

**Grand Jury Report**  
**September – October 2013**

**We, the Christian County Grand Jurors of September and October 2013, would first like to thank the Commonwealth’s Attorney Lynn Pryor and her staff for allowing us the opportunity to learn about the workings of our judicial system. Also, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the law enforcements officers, investigators and other officials who do such a good job serving Christian County.**

**We heard many cases involving fraud used to obtain benefits from the Cabinet for Family and Health Services. It seems that the Commonwealth of Kentucky could prevent the loss of millions of dollars if the applicant’s statements were better investigated, rather than going by “good faith,” and assuming that the applicants are telling the truth. Currently, internal investigations do not start until there is some suspicion or report made regarding potential abuse of the system. It seems that if a more thorough investigation was done in the beginning of the process it would save the tax payers a substantial amount of money in the long run. We encourage the legislators to take more action.**

**We would like to acknowledge Lindsey Adams and his staff. They are working very hard to see that the “child support system” is working for the custodial parent and the minor child. Keep up the good work!!!**

**We were overwhelmed in one case particularly in which the county did not keep a log for vehicles used daily. We feel that a log needs to be kept; who is using the vehicle, the time it was signed out and brought back, and the purpose for the use. We feel that this needs to be addressed immediately.**

**Throughout our term on Grand Jury, we were given the opportunity to hear and deliberate on a variety of criminal cases. However, there seemed to be an inordinately large number of drug related cases. It seems that drug dealers are not serving nearly enough of their sentences to deter them from getting out and picking up where they left off.**

**We want to encourage our legislators to take these things into consideration and do more to protect the innocent citizens of Christian County and the Commonwealth of Kentucky from the criminal element. It seems that they are too quick to enact laws that provide more leniency to criminals, without considering the concerns of law-abiding citizens and crime victims. We would encourage them to consult with grand jurors from any county in the state as they consider any future amendments to our criminal laws.**

**Overall, this has been a very informative and eye-opening experience, and we appreciate the opportunity to serve our community.**

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**Foreperson**

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