

## **July-August 2008 Grand Jury Report**

We, the members of the July-August 2008 session of the Grand Jury would like to take this opportunity to issue a report on its activities.

As a part of this report we wish to thank the Honorable Judge John Atkins for his patience during our deliberations. We also thank the many witnesses and police officers who testified during this session.

A special thanks to Lynn Pryor and her staff for their efforts in presenting the evidence and facts of each case considered, in an effective and professional manner.

The panel deliberated on various cases ranging from numerous drug charges, robbery, rape and murder. The members paid particular attention to the welfare and safety of children who were affected in drug and violent offenses.

The Grand Jury was exposed to various cases regarding drug and gang activities in Christian County. We urge law enforcement officials to continue their efforts to control these activities as our term of service ends.

The Grand Jury also heard 66 Flagrant Non Support cases. We were appalled at the combined arrearage in excess of \$880,000, and we hope that the County Attorney's office will aggressively handle these cases. We want to remember that we need to support our children.

We the members of this Grand Jury would like to challenge the public to become more aware and alert to the abuse of drugs in our community and the variety of criminal charges that arise as a result.

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Foreperson