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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>

## “Leading the Fight on Public Safety”

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the 17<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. 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 shown to the left.

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Contact your local Red Cross to donate blood, volunteer and get involved. For more information go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

## GRAND JURY:

The July-August Grand Jury effectively and proficiently returned 137 “True Bill” Indictments, 1 “No True Bill,” and 5 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 November 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, our office handled 162 arraignments, 104 probation revocation hearings, and 124 sentencings.

(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  
Locater)

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

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

[https://www.vinelink.com\\_](https://www.vinelink.com_) (KY Statewide  
Offender custody status)

## **JURY TRIALS:**



### ***Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Alan Vandiver***

On November 2, 2009, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Whitney H. Westerfield, tried the case of Commonwealth v. Alan R. Vandiver. Mr. Vandiver was indicted on charges of Trafficking in Marijuana over 5 lbs and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The Kentucky State Police executed a search warrant on a Mannington residence where Mr. Vandiver resided after a suspect in another case informed State Troopers that he had just purchased marijuana from Mr. Vandiver at that location. State Troopers found a large seed-bag filled with several "bricks" of dried marijuana. Bricks of the controlled substance are often made by dealers when dealing in larger quantities. Mr. Vandiver's residence also contained a surveillance camera that was water/weather proof. The bricks of marijuana totalled nearly 22 lbs of marijuana which obviously far outpaces the quantity one may have for personal consumption. The jury rendered a guilty verdict against Mr. Vandiver on both charges, and, after hearing of his prior felony conviction (also for trafficking in marijuana) set his sentence at 6 years and a \$500 fine. On January 6, 2010, Vandiver was sentenced to serve the 6 year sentence and was remanded to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections.



### ***Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Michael Wayne Ladd***

On November 5, 2009, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Kathi Adams, tried the case against Michael Wayne Ladd in Division I. Ladd was charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Abuse of a Victim under 12 Years of Age, a Class C Felony, and Intimidating a Participant in the Legal Process, a Class D Felony. The witnesses for the Commonwealth included investigating Detective Randall Green of the Hopkinsville Police Department, the 11 year-old victim, her 13 year-old cousin, her aunt, and her mother, whom the defendant was dating. The victim took the stand and described in detail how the defendant had digitally penetrated her while her mother was asleep in another room. There was no eye witness to the crime. However, the 13 year-old cousin, who was in the kitchen during the incident, testified that when she heard the victim yelling at Ladd in the other room, she peered into the bedroom and saw Ladd very quickly pull his hand away from under the victim's long T-shirt. Ladd took the stand in his own defense, denying that he was even at the victim's house, and claiming to have been visiting another girlfriend that night. Medical records were also admitted into evidence. The jury found Ladd guilty of both counts, and was then instructed that Ladd was indicted as a Persistent Felony Offender. Because the jury did convict Ladd of the PFO indictment, and he had a prior felony Sexual Abuse conviction wherein the victim was a child under 12 years of age, he was eligible for a Life sentence. Ladd was not only on parole at the time of the offense tried, but he was also on the Sex Offender Registry. Ultimately, the jury recommended that Ladd receive a sentence of Life, Without the Possibility of Parole for 25 Years. His formal sentencing hearing is set for January 27, 2010.



### ***Commonwealth v. DeMarcus McCarley***

On November 6, 2009, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Whitney H. Westerfield, tried the case of Commonwealth v. Demarcus McCarley on two counts of the charge of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, First-Degree. McCarley was indicted on these charges after having made a transaction of cocaine for money, with an undercover confidential informant, on two separate occasions. The case proceeded in a rare fashion because McCarley entered a plea of guilty to begin the day. He asked that the jury be empaneled to perform the second phase of every jury trial in the Commonwealth - sentencing. The Commonwealth put on proof of the case and played the videos of the transactions for the jury. The jury subsequently imposed a sentence of 6 years on each count of trafficking, and ran the sentences concurrently, or simultaneously, for a total sentence of 6 years. During a sentencing hearing on December 15, 2009, McCarley was sentenced to 6 years and was remanded to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections to serve the balance of his sentence.



