



2012 Annual Report



Warren County Prosecutor's Office



**Warren County Prosecutor
David P. Fornshell**

2011 was a busy year in the Prosecutor's Office. In total, we were responsible for more than 22,070 court cases, including 880 felonies, 2,546 juvenile cases, 6,644 adult misdemeanors and over 12,000 child support cases. In addition, we provided legal counsel to 30 county agencies, 9 townships and 5 public libraries. Please contact us at (513) 695-1325 or visit our new website at www.co.warren.oh.us/prosecutor for further information.

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Fornshell Sworn in as Warren County Prosecutor

David P. Fornshell was sworn in as the 38th Prosecuting Attorney of Warren County on February 17, 2011. Fornshell assumed his new duties after serving as a partner in the litigation department at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati. He started his legal practice with Dinsmore in 1999 and still maintains an Of Counsel affiliation with the firm. From 1999-2007, Fornshell also served as Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Blue Ash, Ohio.

A seventh-generation Warren County resident, Fornshell is a graduate of Lebanon High School. He received Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in Finance and Business Prelaw from Ohio University and a law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law.

Fornshell is actively involved in the community and serves as a member of the Warren County Drug Task Force Advisory Committee, the Warren County Child Advocacy Center Executive Steering Committee, and the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. He serves as a mediator for Warren County Common Pleas Court Mediation Services. He previously served as Chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections, Chairman of the Warren County Republican Party, Secretary of the Warren County Board of MR/DD, and Chairman of the Admissions Committee of the Warren County Bar Association.

He and his wife Amy reside in the Lebanon area with their three children.



With his family at his side, David P. Fornshell is sworn in as Warren County Prosecutor by Judge Don Oda.

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Community Involvement

Victim Awareness Event

The Prosecutor's Office, along with other local county agencies, held their annual event on April 20th to help raise awareness of National Victim's Rights Week. This year's event included a video presentation addressing drug addiction and the effects it has on families and the criminal justice system. Commander John Burke of the Warren County Drug Task Force presented on prescription drugs and the issues our society faces with drug abuse.

Care Packages Sent to Troops



Members of the Warren County CSEA sent care packages to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Private donations and volunteers were secured to ship the care packages to deployed members of the military. Food items, toiletries, books, games, batteries, Beanie Babies, and various other items were compiled, packaged, and shipped overseas. Enough donated items were accumulated to fill 29 boxes. Agency efforts were recognized by Sergeant First Class Will Grays of the United States Army Reserve, who visited the agency while on mid-tour leave to say thank you. Sergeant Grays presented a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Commanding Officer and Command Sergeant Major of Joint Task Force 1-174, United States Forces-Iraq, for outstanding support of the forces serving in Operation New Dawn (pictured above left).

National Night Out



In August of this year, our office once again participated in the 8th Annual National Night Out event in Clearcreek Township. This is an annual nationwide crime and drug prevention event, which involves over 10,000 communities from all 50 states.

4th Annual Blue Ribbon Nite Gala



For the fourth year in a row, the Child Advocacy Center of Warren County raised awareness and honored the most seriously abused children in our community by showing support and raising needed funds for the services that these children deserve. This year's event was held on November 18th and hosted by special guest Nancy Wilson from K99.1 FM. The fundraiser also auctioned off artwork painted by children in our community (pictured left).

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Financial Report

As stewards of the taxpayers' money, and particularly in these economic times, it is critical that all levels of government provide better service on increasingly fewer tax dollars. Along those lines, the original appropriated 2011 budget for the Prosecutor's Office was \$2,781,689. However, our office expended \$2,656,789.23, effectively returning \$124,899.77 or 4.5% of the Prosecutor's Office's appropriated budget back to the county general fund. As 2012 begins, the Prosecutor's Office is committed to further improving efficiency while maintaining the highest level of service to the public.

Criminal Division

In 2011, the Criminal Division of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office continued its aggressive prosecution of violators of the laws of the State of Ohio. The Criminal Division prosecuted 880 felonies that occurred in Warren County in 2011. In County Court, the Criminal Division was responsible for handling 6,644 misdemeanor cases, including assaults, thefts, drunk driving, watercraft and hunting violations, and traffic offenses.

Homicides



Douglas Allison, a 42-year old Lebanon man, was convicted of aggravated vehicular homicide and vehicular homicide. In October of 2010, Allison was operating his motor vehicle when it struck a vehicle driven by Mary Wells. Allison's license had been suspended since 1990 and he had no privileges to drive. Wells later died as a result of the crash. Allison was sentenced to six years in prison and imposed a lifetime license suspension.



