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“Leading the Fight on Public Safety”

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the 12th Edition of our newsletter.

We are trying to make our newsletter more informative about the judicial system, and we want to update you on the criminal cases here in Christian County. If there is a particular topic you are interested in learning more about, please let us know.

As we are incorporating more information into this newsletter, we may change the format or the frequency of our emails. As always, feel free to forward the email to anyone who might be interested. If you will send us the email addresses, we will make sure to include them on our distribution list.

Happy Spring

SPOTLIGHT: **PROSECUTORS FURLOUGHED!** **Lack of Funding Closes CAO!**

I am sorry to announce that the Christian County Commonwealth Attorney's Office will be closed, April 6-10, May 4-9, and May 25-May 29, 2009. The closure will occur because the state legislature failed to adequately fund Commonwealth Attorney's Offices ["CAO"] across Kentucky for the fiscal year of 2009. At the onset of fiscal year 2009, the operating budget of every CAO was cut by 50%. In order to achieve such drastic cuts, certain office supplies were eliminated, as were funds for travel reimbursement, court reporters and expert witnesses.

To make matters worse, KY Governor Steve Beshear ordered all executive branch agencies to cut 4% from the total **yearly** budget, to be implemented between January & May – only 5 months, without regard to how critical or essential the function of the office may be. By this time, over half of the prosecutors' budget was already expended. Many other expenses such as rent, internet service, and copier leases simply cannot be cut. As a result, the 4% cut to the total office budget for the year equates to a 13% cut in staff salaries over the remainder of the fiscal year.

Kentucky's prosecutors were given few options. Layoffs were not one of them because all salary savings would be lost to unemployment benefits. The only viable option remaining was mandatory, **unpaid time off** or "furlough" with no unemployment benefits for the entire CAO staff. In order to obtain a 13% savings, the CAO staff would

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(Court Case Information)

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have to be furloughed for 3 full weeks which will essentially shut down the justice system.

Last week, the Kentucky Legislative panel dug up \$4.7 million and the Kentucky House of Representatives and Senate passed a bill allowing for additional funds to be made available to public defenders and prosecutors in light of the budget cuts that have been previously imposed. As of yet, no changes have been made to our furloughs. NOTE: Prosecutors were fiscally responsible and agreed to furlough employees for three weeks in addition to previous salary cuts, while public defenders took no steps towards reducing their operating costs, opting to use up all the money before the end of the fiscal year and threatening to refuse representation of criminal defendants after their money ran out.

Thus, I will be the only employee of the Christian County CAO at work during the three weeks mentioned above. I must thank Judge John Atkins and Judge Andrew Self for graciously accommodating our furloughs, allowing me to cover both divisions personally so that no docket goes without a prosecutor. While I will spend most these weeks covering court dockets, the lights may be off, the phones may go unanswered, and the door to the CAO will remain locked. I will do my best to answer all calls for the few hours that I am able to be in the office. I apologize to the victims, witnesses, and police officers who will be unable to do business with our office during the furlough. I hope everyone understands that this situation is not within the control of our office's employees. Any frustrations should be voiced to our governor and legislators.

Citizens of Christian County should rest assured that I will make myself available to law enforcement 24 hours per day if necessary, to make sure any emergency is addressed as soon as possible and that the citizens of Christian County remain safe.

