

# GRAND JURY REPORT

January-February, 2016

We appreciate the opportunity to serve as a grand jury during these two months. Our service has shown us a great deal about our community and its problems.

The law enforcement officers that have testified before us have impressed us with their professional approach to bringing law breakers to the court for justice. All these individuals should be commended for their dedication and commitment to excellence. Each of our questions was answered fully, giving us greater insight into what is involved in the law enforcement process.

Commonwealth Attorney Lynn Pryor and her office staff have been outstanding in presenting the cases to this grand jury. Each of the charges and penalties were explained to us. That information aided us greatly in making our determinations for the indictment process. Without their skill and knowledge we could not have been as effective as we hope we have been.

We have some grave concerns as a grand jury that we would like to bring forward for review and discussion by the community and legislators. First of all, we are concerned about the incidence of children in the homes of drug makers and drug dealers. Trafficking in drugs within 1000 feet of a school is a felony. We believe that drug makers and drug dealers operating in a family setting, around minor children, should be further penalized for allowing that in the environment of the child.

We are concerned about any crime where children are in close proximity to law breakers. Any of these crimes should carry an additional, heavy penalty.

We know that the law would have to be changed to compensate jurors more than the total of \$12.50 per day of service. Many individuals serving on a jury are penalized for that service. It is our hope, that this matter can be changed in an equitable manner for jurors in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

January-February, 2016, Grand Jury

  
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John Turner, Foreman