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<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

“Leading the Fight for Public Safety”

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the 31st Edition of our newsletter.

Our goal is to provide information about the judicial system and to update you on the criminal cases here in Christian County. If there is a particular topic you are interested in learning more about, please let us know. And, as always, if you have any questions, please contact any member of our staff. As always, thank you for your support!



FOCUS:



National Police Week, which occurs each year during the week in which May

Statutes)

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

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

<http://www.dea.gov/seizures/kentucky.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_ (KY Statewide Offender custody status)

15 falls, recognizes the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community. Principal organizers of National Police Week are:

- **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)**, which sponsors the annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
- **Fraternal Order of Police/Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary (FOP/FOPA)**, which organize the Peace Officers Memorial Day Service at the U.S. Capitol.
- **Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)**, which holds the National Police Survivors' Conference.

Our local Law Enforcement Memorial, sponsored by the local Fraternal Order of Police, will be held between the Hopkinsville Police Department and the Lackey Municipal Building on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 5:00 pm. If you have never attended one of these memorials, I assure you that you will be moved by the ceremony. Please make every effort to attend.

SPOTLIGHT:

2012 Kentucky Bills – Illegal Drugs By: KY State Representative John Tilley

For years now, Kentucky has been at the forefront of fighting illegal drug use. Our prescription drug monitoring program has long been hailed as a national model, we have led the way in stopping the sale and use of dangerous synthetic drugs, and we have continued tackling the deadly rise of meth labs even as other states reduced their focus when federal funding began drying up.

This year, the General Assembly adopted three major laws to build on all of these efforts. Together, they will give Kentucky powerful new tools that will again have other states look to us for guidance, and that will enable us to further help the tens of thousands of Kentuckians whose lives, in one way or another, are directly affected by these drugs. Our renewed look at prescription drug abuse began last summer, when it became clear that we had to have a better statewide approach.

1. The result was the recent special session's **House Bill 1**, whose twin hallmarks are calling on doctors to do more to help stem this tide and cracking down on the fly-by-night pain clinics that have unfortunately cropped up.
 - All physicians will now have to register with KASPER – our prescription-drug monitoring program – and they will have to

check it when writing a prescription for a Schedule II drug or a Schedule III drug with Hydrocodone – two groups that include such brand names as OxyContin, Percocet and Lortab. Currently, only about a fourth of doctors are registered.

- This provision to check KASPER does not apply in emergency situations, hospice or just after surgery, all of which are areas where the use of strong pain medicine is routine. Dentists prescribing low-level pain medicines are exempted as well.
 - Initially, this bill was going to move KASPER from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to the Attorney General's office. In the end, in response to concerns from some in the medical community, the law did not change the program's location. There also is no fee for those required to participate.
 - The law calls for greater communication among those in charge of KASPER, the medical licensure boards and the law enforcement community. This will ensure a prompt response from authorities if any of these groups learn of potential prescription drug abuse. Local prosecutors will also have an easier time obtaining information in cases they are investigating.
 - Elsewhere in the law, the medical licensure boards will now have to set proper standards for prescribing controlled substances, and to establish formal guidelines on how to stop doctors accused of abusing their prescribing privileges. Ongoing training requirements will become standard as well, so doctors have a deeper understanding of addiction and pain management.
 - The law's other key provision will have all new pain clinics be doctor-owned, while current ones will fall under that requirement if any employee acting on behalf of the clinic is convicted of a crime involving illegal use of controlled substances.
 - All pain clinics will now be required to take health insurance payments – no longer can they just require cash to avoid a paper trail – and all will also have to have a doctor trained in pain management on-site for at least half of the clinic's business hours.
 - No clinic or doctor's office will be allowed to give more than a 48-hour supply of controlled substances. This was especially problematic in such states as Florida, which has since stopped this free flow of medicine from doctors themselves.
 - In other highlights, this law will have Medicaid officials search for prescription drug abuse more closely in that program, and coroners will now conduct more drug screenings and then report their findings to state officials if no other cause of death is apparent. This will give us a much clearer picture of just how many die from their addiction; many believe it is well above the 1,000 cited annually.
2. Just as our work on this began well before this year's legislative session, our work to stop the sale of **synthetic drugs** began in 2010, when we were among the first in the nation to recognize – and try to

stop – these poisons from infiltrating our communities, especially our schools. Unfortunately, underground chemists began finding ways around these laws by tweaking their formula.