### ***Commonwealth v. Leslie Ware***

On November 12, 2009, Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor tried the case of Commonwealth v. Leslie Ware. Ware, who was represented by Hon. Jack Faust, was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Assault and Tampering with Physical Evidence after she stabbed Ciera Young Teal on October 16, 2008. According to witness testimony, Teal was having an altercation with her then-boyfriend and threw a rock, which missed him and broke the window to Ware's residence. Ware grabbed a knife, ran after Teal, and stabbed her 8 times - in the arm, back and under her eye. Ware then threw the knife into a nearby garbage can before the police arrived. Teal's injuries were serious and left scars, but were not life-threatening. The jury found Ware guilty of 4<sup>th</sup> degree Assault and Tampering with Physical Evidence, for which they selected a sentence of three years. Ware will be formally sentenced in Judge Self's court on February 10, 2010.

## **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. Jermaine Jackson**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On November 4, 2009, Jermaine Jackson entered guilty pleas in two different indictments: (1) 10 years in 09-CR-00086 for 2 counts of Trafficking in Cocaine, Subsequent Offense; and (2) 20 years in 09-CR-00114 for charges of Trafficking in Cocaine, Subsequent Offense, While Armed, Trafficking in Marijuana within 1,000 yards of a School, Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon, Third-Degree Assault, Fleeing or Evading Police, Theft of Identity, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Failure to Illuminate License Plate and Improper Signal. Jackson was sentenced to 30 years in prison on November 4.

**Commonwealth v. David Shepherd**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**  
**Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.**



On April 1, 2009, David Shepherd entered guilty pleas to the charges of Tampering with Physical Evidence, Possession of Xanax, Possession of Marijuana and Second-Degree Criminal Mischief. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 2 years; however, Shepherd failed to appear for his final sentencing date. Therefore, the Court went along with the Commonwealth's request to sentence Shepherd to the maximum of 5 years in prison when he was finally sentenced on November 4, 2009.

**Commonwealth v. Venisha Radford**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On June 30, 2009, Venisha Radford pled guilty to 2 counts of Assault, Second-Degree for stabbing Sherika Gee and puncturing her lung. On November 4, 2009, Radford was sentenced to 5 years in prison in

compliance with the Commonwealth's recommendation that she be denied probation.

**Commonwealth v. Sheyama Radford**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On June 23, 2009, Sheyama Radford pled guilty to 2 counts of Facilitation to Assault, Second-Degree for assisting her co-defendant, Venisha Radford, in the stabbing of Sherika Gee. On November 4, 2009, Radford was sentenced to 12 months on each charge, which was probated on the condition that she stay away from Sherika Gee.

**Commonwealth v. Kent Davis**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force**



On August 12, 2009, Kent Davis entered guilty pleas to Cultivating Marijuana [more than 5 plants] and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Davis was sentenced to 5 years on November 10, 2009, and he was placed on a felony pre-trial diversion for a period of 5 years since this was his first felony.

**Commonwealth v. Montres Finch**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 9, 2009, Montres Finch entered guilty pleas to 2 counts of Trafficking in Cocaine. Simpson was sentenced to 7 years in prison on November 10.

**Commonwealth v. Jeffrey Hale**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Lindsey Adams**

**Police Agency: Kentucky State Police**



On September 24-25, 2009, Jeffrey Hale was tried and found guilty by a jury of First-Degree Unlawful Transaction with a Minor. On November 10, 2009, Hale was sent to prison for a period of 10 years where he will have to complete the Sex Offender Treatment Program. He will also have to register on the Commonwealth's Sex Offender Registry upon his release.

**Commonwealth v. Terron McNeal**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.**



On August 24, 2009, Terron McNeal entered guilty pleas to charges of Trafficking in Cocaine, Trafficking in Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense. On November 10, 2009, McNeal was sentenced to 6 years, but was probated with the condition that he serve 60 days in jail prior to July 30, 2010.

