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## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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!



**SPOTLIGHT: HON. RAMSEY GROVES**

**New Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney**

<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  
Locater)

<http://ag.ky.gov> (KY Attorney General)

<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/index.htm>  
(DEA)

<https://www.vinelink.com> (KY Statewide  
Offender custody status)



We would like to welcome Hon. Ramsey Groves as the newest Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in our office. She began working with us March 1.

Ramsey, a Trenton native, graduated from Todd County Central High School in 2004. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Kentucky in May 2008 with a B.A. in Economics and a B.A. in Political Science. In May 2011, Ramsey obtained her Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law. Prior to becoming an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, she completed internships with the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in Lexington, KY and the Nashville District Attorney's Office. Ramsey also worked as an associate with the Law Office of Harvey and Silvus in Clarksville, Tennessee.

With regard to working in the Christian County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Ramsey is looking forward to serving the citizens of Christian County in prosecuting crimes and seeing that justice is accomplished.

## **AWARENESS:**

### **The Verdict: Hang Up**

### **Don't Fall for Jury Duty Scam**

*Written by and credited to the FBI website 2/6/2012*

The phone rings, you pick it up, and the caller identifies himself as an officer of the court. He says you failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant is out for your arrest. You say you never received a notice. To clear it up, the caller says he'll need some information for "verification purposes"- your birth date, social security number, maybe even a credit card number.

This is when you should hang up the phone. It's a scam.

Jury scams have been around for years, but have seen a resurgence in recent months. Communities in more than a dozen states have issued public warnings about cold calls from people claiming to be court officials seeking personal information. As a rule, court officers never ask for confidential information over the phone; they generally correspond with prospective jurors via mail.

The scam's bold simplicity may be what makes it so effective. Facing the unexpected threat of arrest, victims are caught off guard and may be quick to part with some information to defuse the situation.

"They get you scared first," says a special agent in the Minneapolis field office who has heard the complaints. "They get people saying, 'Oh my gosh! I'm not a criminal. What's going on?'" That's when the scammer dangles a solution—a fine, payable by credit card, that will clear up the problem. With enough information, scammers can assume your identity and empty your bank accounts.

"It seems like a very simple scam," the agent adds. The trick is putting people on the defensive, then reeling them back in with the promise of a clean slate. "It's kind of ingenious. It's social engineering."

In recent months, communities in Florida, New York, Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, Oregon, California, Virginia, Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Hampshire reported scams or posted warnings or press releases on their local websites. In August, the federal court system issued a warning on the scam and urged people to call their local District Court office if they receive suspicious calls. In September, the FBI issued a press release about jury scams and suggested victims also contact their local FBI field office.

In March, USA.gov, the federal government's information website, posted details about jury scams in their Frequently Asked Questions area. The site reported scores of queries on the subject from website visitors and callers seeking information.

The jury scam is a simple variation of the identity-theft ploys that have proliferated in recent years as personal information and good credit have become thieves' preferred prey, particularly on the Internet. Scammers might tap your information to make a purchase on your credit card, but could just as easily sell your information to the highest bidder on the Internet's black market.

**Protecting yourself is the key: Never give out personal information when you receive an unsolicited phone call.**

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Safety Tips from Commonwealth's Detective  
Kenny Over

**Prevent Identity Theft**

- Rather than signing the backs of credit cards- write "See Photo ID"- some clerks actually look at the back of cards.
- Shred all discarded bills, statements, etc with personal information on them.
- Destroy digital data when selling, trading, discarding personal computers, hard drives, CD's, etc.
- Be diligent about checking bank and credit statements each month.
- If paying by mail, don't place bills in your mailbox at home, place them at a post office drop box.
- Limit the information on your checks such as date of birth or social security number.
- Protect your social security number- memorize it- don't even carry it with you.
- Don't do business with companies online that you do not know anything about.

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### **GRAND JURY:**

The January-February Grand Jury effectively and proficiently returned **78** "True Bill" Indictments, **7** "No True Bills," and there were **2** 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 January 1, 2012, through February 29, 2012, our office handled **111** arraignments, **56** probation revocation hearings, and **144** sentencing hearings.

