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Welcome to the 60th Edition of our newsletter.



GRAND JURY:

The January-February Grand Jury returned **118** "True Bill" Indictments, **2** "No True Bills," and there was **1** case "referred to District Court". As always, the Grand Jury was very dedicated, and we appreciate their service to our community. Their report is attached under the Grand Jury tab on our website.

COURT PROCEEDINGS:

From January 1, 2017, through February 28, 2017, our office handled **155** arraignments, **121** probation revocation hearings, and **128** sentencing hearings.

JURY TRIALS:



COMMONWEALTH VS. BRANDON D. SMITH

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department

On January 20, 2017, Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor began the trial in the case of Commonwealth vs. Brandon D. Smith. Brandon was accused of shooting Keon Grant on May 14, 2014. Smith was tried previously starting November 30, 2015; however, the jury was unable to reach a unanimous decision and mistrial was declared due to the hung jury.

In both trials, witnesses testified about the fact that Smith and Grant had been friends prior to May 14, 2014. Testimony and records from Facebook revealed that just a few days prior to that, a feud began between the two, likely over a quantity of marijuana. Grant went to the home of Corey Barnes to find Smith to discuss this. Several others were present there too, and most indicated that they did not see what happened. One witness said that Smith and Grant were face to face when Smith pulled a gun on Grant. Grant took off running, with Smith chasing behind him. That is when all the witnesses say they heard shots, though they did not agree on how many shots were fired. Not a single witness testified that they saw Smith shoot Grant because they were running and/or worried about themselves.

In the police investigation, Anthony Hickey Jr. and Kiara Jackson advised that they were getting in a truck leaving when the shooting took place. They saw Smith chasing Grant, and they circled the block stopping to check on Grant after he had been shot. However, they just drove off and never called the police. In fact, neither of them could be located for the second trial. One of Smith's fellow inmates was testifying that he heard Smith admitting to the murder, and Smith initiated an altercation with him in the holding cell at the Christian County Justice Center. Charges are currently pending against Smith for this incident.

The gun used in the shooting was never located, but Keon Grant was clearly shot in the back two times. The jury ultimately found Brandon Smith not guilty. He will face trial on pending charges of Retaliating Against a Participant in a Legal Process 2nd Degree and Persistent Felony Offender on May 15, 2017.

COMMONWEALTH VS. RAYON MORRIS



Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster
Agency: Grove Police Department

On February 2nd and 3rd, 2017, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Katherine Foster tried the case of Commonwealth v. Rayon Morris. Morris was charged with Rape, 1st degree with Serious Physical Injury; Assault 1st degree; Unlawful Imprisonment, 1st degree; and two counts of Sodomy, 1st degree with Serious Physical Injury.

At trial, the victim testified about the assault that occurred at Morris' residence in his bedroom and the injuries that Morris inflicted upon her, which included a fractured facial bone that required surgery. She described how Morris would not allow her to leave the bedroom during the assault, which lasted throughout the night and into the morning hours. The victim stated that during the assault, Morris raped and sodomized her repeatedly. The victim told the jury that eventually she was able to run to the neighbors' house for help.

Detective Wright from the Oak Grove Police Department testified about responding to the neighbors' house and described the condition of the victim upon her arrival. Wright told the jury that she and another officer went to Morris' residence and described the scene as they found it, which was depicted in photographs. Officer Ayers testified that Morris apologized for assaulting the victim during his extradition back to Kentucky after he had fled the state. Two different laboratory technicians testified about the sexual assault kit that was collected from the victim at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital. They testified about the presence of Morris' DNA that was collected from the victim. Grace Blair, the Registered Nurse that rendered treatment to the victim, testified on behalf of the Commonwealth about the treatment she rendered to the victim in the Emergency Room. She explained the signs and symptoms that the victim portrayed and her diagnosis.

After less than three hours of deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of Guilty for Assault, 1st degree; one count of Sodomy, 1st degree; and Unlawful Imprisonment, 1st degree. The jury recommended a sentence of 10 years.



COMMONWEALTH VS. ANTONIO ARTIS

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department

On February 14, 2017 the case of Commonwealth v. Antonio Artis was tried by Asst. Commonwealth Attorney Michael Cotthoff. The Defendant faced charges of Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon and Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree. This case centered on an incident that occurred on South Vine Street of Hopkinsville, KY. It involved testimony from family members of the Defendant and officers who responded to the crime scene.

