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“Leading the Fight for Public Safety”

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the 26th 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. We would like to get this information out quicker and more frequently, but we are working with limited resources. 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.

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As always, thank you for your support!



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(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)

<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)

Safety Tips from Commonwealth's Detective Kenny Over

Safety Against Fraud and Con Games

Don't fall for any plan that seems too good to be true- it usually is. Be wary of free vacations, sweepstakes prizes, cures for diseases like cancer and arthritis, low risk, high yield investments such as the "pigeon drop".

Never give out personal information over the phone such as credit card numbers, phone card and social security numbers. It is illegal for telemarketers to ask for any of these kinds of information to verify a prize or gift.

Never let anyone pressure you into signing an insurance policy, or a sales contract of any kind. Read all documents carefully and have them checked out by someone you trust.

Shut down your home computers when not in use, they can be accessed. Many of us pay our bills by computer and keep our banking information on the computer. (This one I found out by experience).

GRAND JURY:

The March-April Grand Jury effectively and proficiently returned **55** "True Bill" Indictments, **2** "No True Bills," and **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, 2011, through April 30, 2011, our office handled **106** arraignments, **106** probation revocation hearings, and **93** sentencing hearings.

JURY TRIALS:



COMMONWEALTH V. ERNEST MERRIWEATHER

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.

On May 4, 2011, Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor prosecuted the case of the Commonwealth v. Ernest Merriweather who was charged with Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st

Offense, Cocaine; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property over \$300; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense; and Persistent Felony Offender, 1st Degree.

Merriweather was contacted by a victim whose cell phone was stolen from her car. He answered her phone and demanded money in exchange for the return of the phone. When the victim arrived to make the transaction, officers observed Merriweather, who was still on the phone with the victim, exit a residence and they apprehended him and seized the phone. Also located on Merriweather's person was a quantity of cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Other items that were indicative of drug trafficking were located inside the residence that he had been seen exiting.

The jury found him not guilty of possession of the stolen cell phone or the paraphernalia, but found him guilty of a lesser charge of Possession of Controlled Substance, 2nd Offense, and of being a Persistent Felony Offender. On June 22, 2011, Merriweather was sentenced to 15 years in Prison.



COMMONWEALTH V. RYAN KRISTOFF

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Whitney Westerfield
Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.

On May 23, 2011, Asst. Commonwealth's Attorney Whitney H. Westerfield presented the case of Commonwealth v. Ryan Kristoff in Christian Circuit Court. Kristoff was charged with murder, wanton endangerment, DUI 1st offense, no insurance, failure to wear a seatbelt, and speeding. Evidence was introduced that demonstrated that Mr. Kristoff, who had earlier in the day on March 16, 2010, just returned from serving abroad for a short leave, struck the vehicle operated by Mrs. Norma Cook. The two vehicles collided on Canton Pike, traveling in opposite directions. Evidence from the collision reconstruction, and from the "black box" in Mr. Kristoff's car, showed that Kristoff was traveling at approximately 86 mph as he entered the curve just passed Food Lion. Mr. Kristoff's vehicle crossed the centerline by nearly two feet when he struck the vehicle operated by Mrs. Norma Cook. Mrs. Cook struck the front post of her vehicle with her head, and sustained enough injuries to claim her life later that evening. Mr. Cook was a passenger in the vehicle, but he sustained no injuries. Both were wearing their seat belts. Evidence also showed that, while operating his vehicle, Mr. Kristoff's blood alcohol content was anywhere between .119 and .125. The jury was presented this evidence and deliberated for approximately several hours before returning a verdict of guilt on murder, and subsequently set the minimum sentence of 20 years. Mr. Kristoff's final sentencing hearing was held on July 13, 2011. The court denied defense motions made prior to the hearing to set aside the verdict and to grant a new trial, and ultimately imposed the sentence as recommended by the jury.



COMMONWEALTH v. JAMES WHITE

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.

On June 10th, 2011, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Cotthoff tried James D. White on the charges of Burglary, 2nd Degree and Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property Over \$500. Ms. Anthony Vallant was tried on the charge of Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property Over \$500 and Giving a False Name to a Peace Officer.

