

## **JULY-AUGUST 2012 GRAND JURY REPORT**

We, the July and August 2012 Grand Jury, would like to commend and thank the Commonwealth's Attorney, Lynn Pryor and her staff for their knowledge, wisdom and insight into the judicial system. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Grand Jury, and we have learned a great deal from this process.

We want to thank the law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every day. They all appeared before the Grand Jury and presented their cases in a very professional and efficient manner. God bless you all and our prayers are with you.

The only draw-back to the whole grand jury experience was the pay. A mere \$12.50 does not typically cover the costs of missing every Friday at work, not to mention the gas to get back and forth. We would sincerely encourage our legislators to consider raising the amount paid to jurors who uphold their civic duties. By doing so, we feel that jurors would take the role of being a juror much more seriously.

In hearing a large number and wide variety of cases during our term, we learned that recidivism is a large problem. We believe that career felons should not be granted bail, should have enhanced mandatory sentences, and should not be given multiple opportunities to reoffend in our community.

Overall, serving on the Grand Jury has been a very memorable experience. Thank you to all who continue to work for justice in Christian County.

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