**Commonwealth v. Melody Burrus**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 9, 2009, Melody Burrus pled guilty to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Subsequent Offense, Driving Under the Influence 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense, Possession of Marijuana, and Disregarding a Traffic Device [in Indictment 09-CR-00136], and Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree [in Indictment 09-CR-00466]. On November 10, 2009, Burrus was sentenced to 3 years which was probated on the condition that she complete the Drug Court Program.

**Commonwealth v. Eric Poole**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 23, 2009, Eric Poole pled guilty to 3 counts of First-Degree Possession of Cocaine, 3 counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense, and Tampering with Physical Evidence [in Indictment 09-CR-00450], and Second-Degree Escape [in Indictment 09-CR-00564]. On November 10, 2009, Eric Poole was sentenced to 4 years in 09-CR-00450 and to 1 year in 09-CR-00564. The sentences were probated on strict conditions, including that he abstain from drugs and alcohol.

**Commonwealth v. Joseph Braswell**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff**

**Police Agency: Office of the Inspector General**



On August 12, 2009, Joseph Braswell entered a guilty plea to one count of Fraudulently Obtaining Food Stamp Benefits Over \$100 and one count of Fraudulently Obtaining Medicaid Benefits Over \$100. Braswell was sentenced to 2 years on November 10, 2009. Braswell was granted probation, and he will remain on probation for a period of 5 years or until his restitution is paid in full, whichever is longer.

**Commonwealth v. Copy Stroud**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Copy Stroud pled guilty to Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense.

The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 3 years, which was imposed during Stroud's sentencing hearing on November 10, 2009. Stroud's sentence was probated for a period of 5 years, and he will continue his self-administered treatment plan.

**Commonwealth v. Michael McClendon**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Michael McClendon pled guilty to Burglary, Third-Degree, 2 Counts; and Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property over \$300, 2 Counts. The Commonwealth recommended a 3 year sentence, which was imposed on November 10, 2009 during McClendon's sentencing hearing. McClendon's sentence was probated and diverted for a period of 3 years.

**Commonwealth v. Sean Fowler**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**

**Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.**



On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Sean Fowler entered a plea of guilty to Burglary, Second-Degree, and Giving an Officer a False Name. During his final sentencing hearing on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Fowler was sentenced to 5 years, and that sentence was probated for a period of 5 years.

**Commonwealth v. Kevin Poston**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, Kevin Poston pled guilty to Possession of Cocaine and Resisting Arrest. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 3 years, which was imposed during a sentencing hearing on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. That sentence was probated and diverted for a period of 5 years.

**Commonwealth v. Gregory Whitlock**

**Judge: Honorable John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**

**Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.**



On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Gregory Whitlock pled guilty to Possession of Ecstasy, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Possession of Marijuana. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 3 years, which was imposed during a sentencing hearing on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. During that hearing the sentence was probated and diverted for a period of five years.

**Commonwealth v. Ashton Armstrong**



**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**  
**Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.**

On September 9, 2009, Ashton Armstrong entered guilty pleas to First-Degree Wanton Endangerment, Knowingly Receiving a Stolen Firearm, Tampering with Physical Evidence and Operating a Motor Vehicle on a Suspended Operator's License. On November 18, 2009, Armstrong was sentenced to prison for a period of 5 years.

**Commonwealth v. Michael Hayes**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 21, 2009, Michael Hayes entered guilty pleas to the charges in two indictments: (1) 12 months for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Third-Degree, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Trafficking in a Legend Drug; and (2) 5 years for Facilitation to Manufacture Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Hayes was sentenced on November 18, 2009 to 5 years and was placed on felony pre-trial diversion for 5 years as this was his first felony conviction.

**Commonwealth v. Samantha Hayes**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 21, 2009, Samantha Hayes entered guilty pleas to the charges of Facilitation to Manufacture Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Hayes was sentenced on November 18, 2009 to 5 years and was placed on felony pre-trial diversion for 5 years as this was her first felony conviction.

