct tool for the task.
- Remember to pace yourself, take frequent breaks, stretch muscles, stay hydrated, and enjoy the outdoors.

<http://apps.kycourts.net/courtrecords/> (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)

\*\*\*\*\*

## GRAND JURY:

The January-February Grand Jury effectively and proficiently returned **92** "True Bill" Indictments, **0** "No True Bills," and there were **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 January 1, 2013, through February 28, 2013, our office handled **158** arraignments, **108** probation revocation hearings, and **122** sentencing hearings.

## JURY TRIALS:



### COMMONWEALTH VS. ANTONIO M. JOHNSON

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Dept.

On January 24, 2013, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Cotthoff tried the case of Commonwealth vs. Antonio M. Johnson. Johnson was charged with a litany of felony offenses in relation to a shooting incident that occurred in May of 2011.

The facts of the case were not complex. Johnson had become enraged at his then-girlfriend, Carol Sanders. Johnson physically assaulted Sanders, and then pulled out a pistol and fired shots at her and her teenage son. He then walked away from the scene of the shooting. Officer Andrew Sanderson of the Oak Grove Police Department later collected a pubic hair from a large Ruger .45 pistol that was recovered from the crime scene. The hair underwent DNA analysis and was a match for Antonio Johnson. Another .22 pistol was seized in close proximity to the .45 pistol. Ms. Sanders identified both pistols as belonging to Antonio Johnson. Mr. Johnson also on that date had an extensive criminal history over the course of twenty years.

The Commonwealth had a difficult time locating Carol Sanders due to her wish to not proceed with the prosecution of the matter. Members of the Clarksville Police Department and the Montgomery County (TN) District Attorney's Office assisted heavily in locating and serving Ms. Sanders with valid subpoena paperwork. With the help of Tennessee authorities, Ms. Sanders appeared on the morning of trial and provided testimony against Mr. Johnson. Her son testified similarly. The Commonwealth also put forward testimony from Officer Andrew Sanderson and other officers who had roles in the investigation. Two witnesses also testified that they heard multiple gunshots in the area of the crime scene on the date in question. Finally, two analysts from the Kentucky State Police Central Lab testified as experts. The

expert testimony established two primary things: (1) the hair found attached to the sight of the .45 weapon did not fall out naturally and (2) the hair belonged to Mr. Johnson. The Defendant did not put forth any evidence in his defense.

After a brief deliberation, the jury found Johnson Guilty of two counts of Wanton Endangerment in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Possession of a Handgun By a Convicted Felon, and various misdemeanor offenses. A jury then received evidence of Mr. Johnson's extensive criminal past, and deliberated for approximately one hour before finding him guilty of being a Persistent Felony Offender in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. The jury then assessed a penalty of thirty (30) years. Mr. Johnson will be required to serve at least ten (10) years before he meets the Parole Board.



### **COMMONWEALTH VS. EDDIE HART AND BOBBY KYLES**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.

On February 14, 2013, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Cotthoff tried the cases of Commonwealth vs. Eddie Hart and Bobby Kyles. The lone charge against the two Defendants was Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. The victim in the case was Mr. Kevin Sowash.

In October of 2011, Mr. Sowash reported to police that Hart and Kyles had, along with Joey Weatherwax, beaten him up and stolen cash and his cell phone. Sowash testified that he encountered Hart, Kyles, and Weatherwax at the home of a female he was hanging out with. Sowash indicated all of the parties involved were drinking and/or ingesting narcotics. Sowash himself testified that he was under the influence of Red Dove, a synthetic drug. At some point during their social encounter, Kyles and Hart became enraged at Sowash and assaulted him inside and outside of the small house the parties were at. Immediately after the assault, Sowash walked to a nearby gas station and contacted police.

After initial contact, police observed that Sowash had suffered minor injuries. Police officers then proceeded to the nearby home where the suspects were reportedly located. A subsequent K9 track found Mr. Hart hiding in the woods behind the home. The victim's wallet was also found in these same woods. Hart admitted to assaulting the victim along with the other two suspects. Hart did not have any money on his person. Kyles and Weatherwax were not apprehended that evening, and Joey Weatherwax was killed during the pendency of this matter in an unrelated incident.

Kevin Sowash testified at the trial. Sowash indicated to the jury that Kyles and Hart assaulted him and at some point his wallet and phone were stolen.