FOCUS ON CRIME:



Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Larry Ordway

On February 9th, 2009, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Whitney Westerfield began a week-long criminal trial in Christian County Circuit Court against Larry Ordway. Ordway was indicted for 23 counts, including nineteen Class "D" felonies (1-5 year sentence range), 1 Class "C" felony (5-10 year sentence range), 3 Class "B" felonies (10-20 year sentence range), several misdemeanors, and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, 1st Degree. This trial was the culmination of 19 months of case investigation and preparation on behalf of the law enforcement agencies involved and Mr. Westerfield. The presentation of the Commonwealth's case in chief included 23 witnesses, which consisted of victims, co-defendants, and officers from Hopkinsville Police Department, Oak Grove Police Department and the Christian County Sheriff's Office. The trial lasted for 3.5 days of the 4-day trial week, and resulted in a conviction on 21 of the felonies charged, including the three Class "B" Robbery charges. The jury also found that the Defendant was a First-Degree Persistent Felony Offender which permitted the enhancement of the Defendant's sentences. The jury imposed a sentence of 150 years on the

Defendant, having found that he committed these offenses while on parole for similar crimes in 1995 and 2001 felony indictments from Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Mr. Westerfield previously tried the Class "C" felony on the Defendant's indictment that, as a matter of law, must be severed from the others. In October of 2008, a jury found the defendant not guilty of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun. Unfortunately, the Commonwealth was not at liberty to share with that jury the details of the defendant's crime spree over the summer of 2007. The second jury was fully informed by the Commonwealth about details from each of the eight crime scenes, and the verdict they rendered reflects as much. Ordway will be finally sentenced on May 13, 2009 by Judge Andrew Self.



Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Aaron Whaley

Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor prosecuted the case of the Commonwealth v. Aaron Whaley who was charged with shooting three people. D'Oliver Coleman died from a single gunshot wound, and K.C. Torian died as a result of nine gunshot wounds which he suffered only 20 minutes after Coleman was shot. Whaley admitted to a prison psychologist that he shot both of these individuals, as well as Marcus Harris, who was driving a Jeep through the area of Cottage Street and First Street, after Coleman had been shot. Whaley fired multiple shots at the Jeep believing that K.C. Torian was the driver. Two teenage females were passengers in the Jeep at the time but escaped without injury. After shooting Coleman, Harris and then Torian, Whaley threw the loaded gun into a nearby yard as he fled the scene.

On February 16, the trial against Aaron Whaley began with jury selection, opening statements from both attorneys, and testimony by several officers from the Hopkinsville Police Department. Testimony continued on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from witnesses, the medical examiner, the ballistics examiner, a psychologist from the Department of Corrections, and the lead detective Clayton Sumner. Most of the Commonwealth's witnesses were uncooperative with the police and at trial, including five which are currently under indictment for various crimes.

Whaley did not testify, but called a co-defendant as his only witness. Whaley's attorneys, Dennie Hardin and Jeremiah Harston from Bowling Green, argued that Whaley acted in self-defense or under some extreme emotional disturbance. Closing statements were given late Friday afternoon, and the jury returned guilty verdicts nearly three hours later.

Whaley was found guilty of both murders, assault on Harris, and 2 counts of First-Degree Wanton Endangerment for the girls in the Jeep. The jury was not allowed to hear about Whaley's criminal history until the sentencing phase, when they learned that Whaley had been convicted of (1) holding a gun to someone's head and threatening to shoot him, (2) shooting at two individuals in the street, and (3) shooting another male twice. Whaley had been released from prison, where he was serving time on the prior charges, only 5 weeks prior to killing Coleman and Torian. The jury determined that Whaley was a

Persistent Felony Offender and sentenced Whaley to consecutive Life sentences for the murders and an additional twenty years for shooting at the Jeep. Whaley's final sentencing will be heard by Judge John Atkins on May 11, 2009, and he still faces a pending charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

GRAND JURY:

The January-February Grand Jury effectively and proficiently returned 108 "True Bill" Indictments, 2 "No True Bills," and 2 cases were referred back 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 January 1, 2009, through February 28, 2009, our office handled 161 arraignments, 59 probation revocation hearings, and 129 sentencings.