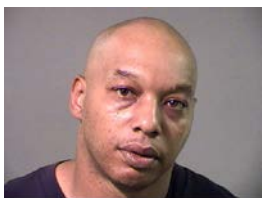
Michael Tucker, a 45-year old Mason man, pled guilty on one count aggravated vehicular homicide and was sentenced to four years in prison and imposed a lifetime driver's license suspension. In October of 2010, Tucker was driving a vehicle with Leonard Anderson in the passenger seat. Tucker lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a cement culvert. Anderson was pronounced dead at the scene. Tucker's blood tested .105 BAC and it also tested positive for cocaine. Tucker was operating his vehicle while under multiple driver's license suspensions.



Marcus Anthony Isreal, a 23-year old man, was found guilty of eight charges stemming from leading multiple Warren County law enforcement officers in an 18-mile pursuit in a stolen vehicle throughout the northern part of Warren County, ultimately striking and killing Sgt. Brian Dulle of the Warren County Sheriff's Office. Isreal was convicted of murder, involuntary manslaughter, aggravated vehicular homicide, felonious assault, receiving stolen property, failure to comply, and two counts of having weapons under disability. Isreal was sentenced to 25-1/2 years to life in prison, of which 21 years is a mandatory term.

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Sex Offenses



Rodney L. Hines, a 40-year old man, pled guilty and was sentenced to four years in prison and designated a Tier III sex offender for the rape of a 20-year old woman, which occurred at the Red Roof Inn in Mason, Ohio.



Richard Hamilton, a 31-year old man, pled guilty and was sentenced to five years in prison on two counts sexual battery. It came to light that Hamilton allegedly committed similar acts in surrounding Ohio counties. Warren County was the only county to prosecute this defendant.



Trent Tharps, Jr., a 29-year old man, pled no contest and was sentenced to four years in prison on four counts unlawful sexual conduct with a minor and designated a Tier II sex offender. Defendant was a Lebanon Raceway trainer who engaged in sexual conduct with the victim on four separate occasions.



Forester W. Ferguson, a 41-year old former Lebanon school bus driver, pled no contest and was sentenced to eight years in prison on two counts first degree felony rape (victim less than 13 years of age) and designated a Tier III sex offender. The rapes occurred in a Lebanon home.



John Anthony Foster, 36, former co-owner of the Primrose Academy in Maineville, pled guilty to 10 first degree felony rape counts. Foster was sentenced to serve a total of 30 years in prison, with no opportunity for parole, and designated a Tier III sex offender. Foster still faces federal pornography charges in Cincinnati. Neither of the two victims in the state case and none of the victims of the federal child pornography charges were students at the Primrose daycare and preschool.



Stacy Schuler, a 33-year old Mason school teacher, was found guilty of 16 counts sexual battery (teacher-student) and three counts furnishing alcohol to minors. Schuler was sentenced to four years in prison and designated a Tier III sex offender.

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Drug Crimes



Sharon Ward Douglas, a 39-year old Mason woman, was found guilty of 15 counts illegal processing of drug documents and one count aggravated possession of drugs. Douglas was a nurse practitioner whose license and prescription authorization were under suspension. Douglas wrote forged prescriptions on slips obtained from a Cincinnati doctor's office. The possession charge stemmed from a prescription that was filled where the pharmacist confirmed delivery of the drugs to Douglas. Douglas was sentenced to serve four years in prison.



Timothy Baker

Jeffery Grundy

David Gillespie

Mandy Gadberry

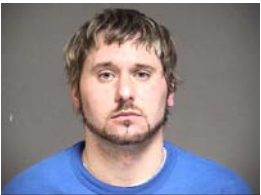
Michelle Eibeck

Defendants, Baker, Grundy, Gillespie, Gadberry, and Eibeck, were convicted for their involvement in the sale of methamphetamine, as well as the operation of a "meth lab" in Mason. Each was sentenced to a prison term ranging from 4 to 7 years.



Richard Lipscomb, age 51, pled guilty and was sentenced to four years in prison on one count trafficking in marijuana and one count cultivation of marijuana. Defendant was found in possession of 7,300 grams of marijuana which led investigators to find several fields of marijuana at Caesar's Creek State Park.

Other Crimes



Jesse Lasecki, a 30-year old Lebanon man, pled guilty and was sentenced to five years in prison on one count robbery and 180 days in prison on one count child endangering. In October of 2010, defendant entered the US Bank on Columbus Avenue in Lebanon and produced a note indicating the teller should give him the cash from her drawer and no one would get shot. Defendant left with approx. \$3,640 in cash. Defendant took his 6-year old daughter to the bank with him, leaving her in the car during the robbery.



James Holland, a 41-year old man, pled guilty to two counts aggravated robbery, one count robbery, and failure to comply. In late December of 2010, Holland robbed two business establishments in Franklin, and on December 31, 2010, he robbed the Family Dollar store in Lebanon. In each case, Holland told employees to give him cash from the register and on two occasions he told employees he had a gun. He fled police from the Family Dollar scene in a getaway car at speeds over 100 mph. He was later arrested in Clark County. Holland was sentenced to 20 years in prison, a license suspension of 25 years, and restitution.