Sowash vividly remembered Bobby Kyles as the one who took the wallet. Sowash was unable to recall Hart's specific actions but noted he participated in the assault. After hearing one witness, the Commonwealth indicated its intent to both defense attorneys that it would seek a mistrial after an issue had arisen that would have prejudiced the Commonwealth's case. After an extensive discussion, the parties were then able to negotiate plea agreements without the Commonwealth moving for a mistrial.

Bobby Kyles then entered a guilty plea to the offense of Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. The Commonwealth agreed to recommend a seven (7) year prison sentence. Kyles agreed to pay restitution in the amount of \$400 to Kevin Sowash. He will be sentenced on April 17, 2013. Eddie Hart then entered a guilty plea to the offense of Assault in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Hart agreed to waive a separate final sentencing and received a twelve (12) month jail term.

### **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.

**Pretrial Diversion:** Kentucky Revised Statutes allow for a person to be placed on a "Pretrial Diversion" under certain circumstances. 1) All charges which they are pleading guilty must be Class D felonies (1-5 years); 2) The person must enter a plea of guilty, or a plea pursuant to North Carolina v. Alford before becoming eligible for pretrial diversion; 3) Persons ineligible for probation, parole or conditional discharge under KRS 532.045 shall be ineligible; 4) a person convicted of a Class D felony for which early release is disallowed by statute including KRS 189A.010(8) and KRS 189A.120(2) [DUIs] shall be ineligible 5) No person shall be eligible for this program more than once in any five (5) year period. A person who is placed on diversion is considered a convicted felon during the period of their diversion and is subject to the same conditions as someone who is on felony probation. If someone completes that period of diversion/probation without any infractions or new charges, they can move the court to have their case dismissed/diverted, and they are no longer a convicted felon.

**COMMONWEALTH V. DEANNA CUNNINGHAM**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 19, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 2, 2013  
**Charges:** Theft by Deception over \$500, 2 counts; Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, 2 counts  
**Disposition:** 2 ½ Years - Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. JASON McCAWLEY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 5, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 2, 2013  
**Charges:** Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substances, 4<sup>th</sup> Offense; Driving on a DUI Suspended License, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense; Fleeing or Evading Police, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; No Insurance  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated for 5 years

**COMMONWEALTH V. CECIL COLLEY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 31, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 2, 2013  
**Charges:** Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. SUMMER COLLEY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 31, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 2, 2013  
**Charges:** Possession of Methamphetamine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense; Unlawful Possession of a Methamphetamine Precursor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 8 Years – Probated

**COMMONWEALTH V. DERRICK JAMES**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Jury Trial Date:** September 24, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 8, 2013





**Charges:** Murder  
**Disposition:** 50 Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. STANLEY BUTLER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 31, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 8, 2013  
**Charges:** Unlawful Access to a Computer, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 5 Years - Probated for five years with restitution



**COMMONWEALTH V. DAVID COX**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 18, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 8, 2013  
**Charges:** Possession of Methamphetamine  
**Disposition:** 1½ Years - Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. STEVEN JOHNSON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 24, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 8, 2013  
**Charges:** Forgery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Theft by Deception over \$500, 3 counts; Attempted Theft by Deception over \$500  
**Disposition:** 5 years - Probated & Diverted with Restitution



**COMMONWEALTH V. KAREN ANDERSON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Agency:** Office of the Inspector General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 14, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 8, 2013  
**Charges:** Fraudulently Obtaining KTAP Benefits over \$100; Fraudulently Obtaining KWP Benefits over \$100  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



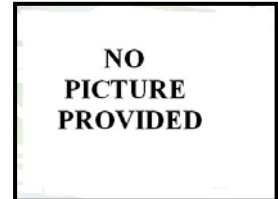
**COMMONWEALTH V. MARK BRADSHAW**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 10, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 8, 2013  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. VERONICA CASTILE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Office of the Inspector General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 5, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 8, 2013  
**Charges:** Fraudulently Obtaining Food Stamp Benefits over \$100  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated and Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. BOBBY MORROW**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 9, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** January 9, 2013  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – 6 months to serve and 6 months probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. LARRY ROWE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 14, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 9, 2013  
**Charges:** Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Probated for 3 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. JESSE SWEAT**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 14, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 9, 2013  
**Charges:** Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree;  
Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. ROBERT HOLLOWELL**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 17, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 16, 2013  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Cocaine; Possession of Drug  
Paraphernalia; Persistent Felony Offender, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 15 years - Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. THOMAS WAYNE VOWELL**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office



