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**“Leading the Fight for Public Safety”**

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the 46<sup>th</sup> Edition of our newsletter.



**GRAND JURY:**

The September-October Grand Jury effectively and proficiently returned **111** “True Bill” Indictments, **1** “No True Bill,” 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.

**COURT PROCEEDINGS:**

From September 1, 2014, through October 31, 2014, our office handled **138** arraignments, **111** probation revocation hearings, and **110** sentencing hearings.

## JURY TRIALS:



### COMMONWEALTH VS. RONNIE FORTE COMMONWEALTH VS. JAMES FORTE

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

On September 8 - 12, 2014, Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor tried the cases of Commonwealth vs. Ronnie Forte and James Forte. Both were charged with First-Degree Robbery and First-Degree Burglary. James Forte had an additional charge of First-Degree Assault. Ronnie Forte was also tried on the charges of Trafficking in Cocaine and Tampering with Physical Evidence, as well as being a First-Degree Persistent Felony Offender.

On October 30, 2012, both Ronnie and James Forte went with Christopher Taylor and Jay Carner to an apartment at 1207 Walnut Street with the intent to rob Antonio Green. Both Taylor and Carner entered guilty pleas prior to the trial

and testified against the Fortes. According to their testimony, and that of Antonio Green and other witnesses, Ronnie Forte drove the three to Green's residence where they confronted him, forced entry into his apartment, and stole property that belonged to Green, including his girlfriend's handgun. On the way out of the apartment, James Forte shot one of Green's neighbors, Tyrone Bailey. Luckily, the gunshot did not cause life-threatening injuries, but Bailey does still have a scar on his forehead and suffers headaches and other issues.

After they left Walnut Street, the foursome split up. Ronnie Forte went to the home of a friend and asked him to hold some things for him while he went to the store. The police apprehended Forte at the nearby store, and located the cocaine and marijuana that Ronnie had placed in a pill bottle [bearing his name] and left at his friend's house.

The jury deliberated for an hour before finding both James and Ronnie Forte guilty of all the charges pending against them. After hearing that he had no prior felony convictions, the jury sentenced James Forte to thirteen [13] years. Also after hearing about Ronnie's prior convictions for various drug related charges, the jury sentenced him, as a First-Degree Persistent Felony Offender, to twenty [20] years. Formal sentencing by Judge Andrew Self will take place on November 19, 2014.



### COMMONWEALTH VS. BRANDON HAWKINS

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police

On October 27, 2014, Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor tried the case of Commonwealth vs. Brandon Hawkins. Hawkins was charged with Rape, Third Degree, 2 Counts; Sodomy, Third Degree; Official Misconduct, First Degree; and Hindering Prosecution/Apprehension, Second Degree.

The charges stemmed from his sexual relationship with a former female inmate while she was on supervised release administered by the Department of Corrections. The two met while the female was an inmate at the Christian County Jail, and Hawkins worked there as a Lieutenant in charge of the commissary. After the female was released to a rehabilitation facility in Henderson, the two met at a hotel there for a rendezvous. The female alleges that Hawkins transported her back to Christian County in a county owned vehicle and had sex with her, even after learning that there was an outstanding warrant for her arrest. The Defendant admitted to using a county owned vehicle to transport the female to county owned buildings, and the F.O.P. Lodge, where they had sexual intercourse and oral sex several times between March and April 2013.

The jury found the Defendant Guilty on Rape, Third Degree, 2 Counts; Sodomy, Third Degree, and Official Misconduct, First Degree; but Not Guilty on Hindering Prosecution or Apprehension. The jury assessed a sentence of one [1] year on each count to run concurrently for a total of one [1] year. The Defendant is scheduled for final sentencing on February 4, 2015. He will be required to enter and complete a Sex Offender Treatment Program and comply with Kentucky's Sex Offender Registry requirements.

### **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. A "Pretrial Diversion" is only available to those defendants that are pleading guilty to Class D felonies [1-5 years] [DUIs shall be ineligible] and they are only allowed one diversion in any five (5) year period.