The testimony showed that a dispute arose between Artis and the stepfather of the woman who was giving birth to Artis's child on the day of the event. The dispute began when Artis was asked to leave the hospital due to arguing loudly with the child's mother. After this incident, Artis then went to the home of the mother's family and began drinking. While there, Artis threatened the child's mother and her mother. The stepfather, who lived at this home, told Artis he needed to settle down. The stepfather testified that all involved were drinking, and he stated Artis then left the residence and returned with a .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol.

Upon return, Artis then fired two shots into the air and then two shots at a neighbor's house in anger. Police showed up in response to this shooting but no one wanted to provide details of what happened. It was only after the stepfather's neighbor discovered the bullet holes in her home 90 minutes later that the stepfather elected to tell police what happened. Artis is a convicted felon.

Artis testified in his defense. He stated that he was in a physical altercation with a man (known only to all parties as "Little Bubba Suds") and that this man was the person who accidentally fired the shots at the neighboring residence during their altercation. Artis testified that he disarmed the man of his pistol (which he described as a revolver) but that he did so in fear of his life. No physical evidence was located at the crime scene other than fresh bullet holes in the neighboring residence.

A jury deliberated for approximately two hours and found Mr. Artis Not Guilty of both offenses.



COMMONWEALTH VS. MATTHEW DOYLE

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster
Agency: Christian County Sherriff's Office

On February 17, 2017, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Katherine Foster tried the case of Commonwealth v. Matthew Doyel. Doyel was charged with Sexual Abuse, 1st degree, Victim under the Age of Twelve.

At trial, the 10 year old victim testified that Doyel sexually abused her in the bathroom at her grandmother's house in 2015. She advised the jury that during the incident, her sister attempted to come into the bathroom but Doyel shut the door on her when she attempted to open it. She told the jury that she finally told her siblings and then her mother at which point it was reported to the Sheriff's Department.

Next, the victim's older sister testified about an incident at her grandmother's where she attempted to go into the bathroom but the door was shut on her when she attempted to open the door. Detective Brandon Myers from the Christian County Sheriff's Department testified about his involvement in the case. He advised that he performed a forensic interview with the victim and sought a warrant of arrest. For the defense, Doyel testified, and he denied committing any act of sexual abuse.

After thirty minutes of deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty.

SENTENCINGS:

This section of our Newsletter includes a brief description of sentencing hearings that took place during the previous two-month period. You will also see the jail-intake photos of these Defendants, when available.

COMMONWEALTH V. TRAVIS LEE ORTEN

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Christian County Sherriff's Office
Jury Trial Date: October 10, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 4, 2017
Charges: Reckless Homicide, 2 Counts; Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance; Speeding; Persistent Felony Offender, 1st Degree
Disposition: 15 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. SHIRLEY HUMPHREY

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville-Christian Co. Drug & Violent Crime Strike Force
Guilty Plea Date: September 14, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 4, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Marijuana Over 5 Lbs.
Disposition: 7 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. NICHOLAS FORRISTALL

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster
Police Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Department
Guilty Plea Date: October 26, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 4, 2017
Charges: Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2nd degree, 10 counts
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. DANIEL T. HAMMONDS

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: October 19, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 4, 2017
Charges: Assault Under Extreme Emotional Disturbance; Wanton Endangerment, 1st degree; Terroristic Threatening, 3rd degree
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. JOHNNY BEVENS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christian County Jail
Guilty Plea Date: January 4, 2017
Sentencing Date: January 4, 2107
Charges: Promoting Contraband, 1st Degree
Disposition: 1 Year - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. DONALD RUTHERFORD

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville-Christian Co. Drug & Violent Crime Strike Force
Guilty Plea Date: September 14, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 10, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Cocaine, Under 4 Grams; 2 counts; Possession of Cocaine; Attempted Tampering with Physical Evidence
Disposition: 6 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. SARAH C. KING

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: August 31, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 10, 2017
Charges: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 12 Months - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. BRANDON CANTY

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville-Christian Co. Drug & Violent Crime Strike Force