JURY TRIALS:



Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Barrie Matlock

On January 8, 2009, Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor tried the case of Commonwealth vs. Barrie Leslie Matlock. Chief Mark Goforth of the Pembroke Police Department and Constable Terry Byerline testified about responding to a Pembroke residence for a complaint of loud noise and finding Matlock in a car outside of the residence. A baggie of marijuana, a baggie of crack cocaine and an open beer can were located in the vehicle, and Matlock advised Chief Goforth that he was going to sell the cocaine for money because he just lost his job. The jury found Matlock guilty of Trafficking in Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Matlock will be sentenced by Judge Self on March 25, 2009.



Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Donald Everett Williams

On January 20, 2009, Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor tried Donald Everett Williams for Possession of Cocaine charges. A Grand Jury indicted Williams based on his testimony when his son, Donald Carlyle Williams, was tried for Trafficking in Cocaine. The father took the stand in November 2007 and testified that the cocaine found in his son's apartment belonged to him; however, his attorney convinced the January 2009 jury that Williams' testimony was false and just an attempt to keep his son from going to prison. The son was found guilty of Possession of Cocaine, but the father was found not guilty. Donald Everett Williams now faces a perjury charge for testifying untruthfully in Christian Circuit Court.

GUILTY PLEAS/SENTENCINGS:

This section of our Newsletter includes a brief description of sentencings that took place during the previous two-month period. Most of these are convicted felons who entered guilty pleas admitting the crimes they committed. While many consider "plea-bargains" as a

negative way to resolve cases, defendants typically plead guilty to the same charges they are indicted on. 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.

Commonwealth v. Brandon Crowley
Judge: Honorable John L. Atkins
Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.



On November 10th, 2008, Crowley entered a guilty plea to the charges of Trafficking in Marijuana, First Offense, While Armed; Possession of a Controlled Substance, First Degree, First Offense, While Armed; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense, While Armed; and Wanton Endangerment, First Degree. Crowley was sentenced on the January 13th, 2009, and was remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections to serve the recommended 8 year sentence.

Commonwealth v. Ametro Little-Allman
Judge: Honorable John L. Atkins
Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.



On November 10th, 2008, Little-Allman plead guilty to Trafficking in Marijuana, First Offense; Possession of a Controlled Substance, First-Degree, First Offense, 2 Counts; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, First Offense; and Wanton Endangerment, First Degree. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 4 years, which was imposed during Glass's sentencing hearing on January 13th, 2009. The sentence was probated and diverted for a period of 5 years.

Commonwealth v. John Rose
Judge: Honorable John L. Atkins
Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield
Police Agency: Kentucky Fish & Wildlife



On September 15th, 2008, Rose was tried before a Christian Circuit Court jury, and was found guilty. However, encouraged by the Court to expedite the resolution of the case, and to avoid appeal, Rose elected to enter a guilty plea according to an offer made by the Commonwealth. Rose pled guilty to Driving under the Influence of Alcohol, Fourth Offense in 5 Years; Operating a Motor Vehicle on a DUI-Suspended License with an Aggravator; and Operating an ATV on a Roadway. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 3 years, and opposed his request for probation. A sentencing hearing was held on January 13th, 2009, wherein Rose was probated for a period of 5 years, over the

Commonwealth's objection. By statute, Rose's operator's license was automatically revoked for 5 years upon his conviction.

Commonwealth v. Edrick O. White

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On October 22, 2008, White entered guilty pleas to the charges of Driving under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substances, Fourth Offense, Driving on a DUI Suspended Operator's License, with Aggravator, and No Insurance. On January 13, 2009, White was sentenced to 5 years of incarceration.

Commonwealth v. Timberly A. Fox

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.



On October 1, 2008, Fox entered guilty pleas to the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine, First-Degree, First Offense, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense, and Possession of Marijuana. On January 13, 2009, Fox was sentenced to 2 years, but was placed on supervised probation for a period of 5 years.

Commonwealth v. Cory Carneal

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On November 6, 2008, Cory Carneal entered a guilty plea to Assault Under Extreme Emotional Disturbance for an assault that he committed as a juvenile. On January 13, 2009, Carneal was sentenced to 5 years and that sentence was probated and diverted for a period of 5 years.