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#### **COMMONWEALTH V. RONALD YOUNG**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Katherine Garber  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** August 27, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession Controlled Substance, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; Promoting Contraband, 1<sup>st</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Prison



#### **COMMONWEALTH V. KIRII LITTLE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 4, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 3, 2014  
**Charges:** Robbery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 2 counts; Burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 Years – Prison



### COMMONWEALTH V. TIMOTHY BALDWIN

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 5, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 3, 2014  
**Charges:** Reckless Homicide; Fleeing or Evading Police 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Wanton Endangerment 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, 4 counts; Resisting Arrest; Reckless Driving; Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance with Aggravator  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Prison



### COMMONWEALTH V. DEARION DOWNEY

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Katherine Garber  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 3, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 3, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking Synthetic Drugs, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense; Sell/Transfer Simulated Controlled Substances  
**Disposition:** 1 Year – Prison



### COMMONWEALTH V. PAUL ADCOCK

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** May 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 3, 2014  
**Charges:** Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Possession of Burglary Tools  
**Disposition:** 2 Years, 6 months - Prison



### COMMONWEALTH V. STEVEN COMBS

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Katherine Garber  
**Agency:** Private Complaint  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 3, 2014  
**Charges:** Assault 4<sup>th</sup> degree, Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup> or > within 5 years  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Prison



### COMMONWEALTH V. LACAGEL KENDRICK

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 1, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Fleeing or Evading Police, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Possession of Synthetic Drugs; Failure to Wear Seatbelt; Permit Violation  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Prison



### COMMONWEALTH V. AMANDA ORTIZ

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner





**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Opiate; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Operating a Motor Vehicle on a DUI Suspended License, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense; Controlled Substance Not in Original Container, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense; Carless Driving; Promoting Contraband, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated

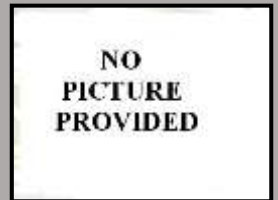
**COMMONWEALTH V. BRANDY WHITNEY**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Marijuana, Less than 8 ounces, Second Offense or Greater  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. MURRY HUNTER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Christian Co. Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Marijuana Over 8 Ounces  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. STEPHAN CRAWFORD**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Christian Co. Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Marijuana Over 8 Ounces  
**Disposition:** 5 years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. WILLIAM MORRIS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Christian Co. Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Marijuana Over 8 Ounces  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. DEMARCUS TUTT**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Katherine Garber  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 19, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Facilitation to Robbery, 1<sup>st</sup> degree



**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. JONI LEUTWYLER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** April 28, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Manslaughter 2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. EDWIN WHITE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** May 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> degree; Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Possession of Handgun by a Convicted Felon  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. TIMOTHY HAYDEN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Jail  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 13, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Promoting Contraband, 1<sup>st</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 1 Year - Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. STEVEN MCINTYRE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Jail  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 9, 2014  
**Charges:** Promoting Contraband 1st  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. DOREAN MEULLION**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 10, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 10, 2014  
**Charges:** Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 12 Months - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. RAKIM BARRETT**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Agency:** Office of the Inspector General



**Guilty Plea Date:** July 9, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 10, 2014  
**Charges:** Fraudulently Obtaining SNAP Benefits over \$100  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted

**COMMONWEALTH V. MORY BURSE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 25, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 10, 2014  
**Charges:** Bail Jumping, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Persistent Felony Offender, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Facilitation to Burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 10 Years - Prison



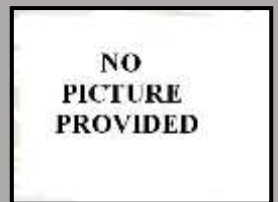
**COMMONWEALTH V. MARRANDA BURKHART**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 9, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 10, 2014  
**Charges:** Facilitation to Manufacturing Methamphetamine; Theft under \$500  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. NYCOREAL MAYES**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 11, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 10, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Cocaine; Wanton Endangerment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Failure to Signal; Improper Turning; Facilitation to Trafficking in Methylone  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. JOSHUA SMITH**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** April 21, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> degree; Convicted Felon in Possession of a Handgun  
**Disposition:** 15 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. GARY BRADEN**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 9, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 17, 2014  
**Charges:** Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 4 counts  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated



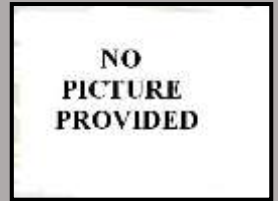
**COMMONWEALTH V. ERIC PEARSON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 16, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 17, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Deception over \$500  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. MATTHEW MCCRAW**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** May 28, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 17, 2014  
**Charges:** Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 4 Years, 3 months – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTOPHER PATTON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 15, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 17, 2014  
**Charges:** Promoting Contraband; Prescription not in Original Container; Disorderly Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES BURRUS III**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 6, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 22, 2014  
**Charges:** Burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 8 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. TREY SCHOBELCH**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Katherine Garber  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 23, 2014  
**Charges:** Assault Under Extreme Emotional Disturbance; Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> degree, 4 counts; Criminal Mischief 1<sup>st</sup> degree, 2 counts  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. RASHEEM LEWIS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force





**Guilty Plea Date:** August 6, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 23, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Methamphetamine; Trafficking In a Simulated Controlled Substance; Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, 2 counts; Operating a Motor Vehicle on a Suspended Operator's License  
**Disposition:** 4½ Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. KAMA LOVAN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force  
**Guilty Plea Date:** May 9, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 24, 2014  
**Charges:** Criminal Possession of a Forged Prescription  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. WILLIAM CARNEYHAN**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Jail  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 24, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 24, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500  
**Disposition:** 12 Months - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. PIERRE HICKS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 24, 2014  
**Charges:** Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. KEVIN SOWASH**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Christian Co. Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 16, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 24, 2014  
**Charges:** Manufacturing Meth.; Possession of Meth.; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 15 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. DONTAVIOUS HALFACRE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 24, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 24, 2014  
**Charges:** Fleeing or Evading Police, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. JENNIFER KRAUSE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Oak Grove Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 18, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** September 30, 2014  
**Charges:** Facilitation to Manufacturing Meth.; Receiving Stolen Property over \$500; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Meth.; Receiving Stolen Firearm; Possession of Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 5 Years - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. DELRICK ALEXANDER**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** May 28, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 1, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Prison



**COMMONWEALTH V. JOSEPH JELLISON**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 1, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. JOHNNY LARA**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** May 7, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft of Services  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. TIMOTHY LEYENAAR**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Katherine Garber  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 30, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Assault under Extreme Emotional Disturbance  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated & Diverted



### **COMMONWEALTH V. DANIEL SPARKS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 23, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 8, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Marijuana  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated



### **COMMONWEALTH V. BIYONAS BARKER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 16, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 11, 2014  
**Charges:** Wanton Endangerment, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2 Counts; Fleeing or Evading Police, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; Tampering with a Prisoner Monitoring Device; Leaving the Scene of an Accident/Failure to Render Aid or Assistance; Giving an Officer a False Name or Address; Criminal Mischief, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison



### **COMMONWEALTH V. KIMBERLY NEWTON**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Agency:** Office of the Attorney General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 25, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 14, 2014  
**Charges:** Attempt/Obtain Controlled Substance by Fraud/False Statement Forgery, 1<sup>st</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated & Diverted



### **COMMONWEALTH V. MANUEL GARCIA**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 30, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 14, 2014  
**Charges:** Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$10,000; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$500; Theft by Deception under \$500  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Prison



### **COMMONWEALTH V. DONALD MERRITT**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department/County Attorney Office/Child Support Division  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 30, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 14, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking in Cocaine; Flagrant Nonsupport  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Prison



### COMMONWEALTH V. DAMIEN PURSEL

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 30, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 14, 2014  
**Charges:** Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> degree; Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Retaliating against a Participant in a Legal Process; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$10,000; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$500; Theft by Deception under \$500; Engaging in Organized Crime  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison



### COMMONWEALTH V. DEBRA PURSEL

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Lynn Pryor  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 30, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 14, 2014  
**Charges:** Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$10,000, 2 Counts; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$500, 2 Counts; Theft by Deception under \$500; Engaging in Organized Crime; Possession of Marijuana, 2 Counts; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Prison