Guilty Plea Date: August 10, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 10, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Cocaine, Under 4 Grams, 5 counts; Using or Investing Drug-Related Income in Real Estate; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Harboring a Vicious Animal; Fraudulent Use of an ID Card for Benefits, 4 counts; Persistent Felony Offender, 2nd Degree
Disposition: 5 Years - Prison (Mr. Canty, along with his co-defendant, forfeited 8 residential properties to the City of Hopkinsville)

COMMONWEALTH V. NATASHA SHOEMAKER

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville-Christian Co. Drug & Violent Crime Strike Force
Guilty Plea Date: August 10, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 10, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Cocaine, Under 4 Grams, 5 counts; Using or Investing Drug-Related Income in Real Estate; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Harboring a Vicious Animal; Fraudulent Use of an ID Card for Benefits, 8 counts
Disposition: 3 Years – Prison (Ms. Shoemaker, along with her co-defendant, forfeited 8 residential properties to the City of Hopkinsville)



COMMONWEALTH V. TROY CANNON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Pennyryle Narcotics Task Force
Guilty Plea Date: September 29, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 10, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Lortab Under 10 Units; Trafficking in Marijuana Under 8 Oz.
Disposition: 3 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. EDWARD E. GILSTRAP, JR.

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster
Police Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Department and Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: July 20, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 10, 2017
Charges: Forgery 2nd degree, 7 counts; Promoting Contraband, 1st degree; Possession of Marijuana; Assault Under Extreme Emotional Disturbance; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Promoting Contraband, 2nd degree; Controlled Substance Prescription Not in Original Container
Disposition: 5 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES HANING

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: October 5, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 10, 2017
Charges: Promoting Gambling, 1st Degree
Disposition: 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. JOELLE LONGACRE

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: August 3, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 10, 2017
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500
Disposition: 2 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. KEVIN WHITE

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: September 14, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 10, 2017
Charges: Possession of Cocaine, 2nd Offense; Possession of Marijuana
Disposition: 2 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. ALEXANDRA JONES

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: September 28, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 11, 2017
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance; Possession of Marijuana; Tampering with Physical Evidence
Disposition: 2 Years - Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. AUDRIA CARLTON

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: October 26, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 11, 2017
Charges: Burglary 3rd Degree, 2 Counts; Forgery 2nd Degree, 3 Counts; Theft over \$500
Disposition: 5 Years - Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES OVERTON

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: October 26, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 11, 2016
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance, 1st Degree; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 2 Years - Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. TYNESHA HENRY

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Private Complaint
Guilty Plea Date: January 18, 2017



Sentencing Date: January 18, 2017
Charges: Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposal of Property under \$500
Disposition: 12 Months - Probated

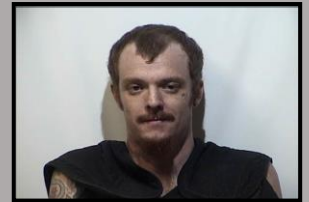
COMMONWEALTH V. KEYON WILLIAMS

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Maggie Gigandet
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: November 2, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 18, 2017
Charges: Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card over \$500; Theft by Deception under \$500, 2 counts; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$500, 2 counts; Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500, 2 counts; Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration
Disposition: 3 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. COTY FLYNN

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: November 2, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 18, 2017
Charges: Receiving Stolen Property over \$500
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. JOHN BILDERBACK

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christian County Jail
Guilty Plea Date: January 25, 2017
Sentencing Date: January 25, 2017
Charges: Promoting Contraband 1st Degree, 3 counts; Promoting Contraband, 2nd Degree
Disposition: 1 Year - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. DERRICK TILLMAN

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: December 15, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 25, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Methamphetamine; Convicted Felon in Possession of Handgun, Using Restricted Ammunition; Tampering with Physical Evidence.
Disposition: 3 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. AMANDA BURGE

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christine County Sheriff's Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: October 6, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 25, 2017
Charges: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 5 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. KIMBERLY WYATT

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christina County Sheriff's Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: November 9, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 25, 2017
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance, 1st Degree; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 2 Counts; Possession of Marijuana, Possession Legend Drug, 2 Counts
Disposition: 2 Years - Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. DERRICK TILLMAN

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff/Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: Jan. 27, 2016 & Dec.15, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 25, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Over 2 Grams; Possession of a Firearm by a Felon; Using Restricted Ammunition during a Felony; Tampering With Physical Evidence; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon; No Insurance; No Tail Light; No Brake Lights; Possession of an Unspecified Controlled Substance; Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance, With Aggravator; Possession of Marijuana; Speeding
Disposition: 10 years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. RONNIE STAPP