**Commonwealth v. Dewayne Overton**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**  
**Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.**



On September 9, 2009, Dewayne Overton entered a guilty plea to the charges of Tampering with Physical Evidence. Overton was sentenced to 3 years and was probated for a period of 3 years.

**Commonwealth v. Pamela Robinson**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On July 1, 2009, Pamela Robinson entered guilty pleas to the charges of Trafficking in Marijuana greater than 8 ounces, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Robinson was sentenced to 5



years, and she was placed on a felony pre-trial diversion for a period of 4 years on November 18, 2009.

**Commonwealth v. DeAnthony Babb**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**  
**Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.**



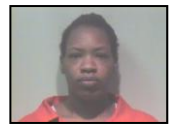
On August 12, 2009, DeAnthony Babb entered guilty pleas to the charges of Trafficking in Marijuana within 1,000 yards of a School, Cultivating Marijuana [less than 5 plants], Possession of a Defaced Firearm, and Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, both while armed.. He was sentenced to 8 years on November 18, 2009, and he was placed on a felony pre-trial diversion for a period of 5 years since he had no prior felony convictions

**Commonwealth v. Tyrone Barber**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On December 3, 2008, Tyrone Barber pled guilty to Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance. On November 18, 2009, Barber was sentenced to 5 years which was probated with strict conditions.

**Commonwealth v. Christina Shelby-Bapp**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff**  
**Police Agency: Office of the Inspector General**



On August 5, 2009, Christina Shelby-Bapp entered a guilty plea to one count of Fraudulently Obtaining Food Stamp Benefits Over \$100 and one count of Fraudulently Obtaining Child Care Benefits Over \$100. Shelby-Bapp was sentenced on November 18, 2009 to 3 years. Shelby-Bapp was granted a pretrial diversion, and will remain on probation for a period of 5 years or until her restitution is paid in full, whichever is longer.

**Commonwealth v. Alandria Stokes**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff**  
**Police Agency: Office of the Inspector General**



On August 26, 2009 Alandria Stokes entered a guilty plea to one count of Fraudulently Obtaining Food Stamp Benefits Over \$100. Stokes was sentenced to 3 years on November 23, 2009. Stokes was granted a pretrial diversion, and she will remain on probation for 5 years or until her restitution is paid in full, whichever is longer.

**Commonwealth v. Tarvovs Haskins**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**



**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Tarcous Haskins pled guilty to Possession of a Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense and Possession of Marijuana. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 2 years, which was imposed during a sentencing hearing on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Haskins was remanded to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections to serve the balance of his sentence.

**Commonwealth v. Kristen Kern**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Special Prosecutor: David Massamore**

**Police Agency: Kentucky State Police**



On August 12, 2009, Kristen Kern pled guilty to four counts of Theft By Unlawful Taking Over \$300, 2 counts of Fraudulent Use of Credit Card Over \$100 within 6 month period, Unlawful Access to a Computer, First-Degree, Unlawful Access to a Computer, Second-Degree, and Forgery, Second-Degree. On November 25, 2009, Kristen Kern was sentenced to five years, to be diverted for a five year period, on the conditions that she make restitution payments and not violate the law.

**Commonwealth v. Shanda Sims**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On August 12, 2009, Shanda Sims pled guilty to First-Degree Possession of Cocaine, Promoting Contraband, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana, and Illegal Possession of a Legend Drug. On November 25, 2009, Sims was sentenced to 3 years, which was probated on the condition that she complete the Drug Court Program.

**Commonwealth v. Michael Taylor**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On August 31, 2009, Michael Taylor entered a guilty plea to Trafficking in Cocaine. On December 2, 2009, Taylor was sentenced to 5 years in prison.

**Commonwealth v. Keith Warner**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.**



On December 2, 2009, Keith Warner entered a guilty plea to Facilitation to Traffic in Marijuana [greater than 8 ounces], after his co-defendant had entered a guilty plea for Trafficking in the Marijuana. On December 2, 2009, he was sentenced to 12 months probated for a period of 18 months.