**Guilty Plea Date:** October 8, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 16, 2013  
**Charges:** Manufacturing Methamphetamine; Possession of Anhydrous Ammonia in Unapproved Container to Manufacture Methamphetamine; Tampering with Anhydrous Ammonia in to Manufacture Methamphetamine; Theft by Unlawful Taking of Anhydrous Ammonia with intent to Manufacture Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 20 Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. MICHAEL HUNTER**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Jail  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 14, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 16, 2013  
**Charges:** Assault, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2 counts; Burglary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Retaliating against a Participant in Legal Process; Terroristic Threatening, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2 counts; Public Intoxication; Disorderly Conduct  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. JAROD JOINER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 31, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 22, 2013  
**Charges:** Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. TIMOTHY RUSSELL**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Pembroke Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 26, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 23, 2013  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine, Subsequent Offense, 2 Counts  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. JORDAN YOUNG**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Jury Trial Date:** September 24, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 22, 2012  
**Charges:** Murder  
**Disposition:** 50 Years – Prison





**COMMONWEALTH V. ROBERT COTTON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 31, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 30, 2013  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Lortabs; Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 1 Year – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. JUSTIN MILLER**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 30, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** January 30, 2013  
**Charges:** Criminal Mischief, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. ANTONIO ARTIS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 30, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** January 30, 2013  
**Charges:** Fleeing and Evading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 2 counts; Disorderly Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Alcohol Intoxication  
**Disposition:** 12 months - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. NOBLE SKINNER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 31, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 5, 2013  
**Charges:** Wanton Endangerment, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 1 Year - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTIAN MCCRAY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department/Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 24, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 5, 2013  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500, 6 Counts; Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500, 8 Counts  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated



### COMMONWEALTH V. MALKIA COVINGTON

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 24, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 5, 2013  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Giving a Peace Officer a False Name; Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense; Operating a Motor Vehicle On a Suspended License; Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage Container In a Motor Vehicle; Bail Jumping, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 3 years - Prison



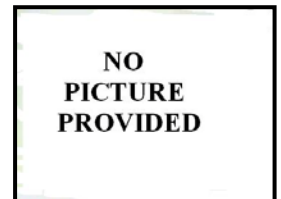
### COMMONWEALTH V. JOSHUA COLWELL

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff / Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department & Christian County Sheriff's Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 17, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 6, 2013  
**Charges:** Trafficking In a Controlled Substance Within 1000 Yards of a School; Trafficking In Lortabs; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Wanton Endangerment, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2 counts; Fleeing or Evading Police, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Disregarding a Traffic Control Device; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property over \$500; Theft by Deception over \$500; Burglary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 13 years - Prison



### COMMONWEALTH V. JOE GUEVARRA

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 6, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 6, 2013  
**Charges:** Criminal Trespass, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Receiving Stolen Property Under \$500; Criminal Trespass, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Possession of Marijuana, Operating on a Suspended Operator's License  
**Disposition:** 6 Months - Probation



### COMMONWEALTH V. BRANDON AMOS

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 15, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 11, 2013  
**Charges:** Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 7 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. MICHAEL BREWER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 26, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 12, 2013  
**Charges:** Possession of Oxycodone; Possession of Anabolic Steroid; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Illegal Possession of a Legend Drug  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. SETH WALLEN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Jury Trial Date:** November 29, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 12, 2013  
**Charges:** Murder  
**Disposition:** 25 Years - Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 21, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 13, 2013  
**Charges:** Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, 10 Counts; Theft by Deception over \$500, 4 counts  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated

**COMMONWEALTH V. ARCHIE YATES**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 19, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 13, 2013  
**Charges:** Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 2 counts  
**Disposition:** 5 Years - Probated

**COMMONWEALTH V. PAT GIBBS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 13, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 13, 2013  
**Charges:** Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card under \$500  
**Disposition:** 12 months - Probated with Restitution



**COMMONWEALTH V. EDDIE HART**

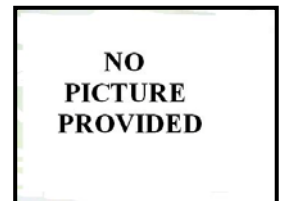
**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 14, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 14, 2013  
**Charges:** Assault, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 months - Jail

**COMMONWEALTH V. JEFFREY PALMER**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 18, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 18, 2013  
**Charges:** Assault, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree; Disorderly Conduct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 months - Probated for 2 years