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: November 3, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 25, 2017
Charges: Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance; Tampering With Physical Evidence
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. MISTY SAMPLES

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: November 3, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 25, 2017
Charges: Tampering With Physical Evidence
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. TIMOTHY GRUBBS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: November 12, 2015
Sentencing Date: January 30, 2017
Charges: Possession of a Handgun by a Felon; Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia; Trafficking in a Simulated Controlled Substance; Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon
Disposition: 6 Years – Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. LISA ROSO

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Maggie Gigandet
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: August 29, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 1, 2017
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$10,000
Disposition: 7 Years - Probated



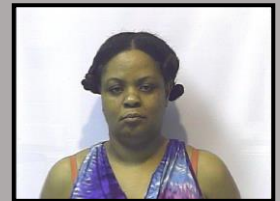
COMMONWEALTH V. ARLENE MORRISON

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Maggie Gigandet
Police Agency: KY Office of the Inspector General
Guilty Plea Date: November 2, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 1, 2017
Charges: Fraudulently Obtaining SNAP Benefits over \$100; Fraudulently Obtaining Medicaid Benefits over \$100
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated & Diverted and serve 60 days in CCJ



COMMONWEALTH V. SOPHIA CLARK

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: May 4, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 1, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Marijuana, Over 8 Oz.; Receiving a Stolen Firearm; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, While Armed
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. WILLIAM KOERNER

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Probation & Parole
Guilty Plea Date: February 1, 2017
Sentencing Date: February 1, 2017
Charges: Tampering With Physical Evidence
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. TREVION CLARY

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster/Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 1, 2017
Sentencing Date: February 1, 2017
Charges: Manslaughter, 2nd degree; Persistent Felony Offender, 2nd degree
Disposition: 10 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. SHEILA JO CAPPS

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department



Guilty Plea Date: February 1, 2017
Sentencing Date: February 1, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Methamphetamine > 2 GMS; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia;
Possession of Marijuana
Disposition: 7 Years – Prison

COMMONWEALTH V. NEKOREALE THOMAS

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christian County Jail
Guilty Plea Date: November 9, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 1, 2017
Charges: Possession of Contraband, 1st Offense
Disposition: 1 Year – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. JAVEON WILSON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: October 26, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Robbery, 2nd Degree; Fleeing or Evading Police 1st Degree; Tampering With Physical Evidence
Disposition: 8 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. PATRICK WHITLOCK

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville-Christian Co. Drug & Violent Crime Strike Force
Guilty Plea Date: December 1, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Cocaine, Under 4 Grams, 6 counts; Persistent Felony Offender, 1st Degree; Possession of Cocaine; Tampering with Physical Evidence
Disposition: 15 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. TIFFANY SHEPPARD

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: October 19, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Oxycontin; Possession of Soma; Trafficking in Marijuana Under 8 Oz.; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. RONALD REEDER

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: August 31, 2016



Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Trafficking In Methamphetamine, Under 2 Grams; Trafficking in an Unspecified Substance, Under 10 Units; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Signal; Tampering with Physical Evidence, 2 counts
Disposition: 4 Years – Probated

COMMONWEALTH V. SHERMONA RILEY

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: August 31, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registry, 2 counts; Sexual Offender Utilizing Social Media, 2 counts; Persistent Felony Offender, 2nd Degree
Disposition: 5 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. ANTWAN PUGH

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: November 14, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Marijuana, Over 8 Oz. Under 5 lbs; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. BENJAMIN BOHL

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Christian County Sherriff's Office
Guilty Plea Date: November 7, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree, 2 Counts
Disposition: 10 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. DEAFRICE SHEPPARD

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: October 19, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument 2nd Degree, Theft by Unlawful Taking o/\$500
Disposition: 2 Years - Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. ARTHUR SIVELS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Depart.
Guilty Plea Date: September 21, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 3 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. MICHAEL SMITH

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: October 19, 2017
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Marijuana less than 8 oz.
Disposition: 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. TRESEA ADKINS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: November 2, 2016
Sentencing Date: January 7, 2017
Charges: Cultivation of Marijuana
Disposition: 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. ADAM BLACK