- Instead of continuing that cat-and-mouse game, the legislature this year implemented a broader class system, making it much tougher for these chemists to find any loopholes.
 - This bill will crack down on those selling these poisons – often referred to as bath salts or synthetic marijuana – with potential penalties ranging from prison to forfeiture of their property. Together, this twin approach should give serious pause to any reputable store owner considering this shady market.
3. The legislature’s plan to limit the **manufacturing of methamphetamine**, meanwhile, is designed to keep **pseudoephedrine** out of the hands of those that manufacture the drug while not hindering law-abiding citizens who depend on this medicine, especially during allergy season.
- In this case, those purchasing without a prescription will be limited to 7.2 grams of pseudoephedrine a month and up to 24 grams a year. A standard box with 48 pills – each having a 30 milligram dosage – amounts to 1.44 grams, meaning families could still buy five of these boxes a month.
 - It’s crucial to note that this bill only applies to tablets; it does not affect gel tabs or liquid forms of pseudoephedrine, both of which are much tougher to use in manufacturing meth.

As chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and as the prime sponsor or co-sponsor of the laws affecting prescription drugs and synthetic drugs, I had the privilege to move these bills forward from the beginning. There were challenges along the way, but the final result sets the stage to make a true difference in the months and years ahead.

A tool can only be effective, though, if it is being used. Our work now is to make sure the public, and especially law enforcement, know what’s available and how it can benefit all of us. Just as I was committed to getting these bills passed, I am now ready to make sure they are fully implemented across the state.

COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY LYNN PRYOR’S COMMENTS on RECENT LEGISLATION

1. House Bill 1 addresses some very important issues dealing with the plague of prescription medication abuse that is killing citizens across Kentucky at an alarming rate. KASPER is a wonderful tool that we can utilize to prevent over-prescribing and doctor shopping – which are two of the most common ways people become addicted to prescription medications. I hope that the legislature will continue to review this law and stay on top of it, as this becomes more and more prevalent across

the state.

2. Just a day after the synthetic drug bill was passed and made effective, Hopkinsville Police Department's Special Investigations Unit, in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, began enforcement of this law. They had been receiving complaints about synthetic drug sales at several locations within Christian County, and they immediately started following up to see if these businesses were selling illegal synthetic drugs. The first raid, at Scot's Market on E. 9th Street in Hopkinsville, yielded numerous packets of synthetic drugs and approximately \$1,600.00 that appeared to be strictly proceeds from the sale of synthetic drugs. Following that, a quantity of synthetic drugs and drug paraphernalia, along with \$400, was seized from Pizzaroma/Sunkissed Tanning on North Drive in Hopkinsville. And then, a substantial amount of cash, drug paraphernalia and synthetic drugs was seized from the Adult Toy Box in Oak Grove, with a combined value of approximately \$150,000.00.

While these cases and other civil lawsuits are pending, hopefully the trafficking of synthetic drugs in this area will come to a screeching halt because of this legislation. Synthetic drugs cause horrific and unpredictable behaviors and damage to users, young and old. I only hope that this law is sufficient to rid our area of these toxic substances.

3. While I realize that many of the citizens of Kentucky suffer from allergy-related problems, including myself, I do not think that this law went far enough. It is my position that pseudoephedrine should only be dispensed with a valid prescription – which could be automatically renewed for at least one year without a doctor visit. Unfortunately, pseudoephedrine is the ONE ingredient necessary in the manufacture of methamphetamine – regardless of the method utilized. And, requiring a prescription would wipe out the quantities of people who go from store to store buying the legal limit and then selling or trading it to the methamphetamine manufacturers ['smurfing'].