**Commonwealth v. Gloria Powell**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Charging Agency: Commonwealth Attorney's Office**



On August 5, 2009, Gloria Powell pled guilty to Bail Jumping for failing to appear for her scheduled sentencing date on August 6, 2008 in Indictment 07-CR-00718. On December 2, 2009, Powell was sentenced to 1 year to serve in prison on the Bail Jumping charge.

**Commonwealth v. Anthony Browder**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On December 2, 2009, Anthony Browder pled guilty to Theft of Identity of another without Consent and Forgery 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Due in part to his significant felony criminal record, on December 2, 2009, Browder was sentenced to 3 years in prison.

**Commonwealth v. Ronnie Wills**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On October 3, 2007, Ronnie Wills pled guilty to Second-Degree Assault, Driving under the Influence, Third Offense, and Operating on a Suspended Operator's License. After failing to appear for sentencing due to various issues defendant had in Indiana, on December 2, 2009, Wills was sentenced to 3 years in prison.

**Commonwealth v. Leslie Stovall**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff**

**Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Office**



On December 2, 2009, Leslie Stovall entered a guilty plea to the amended charge of Facilitation to Unlawful Possession of a Methamphetamine Precursor. Stovall was sentenced to 12 months in the County Jail. Stovall's sentence was probated for a period of 1 year.

**Commonwealth v. Kenneth Wimberly**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Kenneth Wimberly pled guilty to Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense; and Flagrant Non-Support. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 8 years, which was imposed during Wimberly's sentencing hearing on

December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wimberly was remanded to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections to serve the balance of his sentence.

**Commonwealth v. Otis Brison**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Charging Agency: Office of the Inspector General**



On December 9, 2009, Otis Brison pled guilty to Making a False Statement to Receive Government Benefits Under \$100. On December 9, 2009, Brison's 12 month sentence was probated upon repayment of restitution owed to the Department for Community Based Services. His probation will continue until restitution is paid in full.

**Commonwealth v. Kathy McBride**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.**



On December 9, 2009, Kathy McBride pled guilty to Facilitation to Trafficking in Cocaine for driving her codefendant, Herbert Smith, to the transaction location. Smith pled guilty to a felony and will be formally sentenced in February. On December 9, 2009, McBride's 12 month sentence was probated with strict conditions, including that she abstain from drugs and alcohol.

**Commonwealth v. Sandra Carneal**

**Judge: Honorable John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Sandra Carneal entered a guilty plea to Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, Third-Degree; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, First Offense. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 12 months, and the Court imposed that sentence during a hearing held on that same day. The Court probated that sentence for a period of 12 months.

**Commonwealth v. Mark Dalton**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On October 21, 2009 Mark Dalton entered a guilty plea to one count of Theft by Deception over \$500. Owens was sentenced to 2 years on December 15, 2009, which will be probated for a period of two years.

**Commonwealth v. Ray McGregor**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On October 13, 2009, Ray McGregor entered a guilty plea to one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Subsequent Offense and one count of Possession of Marijuana. McGregor was sentenced to 3 years on December 15, 2009. Mr. McGregor was granted a pretrial diversion for a period of 3 years, during which time Mr. McGregor will be on probation.

**Commonwealth v. Anthony Hale**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.**



On October 19, 2009, Anthony Hale entered guilty pleas to Manufacturing Methamphetamine, Possession of Cocaine, 3 counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. On December 15, 2009, Hale was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

**Commonwealth v. Walter Mumford**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On October 15, 2009, Walter Mumford entered guilty pleas in two different indictments: (1) 10 years for 2 counts of Trafficking in Cocaine, Subsequent Offense and being a Persistent Felony Offender; and (2) 5 years for Fleeing or Evading Police, Wanton Endangerment, and Terroristic Threatening 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. On December 15, 2009, Mumford was sentenced to 10 years.