Commonwealth v. Jarvis Carneal

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On November 6, 2008, Jarvis Carneal entered a guilty plea to Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$300. On January 13, 2009, Carneal was sentenced to 12 months and that sentence was probated for a period of 2 years.

Commonwealth v. Devon Carneal

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On November 6, 2008, Devon Carneal entered a guilty plea to Second-

Degree Robbery; however, Devon Carneal has not been finally sentenced on this charge as he has First-Degree Robbery and Murder charges currently pending against him.

Commonwealth v. Lajon Jones

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On November 19, 2008, Lajon Jones entered a guilty plea to Possession of Cocaine and First-Degree Fleeing or Evading Police. On January 13, 2009, Jones was sentenced to 3 years in prison.

Commonwealth v. Richard Merritt

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor

Police Agency: Christian Co.

Child Support Enforcement



On May 7, 2008, Richard Merritt entered guilty pleas to Flagrant Non-Support, Bail Jumping and Theft by Deception. On January 13, 2009, Jones was sentenced to 5 years of probation or until his restitution is paid in full.

Commonwealth v. Sydney Teague

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On January 13, 2009, Sydney Teague entered a guilty plea to Theft by Deception over \$300 and was sentenced to 2 years in prison. Teague faces similar charges in several different counties across the state.

Commonwealth v. Prentice Ewing Cheatham

Judge: Andrew C. Self

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Kentucky State Police



On October 29, 2008, Cheatham entered guilty pleas to the charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense, and Possession of Marijuana. On January 14, 2009, Cheatham was sentenced to 2 years, but was placed on supervised probation for a period of 5 years.

Commonwealth v. Montreaz Wallace

Judge: Honorable Andrew C. Self

Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On May 5th, 2008, Wallace plead guilty to Facilitation to Robbery, First Degree, and Burglary, Third Degree. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of five years. During a sentencing hearing held on January 14,

2009, upon the Defendant turning 18 years of age, the Court imposed the five year sentence, and denied the Defendant's request for a diversion, but instead simply probated the sentence for a period of 5 years.

Commonwealth v. Gloria Ross
Judge: Honorable Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.



On January 14, 2009, Gloria Ross was sentenced to 1 year in prison after pleading guilty to First-Degree Perjury for telling Judge Adams her incorrect name under oath. She gave the name of "Gloria Smith" complete with an address and social security number, and also gave the name of "Darlene Ross" with a different address and different social security number. It was later discovered that she actually is Darlene Ross. She also received a 12 month sentence for Theft Under \$300 for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Commonwealth v. Donna Brime
Judge: Honorable Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Complaining Witness/Victim: Decorey Long



On January 14, 2009, Donna Brime was sentenced to one year probation after pleading guilty to the amended charge of Assault, Fourth-Degree against Decorey Long. Mr. Long, no stranger to the court system himself, did not follow up with the Commonwealth's requests, and the charge was amended to reflect that.

Commonwealth v. Dominic Gales
Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.



On September 22, 2008, Dominic Gales was found guilty by a jury of First-Degree Assault of his girlfriend's young child. On January 14, 2009, Gales was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Commonwealth v. Larry Shewey
Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On November 10, 2008, Larry Shewey entered a guilty plea to Second-degree Criminal Abuse. On January 14, 2009, Shewey was sentenced to 3 years and that sentence was probated for a period of 5 years.

Commonwealth v. Patrick Wood
Judge: Honorable John L. Atkins
Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On March 5th, 2008, Wood plead guilty to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense; Possession of Marijuana; Resisting Arrest; Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, Second Degree, 8 Counts. The Commonwealth had previously recommended a sentence of 6 years, but Wood failed to appear for his sentencing hearing. The Court, during the final sentencing hearing, imposed the maximum sentence on each charge and ran all charges consecutively to one another for a total of 15 years. Wood was remanded to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections to serve the sentence imposed.