The Commonwealth's case centered on a residential break-in that occurred in August 2009 in Oak Grove, KY. The victim in this case had gone to work at Fort Campbell in the early morning hour but returned home early after being sent home by his unit. Upon the victim's arrival, he noticed that his home had been burglarized and that he was missing a multitude of electronics. The victim immediately notified police of the crime.

Directly behind the victim's home were surveillance cameras attached to a city park. Upon review of these cameras, James White was seen walking behind the victim's home immediately after the victim had gone to work. It was later discovered the victim and James White were acquaintances.

The items that were taken from the victim were also found in a tree line behind the victim's home in a green laundry bag. A separate surveillance camera was then turned to face where these items were found. James White and a female, Anthony Vallant, returned to the park later that afternoon on two occasions. The pair walked by the bag on the first trip but left empty-handed. On their second trip, James White was caught on camera reaching into the tree line where the laundry bag was located.

Police were able to locate where the Defendants resided three days later and arrested both Defendants. At that time, Ms. Vallant provided a false name to police. A jury took approximately 45 minutes to convict the Defendants of all charges. The Commonwealth agreed to 10 year sentence for White and 3 ½ years for Vallant.



COMMONWEALTH V. DAVID BRYANT

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Whitney Westerfield
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.

On June 24, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Whitney H. Westerfield presented the case of Commonwealth v. David Earl Bryant in Christian Circuit Court. Mr. Bryant was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, trafficking in marijuana,

possession of clonazepam, diazepam, and hydrocodone, possession of drug paraphernalia, and DUI.

The evidence showed that Mr. Bryant was approached by an officer with the Hopkinsville Police Department while Bryant's truck appeared to be stranded. Mr. Bryant immediately raised the officer's suspicions with peculiar behavior. The officer noted the vehicle's registration was also expired and was not registered to Mr. Bryant. A routine pat down search was performed for officer safety when a suspicious plastic package was located in Mr. Bryant's pocket containing multiple pills, two baggies of marijuana, and thirteen individually wrapped baggies of meth. Mr. Bryant was also found with \$595 in cash, in addition to the thirteen baggies of meth, which are indicators of trafficking, rather than possession for personal use.

At trial, Mr. Bryant admitted to possessing all of the substances, but denied any trafficking. The jury found him guilty of only possession, and not guilty of DUI. Unfortunately, the jury was not permitted to hear two valuable pieces of evidence during the guilt phase of trial: (1) Mr. Bryant was on parole for manufacturing methamphetamine at the time of this crime; and (2) Mr. Bryant admitted to his parole officer that he was trafficking in the methamphetamine, but the statement was made while he was under arrest and he prior to having been advised of his rights under Miranda v. Arizona.

The trial against Mr. Bryant was the first in the office following the enactment of House Bill 463 which brought vast changes to the Penal Code involving controlled substances. A defendant may elect to have the new laws applied to their charges, even though they were not in effect at the time the crimes were committed. Mr. Bryant made that election. The new law made the maximum sentence for his possession conviction only three years, rather than five years as it was under the former law. The new law also forced the Commonwealth to abandon the charge of persistent felony offender in the first degree, due to Bryant's conviction for mere possession, rather than trafficking. Mr. Bryant received the maximum sentence of three years, but is likely already parole eligible due to his credit for time already served.



COMMONWEALTH V. KASSIE LAMPTON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.



COMMONWEALTH V. GREGORY LAMPTON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.

On June 27, 2011, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kathi Adams prosecuted the cases of the Commonwealth v. Kassie Lampton, who was charged with Criminal Abuse 1st Degree, and Gregory Lampton, who was charged with Criminal Abuse 2nd Degree. Hayden Darlene Lampton, the 3-month old daughter of Gregory Lampton, was transferred to Kosairs Children's Hospital for a brain hemorrhage she sustained while in the custody of Kassie Lampton. Medical records and testimony of Hayden's treating physician, Dr. Andrea Taroli, proved that the injury was not accidental. Further testimony about a handprint observed on Hayden's face discredited Kassie Lampton's theory that the injury was caused by a 2 year old's sippy cup. On June 27, 2011, this case was tried before a jury who found Kassie Lampton guilty. The same jury selected a 5 year sentence for Kassie Lampton.