**Commonwealth v. Earl Shelton**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force**



On October 22, 2009, Earl Shelton was tried by a jury and found guilty of Trafficking in Cocaine. On December 15, 2009, Shelton was sentenced to 5 years as recommended by the jury.

**Commonwealth v. Michael Conger**

**Judge: John Atkins**

**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009, Michael Conger entered a guilty plea to Tampering with Physical Evidence, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Public Intoxication. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 3 years, and the Court imposed that sentence during a hearing on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Court probated that sentence for a period of 5 years.

**Commonwealth v. Alan Vandiver**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**  
**Police Agency: Kentucky State Police**



On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, Alan Vandiver was tried before a jury in Christian Circuit Court on the charges of Trafficking in Marijuana, over 5 lbs, First Offense; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty on both charges against Vandiver. The jury recommended a sentence of 6 years. During a sentencing hearing on December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Court imposed the sentence of 6 years and remanded Vandiver to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections.

**Commonwealth v. Demarcus McCarley**  
**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Demarcus McCarley pled guilty to 2 counts of Trafficking in Cocaine. Unusually, the Defendant elected to have the jury set the sentence for his crimes. After hearing evidence about the case, the jury imposed a sentence of 6 years on the Defendant. During a final sentencing hearing on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Court imposed that sentence recommendation, and remanded McCarley to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections to serve the balance of his sentence.

**Commonwealth v. Devan Matlock**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009, Devan Matlock pled guilty to 2 counts of Burglary, Second-Degree and Theft by Deception under \$300. During Matlock's sentencing hearing on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Court imposed the recommended sentence of 5 years and probated the sentence for a period of 5 years.

**Commonwealth v. David Cummings**  
**Judge: Honorable Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**  
**Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.**



On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, David Cummings pled guilty to 2 counts of Assault, Third-Degree; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property over \$300; Theft of Motor Vehicle Registration Plates; Fleeing and Evading Police, Second-Degree; DUI, Second Offense, with an Aggravator; Resisting Arrest; Leaving the Scene of an Accident; Disorderly Conduct, Second-Degree; Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance, Second Offense; Operating a Motor Vehicle on a DUI-Suspended License, Second Offense; and Burglary, Third-Degree. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 4 years and opposed the Defendant's request

for probation in light of the number and seriousness of his offenses. The Court imposed the 4 year sentence during a sentencing hearing on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and remanded the defendant to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections to serve the balance of his sentence.

**Commonwealth v. Kevin Byars**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Kevin Byars pled guilty to Trafficking in Marijuana, less than 8 ounces, while Armed; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 2 years. The Court imposed the sentence of 2 years during his sentencing hearing on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and probated and diverted the sentence for a period of three years.

**Commonwealth v. Jennifer Cortner**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Complaining Witness: Easy Money Exchange**



On April 15, 2009, Jennifer Cortner entered a guilty plea to Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$300 from her employer, Easy Money Exchange. On December 16, 2009, Cortner was sentenced to 3 years and placed on a felony pre-trial diversion for a period of 3 years.

**Commonwealth v. Jerry Coulter**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Kentucky State Police**



On September 16, 2009, Jerry Coulter entered a guilty plea to the charge of Trafficking in Methamphetamine. On December 16, 2009, Coulter was sentenced to 5 years and was probated for a period of 5 years.

**Commonwealth v. Maurice Pendleton**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 2, 2009, Maurice Pendleton entered guilty pleas in two different indictments: (1) 10 years for charges of Trafficking in Cocaine and Persistent Felony Offender; and (2) 10 years for Trafficking in Cocaine and Trafficking in Marijuana within 1,000 yards of a School. On December 16, 2009, Pendleton was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

**Commonwealth v. Cory Tillman**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 8, 2009, Cory Tillman entered guilty pleas to Trafficking in Cocaine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense, Operating a Motor Vehicle on a Suspended License and No Seatbelt. On December 16, 2009, Tillman was sentenced to 7 years in prison

**Commonwealth v. Ronnie Weaver**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On December 2, 2009, Ronnie Weaver pled guilty to Trafficking in a Controlled Substance within 1000 yard of a School. On December 16, 2009, Weaver was sentenced to 2 years to run consecutively to his other felony charges. His sentence was probated with strict conditions, including that he abstain from drugs and alcohol.