Commonwealth v. Joshua Craig
Judge: Honorable John L. Atkins
Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On December 4th, 2008, Craig was tried before a Christian Circuit Court Jury, wherein he was found guilty of Driving under the Influence of Alcohol, Fourth Offense within Five Years, and Failure to Use/Improper Signal. During the sentencing phase of the trial, the jury was informed of the fact that Craig had, in fact, managed to be convicted of these four DUI offenses within 14 months. The jury imposed a sentence of 4 years. During a final sentencing hearing held on January 21, 2009, the Commonwealth opposed Craig's request for probation. The Court imposed the jury's sentence of 4 years, and denied his request for probation. Craig was remanded to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections to serve the sentence imposed.

Commonwealth v. Barry Lynn Hudson
Judge: John L. Atkins
Prosecutor: W. David Rye
Police Agency: Kentucky State Police



On January 21, 2009, Hudson entered a guilty plea to the charge of Burglary, Third-Degree. Hudson waived a separate sentencing hearing, and was sentenced to 5 years of incarceration.

Commonwealth v. Daniel Eugene Williams
Judge: John L. Atkins
Prosecutor: W. David Rye
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On January 21, 2009, Williams entered a guilty plea to the charge of Trafficking in a Simulated Controlled Substance, First-Degree, First Offense, while armed. Williams waived a separate sentencing hearing, and was sentenced to 2 years of incarceration.

Commonwealth v. Darryl L. Winston
Judge: Honorable John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On January 21, 2009, Darryl Winston was sentenced to 1 year after pleading guilty to the charge of Wanton Endangerment, First-Degree, for firing his handgun up in the air within city limits. Because the area was remote at the time he fired the gun and because of his insignificant criminal history, the sentence will be diverted with strict conditions, including that he attend college as planned.

Commonwealth v. Patrick Wood
Judge: Honorable John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On January 21, 2009, Patrick Wood was sentenced to 2 years in prison following his earlier plea of guilty to 6 counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument.

Commonwealth v. Calvin Jones
Judge: Andrew C. Self
Prosecutor: W. David Rye
Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.



On February 2, 2009, Jones entered guilty pleas to the charges of Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Jones waived a separate sentencing hearing, and was sentenced to 12 months, but was placed on supervised probation for a period of 2 years.

Commonwealth v. Antwoine Anthony Newell
Judge: Andrew C. Self
Prosecutor: W. David Rye
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On February 2, 2009, Newell entered guilty pleas to the charges of Assault, Fourth-Degree (2 counts), Tampering with Physical Evidence, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, First Offense, and Criminal Mischief, Third-Degree. Newell waived a separate sentencing hearing, and was sentenced to 1 year, but was placed on supervised probation for a period of 5 years.

Commonwealth v. Jamal Mounts
Judge: Andrew C. Self
Prosecutor: W. David Rye
Police Agency: Crofton Police Dept.



On November 12, 2008, Mounts entered a guilty plea to the charge of Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance. On February 5, 2009, Mounts was sentenced to 5 years of incarceration.

Commonwealth v. Nicholas Simpson
Judge: Honorable Andrew C. Self
Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield



Police Agency: Christian County Sheriff's Dept.

On February 5th, 200, Simpson plead guilty to amended charge of Criminal Mischief, Second Degree as well as Alcohol Intoxication. The Commonwealth was reluctant to amend the original charge of Criminal Mischief in the First Degree to the lesser offense (a misdemeanor), but was left little choice when the victim refused to cooperate with our prosecution efforts. The Commonwealth recommended a standard 12 month sentence on the Class-A misdemeanors, which was imposed on the February 5th date, and probated for a period of one year.

Commonwealth v. Matthew R. Lyster

Judge: Andrew C. Self

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.