Because the infant was taken to the hospital by family members who discovered the injury after Gregory Lampton had seen it, the Commonwealth believed that he was aware of the dangerous situation but did not prevent or remedy it. After hearing testimony that defendant was at work when the injury occurred, the jury found Gregory Lampton not guilty.

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. This is only available for Defendants who have no recent felony convictions and allows a defendant to have the charges dismissed if they complete all the terms and conditions of their diversion, such as payment of restitution or completion of drug rehabilitation.

COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTOPHER SAFFORD

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: September 1, 2010
Sentencing Date: May 4, 2011
Charges: Burglary, 3rd Degree; Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500; Criminal Mischief, 3rd Degree
Disposition: 3 years in prison



COMMONWEALTH V. ROBERT SUAREZ

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: October 6, 2010
Sentencing Date: May 6, 2011
Charges: Trafficking In Marijuana Over 5 Pounds; Possession of Ecstasy; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Controlled Substance Not In Original Container
Disposition: 5 years conditional discharge, \$1,000 fine, contribution to KSP Trooper Island



COMMONWEALTH V. DEMARIUS GIUGUID

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 14, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 10, 2011
Charges: Assault, 2nd Degree
Disposition: 5 Years in Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. MICHAEL GILLILAND

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Kentucky State Police & Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: March 16, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 10, 2011
Charges: Burglary, 3rd Degree; Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense, Dilaudid; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Illegal Possession of a Legend Drug; Controlled Substance Prescription not in Original Container
Disposition: 6 Years in Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. JEREMY LOVE

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: March 20, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 10, 2011
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking
Disposition: 2 years - probated & diverted for 2 years.



COMMONWEALTH V. JESSICA ZEIMER

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: February 16, 2011



Sentencing Date: May 10, 2011
Charges: Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Legend Drug,
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 3 years - probated & diverted for 3 years.

COMMONWEALTH V. BRIAN RAY GRANT

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 9, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 10, 2011
Charges: Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance
Disposition: 5 Years in Prison



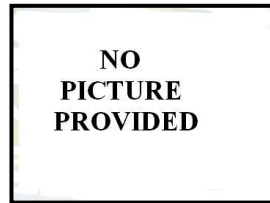
COMMONWEALTH V. ALICIA WATSON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Office of Inspector General
Guilty Plea Date: March 9, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 10, 2011
Charges: Fraudulently Obtaining Food Stamps over \$100
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. TIMOTHY JACKSON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Whitney Westerfield
Police Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: March 17, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 10, 2011
Charges: Burglary 2nd Degree; Assault 4th
Degree; Violation of EPO/DVO
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. MABLE MEECE

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 1, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 10, 2011
Charges: Possession of Oxycodone; Tampering With Physical
Evidence; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; DUI, 1st
Offense
Disposition: 4 years - probated & diverted for 4 years



COMMONWEALTH V. JASMEN QUARLES

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 2, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 10, 2011



Charges: Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Bail Jumping, 1st Degree
Disposition: 3 years - probated for 5 years - Drug Court

COMMONWEALTH V. ANGELA HOWARD

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 9, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 11, 2011
Charges: Criminal Abuse 2nd Degree
Disposition: 3 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTOPHER WILCHER

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: May 11, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 11, 2011
Charges: Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence
Disposition: 12 months – Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. BARBARA PALMER

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Office of the Inspector General
Guilty Plea Date: March 9, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 11, 2011
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500
Disposition: 2 years - probated for 5 years



COMMONWEALTH V. LAWRENCE MANN

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Christian County Sherriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: December 2, 2009
Sentencing Date: May 11, 2011
Charges: Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property Over \$10,000; Fleeing/Evading Police, 1st Degree; Criminal Mischief, 2nd Degree; Bail Jumping, 1st Degree
Disposition: 10 years in prison



COMMONWEALTH V. KRISTI SPERLING

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 9, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 11, 2011
Charges: Possession of Cocaine (2 counts); Tampering with Physical Evidence; Possession of Marijuana (2 counts);

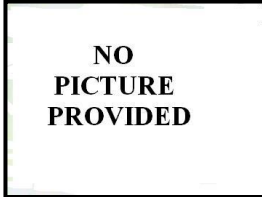


Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2 counts); DUI, 1st Offense; Possession of Cancelled Operator's License; Operating a Motor Vehicle On a Suspended License; No Insurance; Improper Parking