### **JURY TRIALS:**



#### **COMMONWEALTH V. HERBERT L. FORTE & ANTHONY BROWN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** West KY Gun Crimes Task Force



On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Cotthoff tried the cases of Commonwealth vs. Herb Forte and Anthony Brown. These co-Defendants faced the charges of Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Trafficking In Cocaine, Trafficking In Marijuana Over 8 Ounces Under 5 Pounds, and Possession

of Drug Paraphernalia.

The indictment in this case arose from a search warrant that had been executed on the homes of Forte and Ms. Taccara Daniel, who is the mother

of Forte's children. Inside Forte's residence, members of the Western Kentucky Gun Crimes Task Force ("Task Force") recovered approximately 20 ounces of cocaine, 11 ounces of marijuana, \$1,400 in cash, and digital scales. Forte admitted to being a marijuana seller but denied knowledge of the cocaine. Brown, who was living in the residence also, initially denied knowledge of any illegal substances but later claimed possession of all the items. Members of the Task Force also recovered \$8,600 hidden in Ms. Daniel's home. Ms. Daniel was shocked that the money was present in her home and indicated to police that Mr. Forte had hidden it there.

The Commonwealth put on several witnesses that established that all drugs were found in Forte's own bedroom. The evidence established that Brown had been staying in a separate room. The Commonwealth also introduced several conversations which were recorded from the Christian County Jail involving Mr. Forte. In these calls, Forte admitted he had \$40,000 in untraceable cash, and he admitted to selling someone cocaine minutes before the execution of the search warrant by the Task Force. Forte apparently believed that his co-Defendant would take the witness stand and testify that Forte did not have any knowledge of the cocaine. However, Brown elected not to testify at trial.

A jury ultimately found Forte guilty of Trafficking In Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Brown was found guilty of Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The Court had previously dismissed the Unlawful Transaction with a Minor charge based upon insufficient evidence.

The Defendants then entered guilty pleas. Forte pled guilty to Trafficking in Cocaine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense, Bail Jumping, and the misdemeanor possession counts. The Commonwealth is recommending a 15 year prison sentence. Forte's final sentencing is set for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Brown pled to Possession of Cocaine and the misdemeanor possession counts. The Commonwealth recommended an 18 month sentence, and he was sentenced on immediately after waiving a separate sentencing hearing.

Forte also has a pending indictment in the U.S. District Court for Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine. Forte further has filed a motion to withdraw his plea based upon his co-Defendant's decision not to testify.



#### **COMMONWEALTH V. MARC STALEY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Whitney Westerfield  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Whitney Westerfield tried the case of Commonwealth vs. Marc Staley. Mr. Staley faced the charge of Torture of a Dog.



The Commonwealth's prosecution centered around an incident that occurred at the apartment shared by Staley and his wife - after Christmas of 2010. The couple's Jack Russell Terrier "Baxter" had reportedly bit the Defendant's hand, and then Defendant started choking the dog. While his wife was at work on December 27, 2010, Staley cut Baxter open to remove the microchip used for tracking its location, thus causing Baxter's death. After his wife confronted him on the whereabouts of the dog, he brought her the trash bag and dropped it at her feet. Inside were the dog's remains which were soaked in blood. The next morning, his wife called the police to report this incident.

A jury found Staley guilty and sentenced him to three years in prison. A formal sentencing hearing will be held on March 13, 2012 by Judge John L. Atkins.



#### **COMMONWEALTH V. MAURICE LANE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, along with a probation revocation motion.



### **COMMONWEALTH V. RYAN OATTS & DOMONICK YOUNG**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Whitney Westerfield  
**Police Agency:** Christian Co. Sheriff's Office



On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Whitney Westerfield tried the cases of Commonwealth vs. Ryan Oatts and Domonick Young. These co-Defendants each faced a charge of Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

The subjects unlawfully entered and remained in a residence owned by Dr. Frederick Robbe, located at 8400 Shiloh Church Road, and attempted to remove a 55 inch television from the residence. Neighbors caught the two defendants and held them until deputy sheriffs arrived. A jury found both Defendants guilty of Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and recommended a 5 year sentence. A formal sentencing hearing will be held on April 3, 2012 by Judge John L. Atkins.

