

GRAND JURY REPORT

JANUARY – FEBRUARY, 2015

Serving on the Grand Jury for the past two months has been a privilege and a civic responsibility that we readily accepted and have taken very seriously. We have heard the details of crime and abuse that we have only read about in papers. We heard cases of sexual abuse of children, pornography of children, and physical abuse of children, in which all members of the Grand Jury experienced great concern for the victims. We also heard cases involving a murder, flagrant non-support of children, assaults, thefts from businesses, and breaking and entering into homes. Many cases that were presented to us involved repeat offenders. The drug cases were numerous, with the realization that this is an ongoing problem, many involving the use of guns, and other crimes being committed in order to obtain drugs or drug money. We all realize that we have the responsibility of reporting anything we find suspicious or of concern. We would like to encourage others to do the same.

We were fortunate to have had an excellent presentation on gang activity in Christian County which we found insightful and educational. Learning that gang activity often starts among middle school age children, leading to adults continuing in illegal activity of their youth and more serious crimes, was very troubling. The violence among young people is very serious and creates a never ending battle for law enforcement personnel.

We, the Grand Jury of the January and February 2015 session, would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Judge Atkins, Lynn Pryor, Tara Bozell and the staff of the Kentucky Commonwealth Attorney's Office for explaining the legal process to our group who were not experienced in the legal processes. We would like to thank the police officers, detectives, state troopers and investigators working to keep our community a safe place to live. Those presenting cases were courteous, very well informed, and conducted themselves in a professional manner. We appreciate the men and women who are placed in dangerous situations to protect the people of Christian County. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our community. It has been a most interesting and informative experience.

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Foreperson