Our citizens, and many of our legislators, were led to believe that Sudafed would not be readily available for those who legitimately suffer from allergies and take some form of pseudoephedrine on a regular basis. They were not adequately informed that they could still obtain Sudafed in gel form, or that there are over 100 similar over-the-counter allergy remedies that would be available without prescription. And, frankly, I think it is ridiculous the amount of money that was spent to lobby against potential laws requiring a prescription for pseudoephedrine. Perhaps, that money could've been put to better use as assistance in balancing our state budget. [See story here (control + click): [Drug Manufacturers Spent \\$1M to Lobby Frankfort](#)]

SAFETY TIPS FROM COMMONWEALTH'S DETECTIVE KENNY OVER

BACKYARD BBQ SAFETY TIPS

- Place grill on a flat, level surface so it cannot tip over. Keep it away from fences, shrubbery, deck railings.
- Store charcoal in a cool, dry place. Charcoal absorbs moisture quickly and will make it hard to light.
- For instant-lighting charcoal, keep bag tightly closed to keep lighter fluid from evaporating.
- Place grill in a well ventilated area, charcoal gives off carbon monoxide.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill.
- Never add lighter fluid directly to hot coals, the flame can travel up the stream of fluid and burn you.
- Don't close the lid to start cooking until the flames are completely out, it could cause the flame to go out or cause a rush of flame when the lid is removed.
- Allow ashes to cool completely before disposing of them (24 hours or longer)
- For gas grills, keep gas shut off at tank when not in use.
- Allow grill to cool completely before replacing cover.



HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

GRAND JURY:

The March-April Grand Jury effectively and proficiently returned **87** "True Bill" Indictments, **3** "No True Bills," and there were **3** cases were 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, 2012, through April 30, 2012, our office handled **82** arraignments, **99** probation revocation hearings, and **90** sentencing hearings.



JURY TRIALS:

COMMONWEALTH V. ARTAVIUS IRVIN

Judge:	John Atkins
Prosecutor:	Lynn Pryor
Agency:	Christian County Sheriff's

Office

Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor prosecuted the case of the Commonwealth v. Artavius Irvin who was charged with Trafficking in Marijuana over 5 pounds, based on a traffic stop that was conducted on July 19, 2011. Dep. Philip Meacham stopped Irvin for speeding, and his K9 partner indicated that controlled substances were likely located inside the vehicle. The search yielded approximately 30 pounds of marijuana, and Irvin's passenger claimed only eight pounds of it. That led officers to believe that Irvin possessed the remaining quantity of marijuana. The quantity was considered to be well above the normal amount one would possess for personal use.

On March 19, 2012, this case was tried before a jury who found Irvin guilty of Trafficking in Marijuana greater than 5 pounds [Class C felony – penalty range of 5-10 years]. After the jury found him guilty, they deliberated for 7 minutes before selecting the minimum sentence of five years for Irvin. Irvin was formally sentenced by Judge John Atkins to 5 years in the Department of Corrections on May 8, 2012.



COMMONWEALTH V. EKUNDAYO COUSINS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department

On March 19th, 2012 Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Michael Cotthoff tried the case of Commonwealth vs. Ekundayo Cousins on the sole charge of Robbery, First-Degree.

On May 18th, 2011 the Defendant entered the home of Patrick B. White and held him at gunpoint. Cousins took cash and White's cell phone. Cousins then fled the residence.

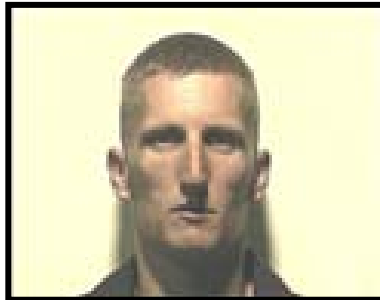
Patrick White, however, originally lied and stated to police that he was held at gunpoint outside of his home. In the days leading up to trial, it was discovered that White lied to police because he was scared of being arrested for marijuana possession. White, however, gave police some indication of where he thought Cousins might be hiding based upon the presence of a female named MeChelle McGregor in the home, whom White suspected was involved in the Robbery as well.