Disposition: 1½ years - probated & diverted for 1½ years

COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES LANCASTER

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: May 12, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 12, 2011
Charges: Unlawful Transaction with a Minor
3rd Degree
Disposition: 12 months in Jail



COMMONWEALTH V. NICKY STEWART

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: March 9, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 18, 2011
Charges: Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree, Voyeurism
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. KARLE COLLINS

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 14, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 18, 2011
Charges: Sexual Abuse 3rd Degree victim under age 12, Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree, 2 counts
Disposition: 6 Years-Probated + Sex Offender Registry & Treatment



COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES MADDOX

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 16, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 18, 2011
Charges: Assault Under Extreme Emotional Disturbance, 2 counts
Disposition: 3 years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. RENITA MAYSONET

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Office of the Inspector General
Guilty Plea Date: March 2, 2011



Sentencing Date: May 18, 2011
Charges: Fraudulently Obtaining Food Stamp Benefits over \$100
Disposition: 3 years - probated & diverted for 3 years

COMMONWEALTH V. KATISHA SULLIVAN

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 16, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 18, 2011
Charges: Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 2nd Degree
Disposition: 2 years - probated & diverted for 1 year.



COMMONWEALTH V. JEAN HOLLORAN

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 16, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 19, 2011
Charges: Possession of Cocaine & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. AARON CUNNINGHAM

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: February 1, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 23, 2011
Charges: Knowingly Receiving Stolen Firearm; Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon; Possession of Marijuana; Failure to Seat Belt; Failure to Signal
Disposition: 2 years - Probated for 5 years



COMMONWEALTH V. CHAS ROBL

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Complainant: Missy Robl
Guilty Plea Date: May 12, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 24, 2011
Charges: Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. SANDRA SCOTT

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force & Christian County Sherriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: February 23, 2011



Sentencing Date: May 25, 2011
Charges: Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card over \$500; Forgery, 2nd Degree; Theft By Deception under \$500; Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud (2 counts)
Disposition: 2 years in prison

COMMONWEALTH V. JOSEPH ABBOTT

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 25, 2011
Charges: Controlled Substance Endangerment to a Child, 4th Degree, 4 Counts; Facilitation to Manufacture Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 5 years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. JACOB ARMSTRONG

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 25, 2011
Charges: Controlled Substance Endangerment to a Child, 4th Degree, 4 Counts; Facilitation to Manufacture Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 5 years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. MELISSA BARBER

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 25, 2011
Charges: Controlled Substance Endangerment to a Child, 4th Degree, 4 Counts; Facilitation to Manufacture Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia while Armed; Knowingly Receiving a Stolen Firearm
Disposition: 5 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. JESSE GILKEY

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 21, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 25, 2011
Charges: Facilitation to Manufacture Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 5 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. BARRON RUST

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: May 25, 2011
Sentencing Date: May 25, 2011
Charges: Criminal Trespass 1st Degree
Disposition: 12 Months - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. MARVA PATTON

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Office of the Inspector General
Guilty Plea Date: March 23, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 1, 2011
Charges: Fraudulently Obtaining Food Stamps over \$100
Disposition: 2 years - probated & diverted for 2 years



COMMONWEALTH V. NATHAN CANNON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force
Guilty Plea Date: April 27, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 7, 2011
Charges: Trafficking in Hydromorphone
Disposition: 5 Years in Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. LICHILLE JOHNSON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 29, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 7, 2011
Charges: Possession of Heroin & Morphine
Disposition: 10 Years in Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. ADELBERT EASTWAY

Judge: John Aktins
Prosecutor: Whitney Westerfield
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: April 6, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 7, 2011
Charges: Manslaughter 2nd Degree; Wanton Endangerment, 3 Counts; Leaving the Scene of an Accident; and Driving under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substances, 1st Degree, w/Aggravator
Disposition: 18 years in Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. MICHELLE WELCH

Judge: John Atkins



Prosecutor: Whitney Westerfield
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 18, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 7, 2011
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$300, 14 Counts
Disposition: 8 years - Probated

COMMONWEALTH V. ASHLEY SAXON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 28, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 7, 2011
Charges: Burglary, 1st Degree; Wanton Endangerment, 2nd Degree
Disposition: 15 years in prison