### COMMONWEALTH V. HOWARD GRAY III

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** July 1, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 14, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500; Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property over \$500  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated



### COMMONWEALTH V. CHRIS ALDRIDGE

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 1, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Charges:** Fraudulent Use of Credit Card under \$10,000.00  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated



### COMMONWEALTH V. PAMELA CRAWFORD

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500.00  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Probated & Diverted





**COMMONWEALTH V. THERESA DECKER**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Christian County Sheriff's Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Charges:** Forgery of a Prescription  
**Disposition:** 2 Years - Probated & Diverted



**COMMONWEALTH V. CHRISTIAN EGGEN**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition  
**Disposition:** 12 Months - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. HEATHER MOSS**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Christian Co. Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** June 25, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Charges:** Falsification of Medical Records, 60 counts; Unlawful Access Computer 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 60 counts; Theft of Controlled Substance  
**Disposition:** 10 Years – Probated & Diverted. Jail time as a condition of probation



**COMMONWEALTH V. LESLIE BARBER**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Agency:** Office of the Inspector General  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Charges:** Fraudulently Obtaining SNAP Benefits over \$100; Fraudulently Obtaining Medicaid Benefits over \$100  
**Disposition:** 5 Years – Probated



**CASE EXPUNGED/COMMONWEALTH V. 14-CR-00234**

**COMMONWEALTH V. JUSTIN MORRIS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Charges:** Trafficking In Methamphetamine  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. KERRY KIRBY**

**Judge:** Andrew Self



**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Christian Co. Sheriff's Office  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Methamphetamine  
**Disposition:** 2 Years – Probated & Diverted

### **COMMONWEALTH V. JAMES CHOATE**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 22, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 22, 2014  
**Charges:** Receiving Stolen Property over \$500  
**Disposition:** 1 Year – Prison



### **COMMONWEALTH V. KENNETH BUCKNER**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Ramsey Groves  
**Agency:** Christian County Jail  
**Guilty Plea Date:** May 9, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 28, 2014  
**Charges:** Promoting Contraband, 1<sup>st</sup> degree  
**Disposition:** 12 Months – Jail



### **COMMONWEALTH V. MARK DAVIS**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Katherine Garber  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 28, 2014  
**Charges:** Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 counts; Forgery 2<sup>nd</sup>; Intimidating Participant in Legal Process, 2 counts; Theft by Unlawful Taking, 2 counts  
**Disposition:** 8 Years – Probated; serve 90 days



### **COMMONWEALTH V. RONNIE JONES**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Adam Turner  
**Police Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 27, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 29, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Resisting Arrest  
**Disposition:** 8 Years – Probated



### **COMMONWEALTH V. MICHAEL BUSSELL**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September, 3. 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 29, 2014



**Charges:** Burglary, 1<sup>st</sup>; Burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Possession of Firearm by Felon;  
Theft under \$500  
**Disposition:** 17 ½ Years – Prison

**COMMONWEALTH V. TROY CLARK**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Michael Cotthoff  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** August 29, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 29, 2014  
**Charges:** Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
**Disposition:** 3 Years – Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. ERICA GREER**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 29, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 29, 2014  
**Charges:** Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$500, Possession of Burglary Tools  
**Disposition:** 12 Months - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. WHITNEY PARRISH**

**Judge:** John Atkins  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Kentucky State Police  
**Guilty Plea Date:** October 29, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 29, 2014  
**Charges:** Knowingly Receiving Stolen Property under \$500, Possession of Burglary Tools  
**Disposition:** 12 Months - Probated



**COMMONWEALTH V. JAVOREAN POOLE**

**Judge:** Andrew Self  
**Prosecutor:** Duncan Cavanah  
**Agency:** Hopkinsville Police Department  
**Guilty Plea Date:** September 17, 2014  
**Sentencing Date:** October 29, 2014  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$500  
**Disposition:** 3 Years - Probated



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Sincerely,

*Lynn Pryor* – Commonwealth's Attorney