Police acted on this information and found Cousins hiding in his bedroom. Police also recovered items belonging to the victim in the path in which Cousins fled. White's nephew, Marcus White, also observed Cousins pacing outside White's home immediately before the crime.

In the days leading up to trial, it was discovered that Cousins did in fact act with the assistance of Ms. MeChelle McGregor. McGregor, who had been a one-time lover of Cousins's, told police that she unlocked White's front door in order for Cousins to gain entry. She later stated she was scared of Cousins.

Police and court records indicated that Cousins had repeatedly abused McGregor over the past two years.

At trial, the Commonwealth introduced testimony from Patrick White, Marcus White, MeChelle McGregor, and several police officers. Mr. Cousins took the stand in his own defense. A jury deliberated for approximately one hour and found Mr. Cousins Not Guilty. Informal interviews with jurors after the trial indicated that some jurors simply were not convinced by the testimony of McGregor and Patrick White. Patrick White's initial dishonesty with police was noted as a factor in the jury's verdict.



COMMONWEALTH V. PETER NIBERT

Judge: Andrew Self

Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor

Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Office & United States Postal Inspection Service

On April 2, 2012, Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor & Assistant Attorney General Thom Marshall prosecuted the case of the Commonwealth v. Peter Nibert who was charged with Conspiracy to Traffic in Controlled Substances [Oxycodone]. Nibert admitted to mailing a large quantity of Oxycodone [various mg dosage units] to both Scotty Highsmith and Cary Alder through the U.S. Postal Service and through Federal Express. Highsmith and Alder were also prosecuted, had entered guilty pleas, and testified about their involvement with Nibert at the trial. Highsmith had other cases, and he was sentenced to 15 years in the Department of Corrections. Alder was sentenced to 10 years in the Department of Corrections. Testimony indicated that thousands of pills were shipped to Christian County each month, and many more thousands of dollars were deposited into Nibert's bank account by Highsmith and Alder.

After about 45 minutes of deliberation, the jury found Nibert guilty of Conspiracy to Traffic in Oxycodone [Class B felony – penalty range of 10-20 years]. After the guilty verdict was read, the Commonwealth and the defense agreed to a sentence of 15 years, with Nibert agreeing to waive his right to appeal the guilty verdict. This case involved a joint investigation with the Christian County Sheriff's Office, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Pasco County [Florida] Sheriff's Office. Nibert will be formally sentenced on August 1, 2012 by Judge Andrew Self.



COMMONWEALTH V. JOSHUA HUNTLEY

Judge: John Atkins

Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor

Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office

On April 16, 2012, Commonwealth's Attorney

Lynn Pryor prosecuted the case of the Commonwealth v. Joshua Huntley who was charged with soliciting for the murder of Rachel Debates.

The jury learned that Huntley contacted a fellow soldier who he met overseas to find out if he could connect him with a hit-man. Swansburg contacted law enforcement officials in Sanford, Florida, where he lived. They photographed all of the text messages between Huntley and Swansburg, and then contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Contact was also made with the Criminal Investigations Division ['CID'] of the U.S. Army since Huntley was on active duty at this time. CID then involved the Oak Grove Police Department ['OGPD'], because Huntley was residing off-post in the Oak Grove community when he made this contact. Law enforcement officers monitored and controlled continued conversations between Huntley and Swansburg, and eventually arranged for a meeting with a 'hit-man' that called himself 'D.J.' [Dep. Jimmy Berghammer with the Christian County Sheriff's Office]. Arrangements were made between D.J. and Huntley for monthly payments, and Huntley gave D.J. specifics of the female he wanted killed. He expressed his desire to get this done as clean as possible and that it not be traceable to him. Huntley later confessed his actions to investigators with CID and OGPD. Only at trial did Huntley allege that he tried to back out of the deal or that he was entrapped by the officers involved. The jury did not find any merit to those potential defenses.