**Commonwealth v. Chris Duerson**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 16, 2009, Chris Duerson pled guilty to Fourth-Degree Assault and First- Degree Trafficking in Cocaine. The trafficking charge resulted from a controlled purchase caught on video of Duerson selling cocaine. The assault stemmed from an altercation with Melody Burrus. On December 16, 2009, Duerson was sentenced to 7 years to serve in prison.

**Commonwealth v. Benjamin Wigley**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.**



On September 16, 2009, Benjamin Wigley pled guilty to Receiving Stolen Property Over \$300 for possessing various items of military armor stolen from Ft. Campbell Army base. On December 16, 2009, Wigley was sentenced to 5 years, which was diverted for 5 years, on strict conditions.

**Commonwealth v. Cindy Woodell**

**Judge: Andrew Self**

**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**

**Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.**



On September 18, 2009, Cindy Woodell pled guilty to First-Degree Possession of Cocaine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. On December 16, 2009, Woodell was sentenced to 3 years which was diverted for 3 years on strict conditions.

**Commonwealth v. Richard Scott**





**Judge: John Atkins**  
**Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**

On December 23, 2009, Richard Scott entered a guilty plea to seven counts of Receiving Stolen Property Under \$500 and one count of Theft by Deception under \$500.00. Woodard was sentenced on the same date to twelve months in the County Jail. This sentence was probated for a period of two years.

**Commonwealth v. Roy Reyes**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 30, 2009, Roy Reyes entered a guilty plea to Trafficking in Marijuana greater than 8 ounces after officers found 112 pounds of marijuana in a vehicle driven from Texas to Hopkinsville by Reyes. On December 30, 2009, Reyes was sentenced to 5 years in prison.

**Commonwealth v. Roxanne Green**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**  
**Agency: Office of the Inspector General**



On September 30, 2009, Roxanne Green pled guilty to Making a False Statement to Receive Government Benefits Over \$100. On December 30, 2009, Green's 2 year sentence was probated on the condition that she repay the Department for Community Based Services approximately \$12,000 in restitution. She will remain on probation until her restitution is paid in full.

**Commonwealth v. Joshua Justice**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 18, 2009, Joshua Justice pled guilty to First-Degree Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, Second-Degree, Possession of Marijuana, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. On December 30, 2009, Justice was sentenced to 5 years, which was diverted for 5 years on strict conditions including that he testify against his codefendant in her jury trial.

**Commonwealth v. Anna Jennings**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Kathi Adams**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 30, 2009, Anna Jennings pled guilty to 2 counts of

Second-Degree Criminal Abuse for placing her children in harm's way. On December 30, 2009, Anna Jennings was sentenced to 5 years, which was diverted for 5 years on strict conditions, including that she get her GED and complete a series of parenting classes.

**Commonwealth v. Kenneth Catlett**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Kenneth Catlett entered a guilty plea to Trafficking within 1000 yards of a School; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 3 years. During a sentencing hearing on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Court imposed the recommended sentence and remanded the Defendant to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections to serve the balance of the sentence.

**Commonwealth v. Sandra Johnson**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**  
**Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.**



On August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Sandra Johnson pled guilty to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense; Wanton Endangerment, Second-Degree; and DUI, First Offense, with an Aggravator. The Commonwealth recommended a 3 year prison sentence, and the Court imposed that sentence on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Johnson's sentence was probated and diverted for a period of 5 years.

**Commonwealth v. Charles Pillow**  
**Judge: Andrew Self**  
**Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield**  
**Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.**




On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Charles Pillow pled guilty to Burglary, Third-Degree. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 3 years. The Court imposed that sentence during a hearing on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, but probated that sentence for a period of 5 years.

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