### **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. JAMES BELL**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 30, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 4, 2012  
**Charges:** Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property < \$500  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. DANA LINDSEY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 30, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 4, 2012  
**Charges:** Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property < \$500  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. BISHOP LOVING**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 30, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 4, 2012  
**Charges:** Complicity to Trafficking in Cocaine, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; Trafficking in Cocaine, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, 2 counts; Fleeing or Evading Police 1<sup>st</sup> degree; Possession of Marijuana; Resisting Arrest; Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; No Operator's License





**Disposition:** 7 Years in Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. FRANCISCO GILBERTO RODRIGUEZ**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Jury Trial Date:** October 6, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 4, 2012  
**Charges:** Incest, Victim less than 12 years old  
**Disposition:** 30 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. ANDREA WEBB**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Cabinet for Families and Children  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 15, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 5, 2012  
**Charges:** Criminal Abuse 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 5 years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. JERALD BUCKNER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 16, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine; Tampering w/Physical Evidence; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property < \$10,000; Unlawful Imprisonment 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Possession of Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 6 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. BENJAMIN ELLEGOOD**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 27, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, 3 Counts; Trafficking within 1000 yards of School; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Trafficking in Marijuana > 8 oz. w/Armed; Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon; Trafficking in Cocaine 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, while armed  
**Disposition:** 15 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. DAJUAN QUARLES**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 30, 2011



**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine; Tampering w/Physical Evidence; Unlawful Imprisonment 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Possession of Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 5 Years in Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. TAVARIS QUARLES**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 16, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Theft by Unlawful Taking > \$500; Possession of Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 12 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. LEAH TORIAN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 29, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Complicity to Trafficking in Cocaine w/Armed; Using Restricted Ammo during a Felony; Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> degree; Tampering w/Physical Evidence; Trafficking in Marijuana < 8 oz. w/Armed; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia w/Armed; Persistent Felony Offender, Second Degree; Bail Jumping 1<sup>st</sup> degree; Criminal Abuse 1<sup>st</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 10 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. FREDERICK WOMACK**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 29, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense; Possession of Marijuana; Complicity to Trafficking in Cocaine  
**Disposition:** 3 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. ARTHUR DIXON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 28, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Marijuana < 8 oz., While Armed; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, While Armed



**Disposition:** 5 Years in Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTINA KING**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 23, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Tampering with Physical Evidence; Possession of



Dilaudid;  
Possession of Suboxone; Possession of Xanax; Theft < \$500

**Disposition:** 5 Years - Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. JORDAN PRICE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 16, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Lortab; Facilitation to Trafficking In Lortab; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia



**Disposition:** 2 Years in Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. SHERRY HABY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 30, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine > 4 grams  
**Disposition:** 2 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. DONALD WILLIAMS SR.**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Whitney H. Westerfield  
**Agency:** Commonwealth's Attorneys Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 30, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Perjury 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 months in Jail



**COMMONWEALTH V. RAYMOND KRANZ**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Whitney H. Westerfield  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 12, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> degree; Fleeing or Evading Police 1<sup>st</sup> degree; Driving Under the Influence, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense; Operating a Motor Vehicle on



Disposition: Suspended/Revoked License  
4 Years in Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES JONES**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 20, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 10, 2012  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking > \$500.00  
**Disposition:** 3 years - Probated & Diverted for 2 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. CHARLES TONEY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** May 25, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 11, 2012  
**Charges:** Sexual Abuse, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Victim <12 years of age;  
Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Offense, 2 counts; Persistent Felony Offender 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Degree  
**Disposition:** 20 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. GILBERT CRICK**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 11, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 11, 2012  
**Charges:** Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree - Domestic Violence  
**Disposition:** 12 Months - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. DECLARENCE RAMSEY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 11, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 11, 2012  
**Charges:** Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Terroristic  
Threatening 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Felon in Possession of  
Firearm; Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Violence  
**Disposition:** 1 Year in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. DEDRICK BRODIE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 23, 2011



**Sentencing Date:** January 11, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Cocaine; Attempted Tampering With Physical Evidence, 2 counts; Possession of Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 2 years - Probated for 5 years

**COMMONWEALTH V. LATASHA MAYTON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 7, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 11, 2012  
**Charges:** Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud or False Statement, 9 counts  
**Disposition:** 10 Years - Probated & Diverted for 3 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. CYRUS GREENWADE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 9, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 11, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Marijuana; Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia w/Armed  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated w/100 days to serve in jail