On February 6, 2009, Lyster entered a guilty plea to the charge of Burglary, Third-Degree. Lyster waived a separate sentencing hearing, and was sentenced to 1 year of incarceration.

Commonwealth v. Julian Hanna

Judge: Honorable John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield

Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Dept.



On December 3rd, 2008, Hanna plead guilty to Burglary, Third Degree; Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$300; and Obscuring the Identity of a Machine over \$300. On February 10th, 2009, Hanna was sentenced to 3 years, and the sentence was probated/diverted for a period of 3 years, since he had no prior felony convictions.

Commonwealth v. Aaron Minon

Judge: Honorable John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On December 1st, 2008, Minon plead guilty to Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$300; Possession of a Controlled Substance, First Degree, First Offense (Cocaine); and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, First Offense. The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 5 years, which was imposed during Lee's sentencing hearing on February 2nd, 2008. His sentence was probated.

Commonwealth v. Gregory Williams

Judge: Honorable Andrew Self

Prosecutor: Kathi Adams

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On February 3, 2009, Gregory Williams was sentenced to 3 years in prison and placed on probation with required attendance in Volta and Drug Court following his earlier guilty plea to Theft of Mail Matter,

Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, and Theft over \$300 for stealing a victim's stimulus check from the mailbox and cashing it.

CASE EXPUNGED/Commonwealth v. 08-CR-00302

Commonwealth v. Beth Young
Judge: Honorable John Atkins
Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield
Police Agency: Office of the Inspector General



On November 21st, 2008, Young entered a guilty plea to Fraudulently obtaining Food Stamps Benefits over \$100 and Fraudulently Obtaining KTAP Benefits over \$100. During a final sentencing hearing on February 10, 2009, the Court imposed a 3 year sentence which was probated and diverted for the 5 year period.

Commonwealth v. Jamie Lynn Allison
Judge: John L. Atkins
Prosecutor: W. David Rye
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On December 1, 2008, Allison entered guilty pleas to the charges of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, Cocaine, First-Degree, First Offense, while armed, and Trafficking in Marijuana, First Offense, while armed. On February 10, 2009, Allison was sentenced to 12 years of incarceration.

Commonwealth v. Amanda Deason
Judge: John L. Atkins
Prosecutor: W. David Rye
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On December 3, 2008, Deason entered guilty pleas to the charges of Facilitation to Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, First-Degree; Facilitation to Trafficking in Marijuana; Facilitation to Trafficking in a Simulated Controlled Substance; Facilitation to Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, while armed; Facilitation to Trafficking in Marijuana, while armed; and Facilitation to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense. On February 10, 2009, Deason was sentenced to 2 years, but was placed in the Felony Pretrial Diversion Program for a period of 5 years because she had no prior felony convictions and was cooperative with authorities.

Commonwealth v. Lisa Michelle Loving
Judge: John L. Atkins
Prosecutor: W. David Rye
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On December 3, 2008, Loving entered guilty pleas to the charges of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, Second-Degree, Promoting Contraband, First-Degree; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. On

February 10, 2009, Loving was sentenced to 5 years, but was placed in the Felony Pretrial Diversion Program for a period of 5 years since she had no prior felony convictions.

Commonwealth v. James Edward McGhee

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On December 1, 2008, McGhee entered guilty pleas to the charges of Fleeing/Evading Police, First-Degree; Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substances, First Offense, with Aggravator; and Criminal Mischief, Third-Degree. On February 10, 2009, McGhee was sentenced to 3 years, but was placed in the Felony Pretrial Diversion Program for a period of 5 years because he had no prior felony convictions.

Commonwealth v. Christopher E. McWaters

Judge: Andrew C. Self

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.



On January 14, 2009, McWaters entered guilty pleas to the charges of Promoting Contraband, First-Degree; Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, First-Degree; 2 counts of Burglary, Second-Degree; Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, Second-Degree; Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, First-Degree; Criminal Mischief, First-Degree, 3 counts of Receiving Stolen Property over \$300; and Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$300. On February 11, 2009, McWaters was sentenced to 10 years of incarceration.