**COMMONWEALTH V. NAKITA AGUILAR**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Office of the Inspector General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 2, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 20, 2013  
**Charges:** Fraudulently Obtaining Food Stamp Benefits over \$100; Fraudulently Obtaining Medicaid Benefits over \$100  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. STEVEN HAAS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 2, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 20, 2013  
**Charges:** Burglary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property over \$500; Theft by Deception under \$500; Persistent Felony Offender, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 14 Years - Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. HUNTER BARNETT**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 20, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 20, 2013  
**Charges:** Criminal Trespass, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 Months - Probated



### **COMMONWEALTH V. SHADARION HILL**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 20, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 20, 2013  
**Charges:** Retaliating Against a Participant in a Legal Process;  
Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Terroristic  
Threatening, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Disorderly Conduct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 months – Probated



### **COMMONWEALTH V. JAVOREON MCNEAL**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 20, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 20, 2013  
**Charges:** Retaliating Against a Participant in a Legal Process;  
Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Terroristic  
Threatening, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Disorderly Conduct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 months – Probated



### **COMMONWEALTH V. SHANAE MCNEAL**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 20, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 20, 2013  
**Charges:** Retaliating Against a Participant in a Legal Process;  
Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Terroristic  
Threatening, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Disorderly Conduct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 months – Probated



### **COMMONWEALTH V. CALVIN MCNEELY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 5, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Charges:** Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance;  
Retaliating Against a Participant in a Legal Process  
**Disposition:** 8 Years - Probated for 5 years with Restitution - Home  
Incarceration and Electronic Monitoring for 5 months



### **COMMONWEALTH V. JEREMY MOMAN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 20, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Marijuana under 8 ounces, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense;





**Disposition:** Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
2 years - Probated for 5 years - Home incarceration and electronic monitoring

**COMMONWEALTH V. PHOEBE TOLLIVER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 12, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2012  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500, 2 counts  
**Disposition:** 10 years - Probated & Diverted with Restitution



**COMMONWEALTH V. CARL JACKSON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 1, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Charges:** Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 2 counts; Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500  
**Disposition:** 7 Years - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES CASE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 14, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Charges:** Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substances, 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense, with Aggravator; Driving on a DUI Suspended Operator's License, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense, with Aggravator; No Insurance  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated with 60 days home incarceration



**COMMONWEALTH V. DEVAUNTE HAMPTON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 19, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Charges:** Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 2 counts  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated with 90 days home incarceration



**COMMONWEALTH V. BERTHA BUSSELL**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Office of the Inspector General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 9, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2013



**Charges:** Fraudulently Obtaining Food Stamp Benefits over \$100;  
Fraudulently Obtaining Medicaid Benefits over \$100  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. KASSIDY MARTIN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 17, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Charges:** Possession of Heroin; Possession of Klonopin;  
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Controlled Substance  
Prescription Not in Original Container; Giving Officer  
False Name or Address; Public Intoxication, Controlled  
Substance  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. NICHOLE MARTIN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 17, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Charges:** Possession of Heroin; Possession of Klonopin;  
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Controlled Substance  
Prescription Not in Original Container  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



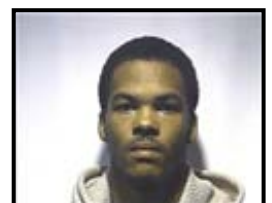
**COMMONWEALTH V. JOSHUA ROBERTSON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 21, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Charges:** Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Illegal  
Sexual Act Under 16 Years of Age  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. HASAAN SLAUGHTER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 18, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Charges:** Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property, Firearm  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. ERIK CARTER**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Police Agency:** Complaining Witness



**Guilty Plea Date:** January 2, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 27, 2013  
**Charges:** Theft by Deception over \$500, 3 Counts  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. SHYCORIAN BAILEY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 27, 2013  
**Sentencing Date:** February 27, 2013  
**Charges:** Violation of Kentucky Emergency Protective Order/Domestic Violence Order  
**Disposition:** 1 Year - Prison



\* \* \* \* \*

If you like receiving notices of updates to our newsletter, please keep us updated if you change your email address. If you know of someone who would be interested in receiving our email newsletter, please forward their email address to us or feel free to forward this email to them. If you do not wish to continue receiving these emails, just reply back and ask us to unsubscribe you. THANKS to all of you who have served on any of the jury pools in Christian County. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,  
*Lynn Pryor* – Commonwealth’s Attorney