The jury found Huntley guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Murder, which is a Class B felony [penalty range of 10-20 years]. After discussions between the victim and law enforcement, the Commonwealth and the Defendant agreed on a sentence of 11 years with a waiver of appeal and no contact with the victim whatsoever. Huntley will be formally sentenced by Judge Atkins on June 20, 2012.



COMMONWEALTH V. DARRYL WINSTON, JR.

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.

On April 23rd, 2012, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Cotthoff tried the case of Commonwealth vs. Darryl Winston, Jr. Winston faced two counts of Trafficking in Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The case centered around two controlled purchases of cocaine from Winston in September of 2010. A search warrant was later executed on Winston's home hours after the second controlled purchase. At that time, marijuana was found in the home. A digital scale, a razor blade, and cocaine were recovered in the trunk of Winston's car.

At trial, the Commonwealth introduced testimony from two confidential informants (CIs), Det. Martin Lopez, and two Kentucky State Police chemists. The Defendant argued to the jury that the CIs had the cocaine on them before

they met up with police. In essence, the defense was that the CIs were attempting to frame Winston in order to get out of their own criminal charges.

Mr. Winston took the stand in his own defense.

A jury deliberated for approximately three hours before finding Winston guilty of all charges. Winston pleaded guilty after the trial to a total sentence of five years. Final sentencing is set for June 12th, 2012 at 1:00 PM in Christian Circuit Courtroom II.



COMMONWEALTH V. MAURICE LANE

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

On January 20th, 2012, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Cotthoff tried the case of Commonwealth vs. Maurice Lane. Mr. Lane faced the lone charge of Possession of a Firearm By a Convicted Felon.

The Commonwealth's prosecution centered around an incident that occurred at Meadowbrook Apartments in Hopkinsville in the early morning hours of July 23rd, 2011. On that night police received a complaint that Maurice Lane had fired shots into a crowd and had just left the scene of the crime in a specific vehicle. The automobile Lane was traveling in was pulled over not far from the scene of the shooting. A shotgun was found in the trunk of the vehicle. Lane was the backseat passenger. The serial numbers on this shotgun were scratched off. Additionally, one of the shotgun's barrels was still smoking from the shot, and no fingerprints of comparison value were found on the firearm. Lane admitted to being at the scene of the shooting but denied any knowledge of the firearm's presence.

At the scene of the shooting, officers recovered evidence that a shot had in fact been fired from the direction where Lane had been standing. Witness statements identifying Lane as the shooter were taken from three individuals as well. Two of these eyewitnesses later became reluctant to testify in the Commonwealth's case and were impeached with their prior statements on the stand.

In addition to these eyewitnesses, the Commonwealth introduced testimony from several police officers. Also, two fingerprint experts testified concerning the remote possibility of fingerprints being left on firearms. Finally, an audio recorded phone call that Lane made from the Christian County Jail was introduced in evidence as an admission that he had possession of the weapon.

A jury found Lane guilty and sentenced him to two years in prison after acquitting him of the charge of Persistent Felony Offender, Second-Degree. Lane had previously been convicted of Facilitation to Murder and Criminal

Mischief, First-Degree.

Lane has a jury trial scheduled for April 16th, 2012 in regards to the remaining charges of Wanton Endangerment, First-Degree and Possession of a Defaced Firearm. Lane's final sentencing hearing on the Possession of Firearm By Convicted Felon charge has also been set for April 16th, 2012, along with a probation revocation motion.

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.