**COMMONWEALTH V. RODNEY WARE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 16, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 12, 2012  
**Charges:** Convicted Felon in Possession of a Handgun; Possession Of Marijuana, while armed; Tampering with Physical Evidence  
**Disposition:** 3 years - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. JUAN MAYORGA**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 7, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 12, 2012  
**Charges:** Criminal Poss. Of Forged Instrument 2nd Degree, 4 counts  
**Disposition:** 3 years - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. CLIFTON CHESTER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor





**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 25, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 13, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; Trafficking in Lortab; Persistent Felony Offender, 1<sup>st</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 20 Years in Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. ANTHONY BROWN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** West KY Gun Crimes Task Force  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 17, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 17, 2012  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 1½ Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. TACCARA DANIEL**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** West KY Gun Crimes Task Force  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 17, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 17, 2012  
**Charges:** Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 12 Months in Jail - Probated for 2 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. CARLA TAYLOR**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Charges:** Facilitation to Trafficking In Cocaine, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense  
**Disposition:** 12 Months - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. QWANELIUS BUSSELL**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 30, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine, 2 Counts  
**Disposition:** 5 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. CAMERON WALTON**

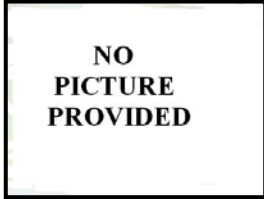
**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
Special Investigations Unit  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 7, 2011



**Sentencing Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Cocaine  
**Disposition:** 3 Years in Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. BELINDA DANIEL**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Office of the Inspector General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Charges:** Making False Statement to Receive Food Stamp Benefits < \$100  
**Disposition:** 12 months in Jail - Probated for 2 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. SHERITA WATTS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Office of the Inspector General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Charges:** Making False Statement to Receive Medicaid Benefits < \$100  
**Disposition:** 12 months in Jail - Probated for 2 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. ROBERT BALBOA**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 14, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 20, 2012  
**Charges:** Escape 2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 3 years - Probated for 5 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. CECIL EVANS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** March 15, 2006  
**Sentencing Date:** January 25, 2012  
**Charges:** Custodial Interference  
**Disposition:** 5 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. RYAN HOPKINS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Whitney H. Westerfield  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 30, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** January 25, 2012  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 5 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. JASON QUINN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 30, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** January 30, 2012  
**Charges:** Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm  
**Disposition:** 1 year in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. CIERRA GIBBS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 1, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 1, 2012  
**Charges:** Theft/ Receipt of a Stolen Credit Card, 2 counts  
**Disposition:** 12 months - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. DEVAN MATLOCK**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 1, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 1, 2012  
**Charges:** Escape 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Receiving Stolen Property < \$500  
**Disposition:** 1 Year in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. WESLEY PRYOR**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 1, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 1, 2012  
**Charges:** Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. KENNETH LANCASTER**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 21, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 1, 2012  
**Charges:** Burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Theft > \$500; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property > \$500, 2 counts; Theft by Deception < \$500  
**Disposition:** 8 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. WILLIE ANDERSON**

**Judge:** John T. Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah



**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 2, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 2, 2012  
**Charges:** Driving on a DUI Suspended License, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense;  
Driving Under the Influence 3<sup>rd</sup> offense; Disorderly  
Conduct, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 12 months - Probated 2 years

**COMMONWEALTH V. JERMON CHILDS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** May 2, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 3, 2012  
**Charges:** Manslaughter 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Criminal Mischief 1<sup>st</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 15 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. DAMON RUTLEDGE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Whitney H. Westerfield  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 8, 2012  
**Charges:** Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 2<sup>nd</sup>  
degree, 4 counts; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property  
< \$500; Forgery 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, 17 counts; Burglary 1<sup>st</sup>  
Degree, 2 Counts; Theft by Unlawful Taking < \$500;  
Theft by Deception < \$500  
**Disposition:** 20 Years - Probated & Diverted for 5 Years



**COMMONWEALTH V. THOMAS KING**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
Special Investigations Unit  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 21, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 8, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Lortab  
**Disposition:** 1½ Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. LISA ROBINSON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
Special Investigations Unit  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 21, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 8, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Percocet; Trafficking In Lortab  
**Disposition:** 5 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. KWAME MCGREGOR**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Christian Co. Sheriff's Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 26, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 8, 2012  
**Charges:** Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Retaliating Against a Participant in Legal Process; Unlawful Transaction with a Minor 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 5 years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. VICTOR RODRIGUEZ-TORRES**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 28, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 8, 2012  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine 1<sup>st</sup> Offense; Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Paraphernalia; Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon; Receiving Stolen Firearm  
**Disposition:** 4 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. TONEY BRYANT JR.**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 14, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 13, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine, 4 counts; Tampering w/Physical Evidence; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 8 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. MICHAEL BUSSELL**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 27, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 14, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, 3 Counts  
**Disposition:** 10 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. RONNIE WHALEY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 29, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 14, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine while Armed; Possession of Handgun by a Convicted Felon; Using Restricted Ammunition during a Felony; Possession of Drug