Commonwealth v. Richard Dewayne Rawlins

Judge: Andrew C. Self

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On December 10, 2008, Rawlins entered guilty pleas to the charges of Giving an Officer a False Name or Address, Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substances, Third Offense; Driving on a DUI Suspended Operator's License, Third or Greater Offense; Failure to Wear Seatbelt; and Possession of an Open Alcoholic Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle. On February 11, 2009, Rawlins was sentenced to 3 years, but was placed on supervised probation for a period of 5 years.

Commonwealth v. Matthew Campbell

Judge: Honorable Andrew C. Self

Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On November 14th, 2008, Campbell plead guilty to Possession of a

Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Falsely Reporting an Incident. During the final sentencing hearing held on February 11th, 2009 the Court imposed a 2 year sentence, but granted the Defendant's request for probation over the Commonwealth's objection. The sentence was probated for a period of 5 years, even though the Defendant was on parole when he committed these offenses.

Commonwealth v. Quaimane Martin

Judge: Honorable Andrew C. Self

Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On October 29th, 2008, Martin plead guilty to Trafficking in a Controlled Substance within 1000 yards of a School, While Armed; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, While Armed; and Knowingly Receiving a Stolen Firearm, Two Counts. During the final sentencing hearing held on February 11th, 2009 the Court imposed a 6 year sentence, and denied the Defendant's request for probation. The Defendant was remanded to the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections to serve the sentence imposed.

Commonwealth v. Michael Rhodes

Commonwealth v. Robin Rhodes

Judge: Andrew Self

Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On December 10, 2008, Robin and Michael Rhodes entered guilty pleas to charges of Facilitation to Manufacture Methamphetamine, Possession of Methamphetamine, Controlled Substance Endangerment to a Child and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Because the couple had no prior felony convictions and were fully cooperative, their sentences were diverted for a period of five years on February 16, 2008.

Commonwealth v. Michael Bussell

Judge: Andrew Self

Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor

Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.



On October 29, 2008, Michael Bussell entered a guilty plea to the charges of Third-degree Burglary, Theft by Deception, and Second-degree Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument. On February 16, 2009, Bussell was sentenced to 4 years, even though the Commonwealth recommended a sentence of 15 years after Bussell failed to appear at his previously scheduled sentencing hearing on January 14, 2009. Bussell is now facing charges of First-degree Bail Jumping.

Commonwealth v. Jessie Day

Judge: Andrew Self



Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Kentucky State Police

On November 13, 2008, Jessie Day entered guilty pleas to 3 counts of First-degree Sodomy and 3 counts of First-degree Sexual Abuse on a child. On February 16, 2009, Day was sentenced to 20 years in prison where he will have to complete a sex offender treatment program. Day will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release.

Commonwealth v. Stacy Ladd
Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On November 12, 2008, Stacy Ladd entered guilty pleas to Trafficking in Cocaine, 2 counts of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance [marijuana] within 1,000 Yards of a School, Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon, Knowingly Receiving Stolen Firearm and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. On February 16, 2009, Ladd was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Commonwealth v. Mauricio Ramos
Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.



On November 13, 2008, Mauricio Ramos entered guilty pleas to 29 counts of First-degree Sexual Abuse on 3 different children. In order to prevent the children from having to testify against Ramos, the Commonwealth allowed him to enter a guilty plea and recommended a 7 year sentence. On February 16, 2009, Ramos was sentenced to 7 years in prison where he will have to complete a sex offender treatment program. Ramos will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release.

Commonwealth v. Kristen Renshaw
Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On November 12, 2008, Kristen Renshaw entered guilty pleas to Facilitation to Manufacture Methamphetamine, Possession of Methamphetamine, Controlled Substance Endangerment to a Child, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense. On February 16, 2009, Renshaw's five year sentence was diverted based on her lack of criminal history, and she was placed in the Drug Court program.