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: November 16, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Convicted Felon in Possession of Firearm
Disposition: 2 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. LAUREN MORALES

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 7, 2017
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Assault 4th Degree
Disposition: 2 Years - Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. PHILIP W. THOMAS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: December 14, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Sexual Abuse, 1st degree, Victim Under 12 Years of Age; Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, Illegal Sex Act, Physical Injury; Promoting a Sexual Performance by Minor Under 16 Years of Age, 2 counts; Possession of Matter Portraying a Sexual Performance by a Minor, 444 counts
Disposition: 20 Years – Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. LAURA GILFORD

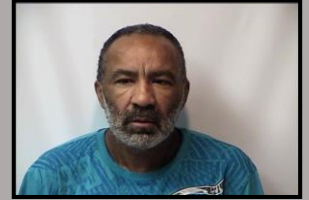
Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster



Police Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Office and Hopkinsville Police Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: December 14, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Promoting Contraband, 1st degree; Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 3rd degree;
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated

COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES BRONAUGH

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Maggie Gigandet
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Christian County Sheriff's Department
Guilty Plea Date: November 9, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree; Criminal Mischief, 1st Degree
Disposition: 3 Years - Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. SHANE FRANCIS

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Maggie Gigandet
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: November 16, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Robbery, 2nd Degree
Disposition: 6 Years - Prison



COMMONWEALTH V. PEGGY HODGE

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Maggie Gigandet
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: October 19, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 7, 2017
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking, Firearm; Theft by Unlawful Taking over
500, Auto; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property over \$500, 2 counts; Knowingly
Receiving Stolen Property under \$500
Disposition: 5 Years - Probated; serve 120 days in jail



COMMONWEALTH V. ERIC GRICE

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Maggie Gigandet
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: November 9, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 8, 2017
Charges: Assault under Extreme Emotional Distress
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. BETTY WIMBERLY

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Maggie Gigandet
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: November 9, 2016



Sentencing Date: February 8, 2017
Charges: Theft by Unlawful Taking o/\$500
Disposition: 2 Years- Probated; pay restitution

COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTOPHER L. MORGAN

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster
Police Agency: Kentucky State Police
Guilty Plea Date: November 9, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 8, 2017
Charges: Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration, 1st offense
Disposition: 2 Years – Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. RONALD YOUNG

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Maggie Gigandet
Police Agency: Christian County Jail
Guilty Plea Date: February 15, 2017
Sentencing Date: February 15, 2017
Charges: Assault, 4th Degree
Disposition: 12 Months- Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. WANDA WADE

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Kentucky State Police.
Guilty Plea Date: October 5, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 15, 2017
Charges: Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense,
Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 3rd Degree, 1st Offense
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. CAROLINE VINSON

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Duncan Cavanah
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.
Guilty Plea Date: November 9, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 15, 2017
Charges: Possession of Cocaine
Disposition: 2 Years - Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. JESSIE LOUISE WILLIAMS HIXSON

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: August 29, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 20, 2017
Charges: Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, 2 counts
Disposition: 1 Year – Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIE

Judge: John Atkins
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville Police Department
Guilty Plea Date: February 20, 2017
Sentencing Date: February 20, 2017
Charges: Attempted Tampering With Physical Evidence; Possession of Xanax; Leaving Scene of Accident; Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance, 1st Offense; Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Codeine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disposition: 12 Months – Probated



COMMONWEALTH V. JILLIAN WAKEFIELD

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville-Christian Co. Drug & Violent Crime Strike Force
Guilty Plea Date: November 16, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 22, 2017
Charges: Complicity to Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Under 2 Grams
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES SMITH

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Michael Cotthoff
Agency: Hopkinsville-Christian Co. Drug & Violent Crime Strike Force
Guilty Plea Date: November 16, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 22, 2017
Charges: Complicity to Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Under 2 Grams
Disposition: 3 Years – Probated & Diverted



COMMONWEALTH V. RYAN PLOCK

Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Katherine Foster
Police Agency: Christian County Sherriff's Department
Guilty Plea Date: November 16, 2016
Sentencing Date: February 22, 2017
Charges: Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2nd degree, 10 counts
Disposition: 5 Years – Probated



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Sincerely,
Lynn Pryor – Commonwealth's Attorney