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COMMONWEALTH V. JESSICA HOCKER

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force
Guilty Plea Date: March 7, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 7, 2012
Charges: Facilitation to Obtaining Controlled Substance by Forgery
Disposition: 12 months - Probated for 2 years



COMMONWEALTH V. SHAWN BRUNSON

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Ramsey Groves
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: January 11, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 7, 2012
Charges: Trafficking in Cocaine
Disposition: 7 Years – Probated w/ 90 days to serve in jail



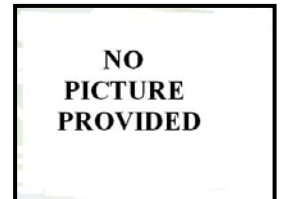
COMMONWEALTH V. WILLIAM WOMACK

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: January 11, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 7, 2012
Charges: Trafficking in Cocaine within 1000 Feet of School
Disposition: 3 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. WAINE ANTHONY SMITH

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: January 11, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 7, 2012
Charges: Trafficking in Dilaudid, Lortabs and Xanax; Controlled Substance Prescription Not in Proper Container, 2 counts
Disposition: 3 Years – Prison



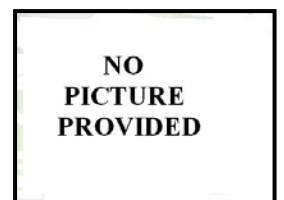
COMMONWEALTH V. LANETTA WHITNEY

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 8, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 13, 2012
Charges: Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument 2nd deg. X 2
Disposition: 3 years - Probated and diverted for 3 years



COMMONWEALTH V. SHAWN POWELL

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 8, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 13, 2012
Charges: Driving on a DUI Suspended License, 3rd Offense or Greater
Disposition: 2 years - Probated for 5 years



COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES VAN BRUNT

Judge: John Atkins

Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: January 17, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 13, 2012
Charges: Bail Jumping 1st Degree; Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500; Theft by Deception under \$500, 2 counts; Criminal Trespass 2nd Degree
Disposition: 1 Year - Probated

COMMONWEALTH V. KYLE CHERRY

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force
Guilty Plea Date: March 13, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 13, 2012
Charges: Trafficking in Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 2 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. MARC STALEY

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Whitney Westerfield
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: January 19, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 13, 2012
Charges: Torture of a Dog
Disposition: 3 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. LESLIE BALLARD

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Whitney Westerfield
Agency: Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force
Guilty Plea Date: January 27, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 13, 2012
Charges: Trafficking In Lortab
Disposition: 3 years - Probated & Diverted for 5 years



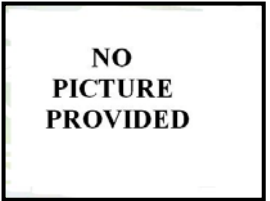
COMMONWEALTH V. HERB FORTE

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: West KY Gun Crimes Task Force
Guilty Plea Date: January 17, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 13, 2012
Charges: Trafficking In Cocaine, 2nd Offense; Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 15 years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. DARLENE McCLENDON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force



Guilty Plea Date: January 11, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 13, 2012
Charges: Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud, 10 counts
Disposition: 3 years - Probated for 2 years

COMMONWEALTH V. HOWARD STOKES

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 10, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 13, 2012
Charges: Assault, 4th Degree; Harassing a Witness
Disposition: 12 months - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. KENNEDRAE METCALFE

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 21, 2012
Charges: Facilitation to Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree;
Possession of a Defaced Firearm
Disposition: 12 months - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. DEANTHONY BUCKNER

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 21, 2012
Charges: Facilitation to Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree;
Possession of a Defaced Firearm
Disposition: 12 months - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. TERRY COOK

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force
Guilty Plea Date: August 24, 2011
Sentencing Date: March 21, 2012
Charges: Trafficking In Lortabs
Disposition: 2 years - Probated for 5 years



COMMONWEALTH V. MARCILLE MAJORS

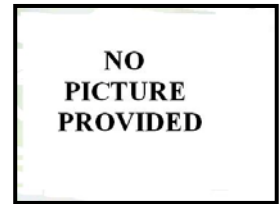
Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Private Complaint
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 21, 2012
Charges: Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition of Property
under \$500



