

## Grand Jury Report

January – February 2012

We, the Christian County Grand Jurors of January and February 2012, 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. Her explanations of the laws and definitions of charges provided clarity when making our decisions.

We would also like to thank the various police agencies in Christian County for their diligence and hard work. It is their constant vigilance and dedication to the community that helps keep the citizens safe.

The cases involving children stuck with us more than most of the others. The nature of these crimes in any community is disturbing to its residents, and it is good to know that there are systems in place to help these children get justice. It is unfortunate that there is not a way to prevent these crimes from happening, and it is even more disturbing that there are cases out there that have not been reported.

We heard a wide selection of different cases during our time as Grand Jurors. Drug offenses and thefts seem to be very common in the courts. Many of these offenders have been through the system multiple times on similar charges. We learned of quite a few repeat offenders, who had been through the system multiple times, which led us to wonder if stiffer penalties or more intense rehabilitation would relieve the cycle.

One of the most common forms of theft we saw involved theft from places of employment. Whether it was from large retail outlets, charitable organizations, or even public services, these thefts went seemingly unnoticed for quite a while before these offenders were caught. One of these cases, that caused much discussion, not only involved money but the trust of the public.

One solution presented was as follows:

*The volunteer fire departments of Christian County need to be more accountable for submitting financial records monthly to the Christian County Fire Association and/or Christian County Fiscal Court. Every fire department should have monthly financial reports available for public viewing anytime they are requested since they are supported by public funds.*

Overall, our experience has been educational and rewarding.

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Foreperson

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