COMMONWEALTH V. NANCY WATKINS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: May 4, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 7, 2011
Charges: Trafficking in Cocaine; Possession of Cocaine; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 5 years in prison



COMMONWEALTH V. STEVEN COMBS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 31, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 7, 2011
Charges: Burglary, 3rd Degree
Disposition: 1 year – probated & diverted for 2 years - Drug Court



COMMONWEALTH V. ANTONIO COLEY

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: March 23, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 8, 2011
Charges: Assault 3rd Degree, 2 counts; Alcohol Intoxication; Resisting Arrest
Disposition: 3 years - probated & diverted 2 years



COMMONWEALTH V. CLINT ALAN GILKEY

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor



Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 16, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 8, 2011
Charges: Facilitation to Manufacture Methamphetamine; Theft of a Controlled Substance; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana; Burglary 3rd Degree; Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense, 3 counts; Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, 3rd Degree, 1st Offense, 4 counts
Disposition: 10 years in Prison

COMMONWEALTH V. RYAN LING

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: June 8, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 8, 2011
Charges: Unlawful Transaction with a Minor 3rd Degree
Disposition: 12 months - probated



COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES PRIEST

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 23, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 8, 2011
Charges: Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon; Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon; DUI, 1st Offense; Possession of Alcoholic Container in a Motor Vehicle
Disposition: 6 years - probated for 3 years



COMMONWEALTH V. JUDAH WARFIELD

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 13, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 9, 2011
Charges: Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 3 years – Probated & Diverted - Drug Court



COMMONWEALTH V. MIRIAH ANDREWS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 13, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 13, 2011
Charges: Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. SAMUEL LESTER

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Private Complaint
Guilty Plea Date: April 13, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 22, 2011
Charges: Receiving Stolen Property (firearm), Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500
Disposition: 3 years - probated 3 years



COMMONWEALTH V. ERIC MEUX

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: April 13, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 22, 2011
Charges: Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument, 7 counts; Possession of Marijuana
Disposition: 2 years - probated for 3 years



COMMONWEALTH V. ANDREA OWENS

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 15, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 23, 2011
Charges: Possession of Cocaine 1st Offense, Hindering Apprehension, Trafficking in Marijuana <8 oz.
Disposition: 3 Years - Probated



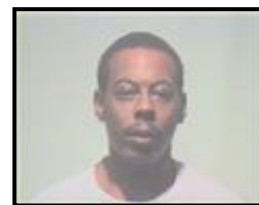
COMMONWEALTH V. CHARLES BLANKENSHIP

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: April 15, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 24, 2011
Charges: Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree
Disposition: 5 Years- Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. JEREMY ETHERIDGE

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Whitney Westerfield
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 24, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 29, 2011
Charges: Trafficking in a Controlled Substance w/in 1000 yards of a School; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; No/Expired Registration Plates; Failure to Wear Seat Belt
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. LATANJUIA LOVE

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Whitney Westerfield
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: May 9, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 29, 2011
Charges: Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 1st Degree, 2 cts.;
Trafficking in Oxycontin; Possession of Oxycontin;
Endangering Welfare of a Minor
Disposition: 10 Years in Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. DANIEL PUGH

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: February 9, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 29, 2011
Charges: Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree; Fleeing and
Evading 1st Degree; Fleeing and Evading 2nd Degree;
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Operating on
Suspended Operator's License; Reckless Driving;
Speeding; Disregarding Traffic Device; Disregarding
Stop Sign, 3 counts
Disposition: 3 years – probated for 5 years.



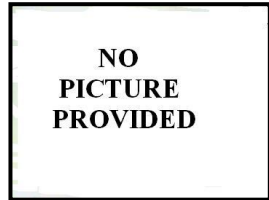
COMMONWEALTH V. KEITH LADD


Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: May 4, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 29, 2011
Charges: Possession of Dilaudid; Possession of Drug
Paraphernalia; DUI, 1st Offense; No Insurance; Expired
Tags
Disposition: 4 years - probated & diverted for 4 years



COMMONWEALTH V. LORI HOOD

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: March 23, 2011
Sentencing Date: June 29, 2011
Charges: Burglary, 1st Degree; Burglary, 2nd
Degree (2 counts); Unlawful Transaction with a Minor,
2nd Degree
Disposition: 12 years - probated for 5 years





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