Disposition: 12 months - Probated

COMMONWEALTH V. JOEL ROB EMBRY

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 21, 2012



Charges: Possession of Cocaine, 1st degree, 2nd offense; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana

Disposition: 2 Years - Probated

COMMONWEALTH V. ANNIE HARRIS

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Whitney Westerfield
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 21, 2012



Charges: Robbery 1st Degree; Burglary 3rd Degree; Unlawful Imprisonment 1st Degree; Alcohol Intoxication

Disposition: 10 years – Probated & Diverted for 5 years

COMMONWEALTH V. SENECA MOORE

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 21, 2012



Charges: Manslaughter 2nd Degree

Disposition: 10 Years - Prison

COMMONWEALTH V. MAURICE LANE

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 28, 2012



Charges: Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon; Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree; Possession of Defaced Firearm

Disposition: 2 ½ years - Prison

COMMONWEALTH V. MARVIN GREENWADE

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 8, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 28, 2012



Charges: Burglary, 3rd Degree; Possession of Burglary Tools; Criminal

Disposition: Trespass, 2nd Degree; Criminal Mischief, 2nd Degree
3 years - Prison

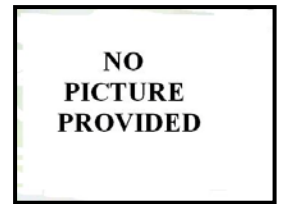
COMMONWEALTH V. DERRIUS HILL

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 8, 2012
Sentencing Date: March 28, 2012
Charges: Possession of Cocaine; Trafficking in Lortabs
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. JOSHUA CRAIG

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 29, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 3, 2012
Charges: Driving on a DUI Suspended License, 3rd Offense or Greater
Disposition: 3 years - probated for 5 years



COMMONWEALTH V. ANGELA BUTLER

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 23, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 3, 2012
Charges: Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 2nd Degree, 8 Counts; Bail Jumping, 1st Degree
Disposition: 3 years - Probated upon completion of Drug Court. (Defendant has since absconded.)



COMMONWEALTH V. DALE CROFT

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: February 25, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 3, 2012
Charges: Receiving Stolen Property over \$500; Theft by Deception under \$500
Disposition: 3 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. GUSTAVE SWITZER

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 3, 2012
Charges: Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration



Disposition: 1 Year – Probated

COMMONWEALTH V. DESMOND CAMP

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: February 20, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 3, 2012
Charges: Trafficking in Cocaine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense; Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substances, 1st Offense; Failure of Non-Owner to Maintain Required Insurance, 2nd Offense; Careless Driving; Failure to Wear Seat Belts



Disposition: 3 Years - Prison

COMMONWEALTH V. DOMINICK YOUNG

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: February 17, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 3, 2012
Charges: Burglary, Second Degree
Disposition: 5 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. CARY ALDER

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 4, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 4, 2012
Charges: Trafficking in Oxycodone, 5 counts; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia;
Disposition: 10 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. SCOTTY HIGHSMITH

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 4, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 4, 2012
Charges: Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, 2 Counts; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Controlled Substance Prescription not in Original Container; Unauthorized Procurement of a Controlled Substance; Conspiracy to Trafficking in a Controlled Substance
Disposition: 15 Years in Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. DEMOND KATES

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor



Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 16, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 4, 2012
Charges: Trafficking in Cocaine, Subsequent Offense; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana; Driving on DUI Suspended License; Persistent Felony Offender 2nd Degree
Disposition: 10 Years - Prison

COMMONWEALTH V. JACOVEN MCGREGOR

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Ramsey Groves
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 16, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 4, 2012
Charges: Robbery 2nd degree; Assault 2nd degree; Wanton Endangerment 1st degree; Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon
Disposition: 6 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. JUSTIN SANDERS