Paraphernalia while Armed; Trafficking in Marijuana less than 8 ounces while Armed; Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> degree; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Persistent Felony Offender 1<sup>st</sup> degree, 2 Counts; Bail Jumping 1<sup>st</sup> degree  
30 Years in Prison

**Disposition:**

**COMMONWEALTH V. TRAVIS ORTEN**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 14, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 14, 2012  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Drug



Paraphernalia; Public Intoxication; Criminal Mischief, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

**Disposition:** 1 year prison (revoked on prior charges, and serving a 12 year prison sentence)

**COMMONWEALTH V. TONIA HAMILTON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Whitney H. Westerfield  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department & KY State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** December 14, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 14, 2012  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Possession of



Methamphetamine; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Possession of Marijuana; Driving Under the Influence 1<sup>st</sup> offense with Aggravator, 2 counts; Disregarding a Traffic Control Device; Speeding

**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated & Diverted for 5 years

**COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES LEMONS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Whitney H. Westerfield  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 30, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 14, 2012  
**Charges:** Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 2<sup>nd</sup>



degree; Bail Jumping 1<sup>st</sup> degree

**Disposition:** 1 Year – Probated for 18 months

**COMMONWEALTH V. STEVEN FRYERSON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 26, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 14, 2012  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking > \$500.00



**Disposition:** 3 years - Probated for 5 years

**COMMONWEALTH V. LEE GEE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 26, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 14, 2012  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking > \$500.00  
**Disposition:** 3 years - Probated 5 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. WILLIAM JOHNSON III**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 23, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 14, 2012  
**Charges:** Criminal Mischief 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 2 years - Probated for 5 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. WEBSTER RUSSELL**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 26, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 14, 2012  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking > \$500.00  
**Disposition:** 3 years - Probated & Diverted for 2 years



**COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES MCKINNEY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Whitney H. Westerfield  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 29, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 15, 2012  
**Charges:** Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, 2 counts  
**Disposition:** 4 Years in Prison



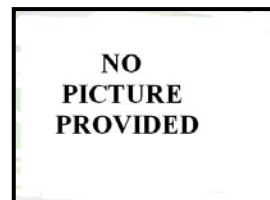
**COMMONWEALTH V. TIMOTHY HOLLIDAY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** November 30, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 15, 2012  
**Charges:** Burglary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Intimidating a Participant in a Legal Process  
**Disposition:** 5 Years - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. DELTWON FERGUSON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self



**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 11, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 15, 2012  
**Charges:** Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Probated

**COMMONWEALTH V. JORDAN GOODMAN**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 11, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 16, 2012  
**Charges:** Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> degree; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Driving Under the Influence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense; Driving on a DUI Suspended License; Possession of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Controlled Substances  
**Disposition:** 3 years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. THERESA COMBS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Kathi Adams  
**Police Agency:** Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 22, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Hydrocodone  
**Disposition:** 1 Year - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. LAMARTINE COLEMAN**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 27, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 27, 2012  
**Charges:** Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Kidnapping; Possession of Cocaine 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon; Persistent Felony Offender 1<sup>st</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 20 Years in Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. DOUGLAS FREELS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Dept.  
**Guilty Plea Date:** February 29, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 29, 2012  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking < \$500.00  
**Disposition:** 12 months - Probated

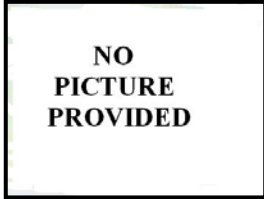


**COMMONWEALTH V. ROCHELLE WARREN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 20, 2011  
**Sentencing Date:** February 29, 2012  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Bail Jumping, First-Degree  
**Disposition:** 4 Years in Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. RONNIE THOMPSON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** January 18, 2012  
**Sentencing Date:** February 29, 2012  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated



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