Commonwealth v. Lloyd Black
Judge: Honorable John Atkins
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Oak Grove Police Dept.



After pleading guilty to Possession of Cocaine and Possession of a Controlled Substance for having crack cocaine under the driver's mat in his car, and a Hydrocodone pill in his pants pocket, Lloyd Black was sentenced on February 18, 2009, to 3 years prison, but was placed on probation during which he will be under strict conditions, including drug and alcohol assessment.

Commonwealth v. Bradley James Furgerson

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.



On December 17, 2008, Furgerson entered guilty pleas to the charges of Burglary, Third-Degree, and Theft by Deception under \$300. On February 18, 2009, Furgerson was sentenced to 2 years of incarceration.

Commonwealth v. Daniel L. Sargent

Judge: John L. Atkins

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.



On February 18, 2009, Sargent entered guilty pleas to the charges of Wanton Endangerment, Second-Degree, and Assault, Fourth-Degree. Sargent waived a separate sentencing hearing, and was sentenced to 12 months of incarceration.

Commonwealth v. Cynthia Christian Floyd

Judge: Andrew C. Self

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On November 12, 2008, Floyd entered guilty pleas to the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Cocaine, First-Degree; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. On February 25, 2009, Floyd was sentenced to 2 years, but was placed in the Felony Pretrial Diversion Program for a period of 5 years since she had no prior felony convictions.

Commonwealth v. Scott Anthony Johnson

Judge: Andrew C. Self

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.



On November 26, 2008, Johnson entered a guilty plea to the charge of Burglary, Third-Degree. On February 25, 2009, Johnson was sentenced to 4 years, but was placed on supervised probation for a period of 5 years, and was ordered to participate in, and complete, Drug Court.

Commonwealth v. Andre Arnez Mosby

Judge: Andrew C. Self

Prosecutor: W. David Rye

Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On October 29, 2008, Mosby entered guilty pleas to the charges of Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Subsequent Offense, and Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$300. On February 25, 2009, Mosby was sentenced to 2 years, but was placed on supervised probation for a period of 5 years.

Commonwealth v. Scott Rush
Judge: Honorable Andrew C. Self
Prosecutor: Whitney H. Westerfield
Police Agency: Hopkinsville Police Dept.



On November 26th, 2008, Rush plead guilty to Criminal Possession of a Forged Prescription, First Offense; Forgery, Third Degree; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, First Offense. Despite the Commonwealth's attempt to admit the Defendant into Drug Court, Rush reported a personal belief that he could not complete it due to school and work responsibility. During the final sentencing hearing held on February 25th, 2009 the Court imposed a 2 year sentence and granted the Defendant's request for probation. The sentence was probated for a period of 5 years.

Commonwealth v. Stevie L. Brooks
Judge: Honorable Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Kathi Adams
Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Dept.



On February 25, 2009, Stevie Brooks was sentenced to 8 years in prison following an earlier plea of guilty on November 26, 2008, to the charge Criminal Abuse First-Degree of a Child under 12 years of age. When Stevie Brooks entered his guilty plea to handcuffing a disabled child to his furniture, the Commonwealth adamantly opposed probation, and offered him a sentence just shy of the maximum allowed by law.

Commonwealth v. Kevin Croft
Judge: Andrew Self
Prosecutor: Lynn Pryor
Police Agency: Christian Co. Sheriff's Ofc.



On February 25, 2009, Kevin Croft entered a guilty plea to the charges of Second-degree Manslaughter, Driving under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substances, Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Driving on a Suspended License. Croft was sentenced that day to 5 years in prison for the incident in which he crashed a truck and killed his brother who was a passenger.

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Fugitive Wanted: Daniel White
WHITE IS WANTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE CUT OFF HIS ANKLE

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