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Ramsey Groves
Agency: Pennyryle Narcotics Task Force & Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 29, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 11, 2012
Charges: Trafficking in Hydrocodone; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property over \$500; Theft by Deception under \$500
Disposition: 8 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. JOHN KEVIN BILYEU

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: March 30, 2011
Sentencing Date: April 18, 2012
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500
Disposition: 5 years - prison



COMMONWEALTH V. JILL SLAUGHTER

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: February 22, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 18, 2012
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500, 2 counts
Disposition: 10 years - Probated & Diverted for 5 years



COMMONWEALTH V. KEYONTA QUARLES

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: June 18, 2009
Sentencing Date: April 18, 2012
Charges: Robbery, First Degree; Kidnapping; Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree; Theft by Extortion; Possession of Cocaine 1st Degree; Retaliating Against a Participant in a Legal Process; Terroristic Threatening 3rd Degree; Disorderly Conduct 2nd Degree
Disposition: 10 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. LARRY BUCKNER

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 29, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 18, 2012
Charges: Trafficking in Marijuana; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 7 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. SHEENA HOTSON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: April 18, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 18, 2012
Charges: Criminal Trespass 1st Degree
Disposition: 12 months - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. JOSEPH WHITE

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: April 18, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 18, 2012
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500 X 2, Theft by Deception under \$500
Disposition: 12 months - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. JONATHAN HUNTER

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: March 1st, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 24th, 2012
Charges: Fleeing or Evading Police, 1st Degree; Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree, 28 counts; Criminal Mischief, 1st Degree, 2 counts; Assault 4th Degree, Leaving Scene



of an Accident; Operating a Motor Vehicle on a
Suspended Operator's License

Disposition: 10 years - Prison [received 90 days contempt for attitude
towards Judge Atkins]

COMMONWEALTH V. OPAL L. HUDNALL

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: March 1, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 24, 2012
Charges: Manufacturing Methamphetamine, 1st Offense;
Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of
Anhydrous Ammonia In Unapproved Container;
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia



Disposition: 10 years - Prison

COMMONWEALTH V. CLAYTON COTTON

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Ramsey Groves
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 25, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 25, 2012
Charges: Possession of Lortab; Attempted Tampering with Physical
Evidence; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Violation of
Emergency Protective Order/Domestic Violence Order;
Display/Possession of a Cancelled/Fictitious Operators
License



Disposition: 12 Months – Probated w/ 180 days to serve in jail

COMMONWEALTH V. KELLY BAGGETT

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 25, 2012
Charges: Possession of Cocaine
Disposition: 3 years - Probated & Diverted 3 years



COMMONWEALTH V. JOSHUA MOSELEY

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 25, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 25, 2012
Charges: Possession of Lortabs
Disposition: 12 months - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. RONALD NICHOLAS WADDELL

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams



Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 25, 2012
Charges: Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2nd Degree, 2 counts
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated & Diverted

COMMONWEALTH V. JOYCE KRAMER

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 25, 2012
Charges: Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Giving Officer False Name
Disposition: 3 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. MICHAEL ALLEN

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 24, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 25, 2012
Charges: Burglary, 3rd Degree
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated with Drug Court



COMMONWEALTH V. MICHAEL C. ALLEN

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 25, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 25, 2012
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking; Theft of Property Lost/Mislaid/Delivered
Disposition: 12 Months – Probated



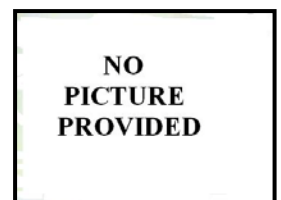
COMMONWEALTH V. JESSIE JAMES WILLIAMS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: January 23, 2012
Sentencing Date: April 25, 2012
Charges: Possession of Methamphetamine Subsequent Offense; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Careless Driving
Disposition: 3 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. JUSTIN GREENWELL

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: March 22, 2012
Sentencing Date: May 2, 2012



Charges: Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance

Disposition: 3 Years - Probated

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Lynn Pryor – Commonwealth's Attorney