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Christopher Carnes

Montez Parrot

Micah Daniels

In May of 2009, defendants Carnes, Parrot, and Daniels entered the Game Stop in Deerfield Twp. and placed three clerks at gunpoint while committing theft offenses throughout the store. The defendants bound all three clerks and locked them inside a storage area in the back of the store in order to flee the scene. Defendants left with multiple gaming consoles, games, and \$1,700 in cash. Carnes was sentenced to 12 years in prison for three counts aggravated robbery, each with a 3-year gun specification, three counts kidnapping, and one count having weapon while under disability. Parrot and Daniels were each sentenced to 12 years in prison on three counts aggravated robbery. All three defendants are currently incarcerated for aggravated robbery and kidnapping cases in Hamilton and Butler Counties and have extensive criminal histories.

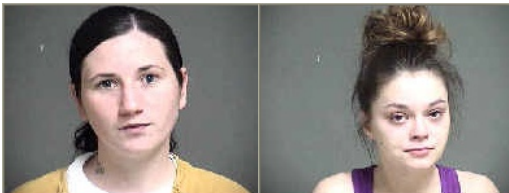


Bruce Wilson, a 46-year old man, pled guilty and was sentenced to 8 years in prison and a fine of \$22,500 on three counts trafficking in crack cocaine, powder cocaine and marijuana. Wilson attempted to sell drugs to an undercover agent.



consecutively, and restitution of \$1,245 to Union Savings Bank.

Jonathan Dershem, a 36-year old Franklin man, pled guilty on one count aggravated robbery and a gun specification. On January 25, 2010, Dershem entered the Union Savings Bank in Franklin, brandished a handgun, and pointed it at a bank employee. Dershem jumped over the bank counter and took approximately \$1,245 in currency, while pointing the gun at employees and customers. Dershem was sentenced to serve five years in prison on the aggravated robbery and one year on the specification, to be served



Jessica Coffey

Courtney Ralston

Jessica Coffey (26) and Courtney Ralston (22) were found guilty of committing a series of burglaries in Turtlecreek and Clearcreek Townships. Coffey pled guilty to seven felony burglary charges and two gun specifications. Ralston pled guilty to seven felony burglary charges and one gun specification. Co-Defendants broke into seven homes in early 2011 and stole various items, including firearms, televisions and a large amount of jewelry. The crimes were motivated by an effort to finance an illegal drug habit. Coffey was sentenced to 10 years in prison and Ralston was sentenced to 8 years in prison. Co-Defendants were also ordered to pay restitution of \$33,452.31 to the seven victims.

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Nicholas W. Miller pled guilty and was sentenced to four years in prison for robbing the Shell gas station on Central Avenue in Springboro.



William Vore was found guilty of bank robbery and theft and sentenced to five years in prison. In April of 2010, Vore entered the Fifth Third Bank branch on Fields Ertel Road in Deerfield Township and passed a note to the teller announcing the robbery and demanding money. Vore fled with approximately \$9,000 cash. Authorities located Vore in federal prison where he was serving time on unrelated charges and brought him to Warren County for trial.



Daniel Stiles, a 46-year old Lebanon man, was convicted on one count aggravated robbery for robbing the Speedway station on Columbus Avenue in Lebanon. On August 1, 2011, Stiles entered the station, brandished a knife, and pushed two customers to the ground. He left with approximately \$197.00 from the cash register. Stiles was sentenced to five years in prison and restitution of \$197.00 to Speedway.

Juvenile Division

In 2011, the Juvenile Division was responsible for handling 2,546 cases. The Juvenile Division worked to ensure that minors who violated the law were punished and that they understood the consequences of their illegal actions. The cases handled within the Juvenile Division range from truancy and traffic to rape and homicide charges. It is the goal of the Juvenile Division to protect Warren County from juvenile delinquency, while at the same time preventing the juvenile offenders from becoming the next generation of defendants in the adult criminal system. Additionally, the Juvenile Division is responsible for handling child protection cases and providing legal representation to Warren County Children Services, as well as handling Adult Protective Services cases.

Investigative Division

In 2011, the Investigative Division of the Prosecutor's Office operated as a close link between law enforcement agencies and the Prosecutor's Office. The Investigative team provided assistance to law enforcement agencies and valuable information to the Prosecuting Attorney from investigation to arrest to trial. In addition to working with local law enforcement, the Prosecutor's Investigators served on the Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (SOFAST) which is a joint venture of local, state and federal law enforcement members to catch fugitives across the region.

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Victim/Witness Division

The Prosecutor's Office provided advocate services to approximately 2,700 victims in 2011 by two full-time and four part-time Victim Advocates. The Prosecutor-based program served victims of crime in Common Pleas, County and Juvenile Courts. Additionally, Franklin, Lebanon and Mason Municipal Courts received services through the Warren County Prosecutor's Victim Advocate Division. Advocacy support and services were also made available to physically and sexually assaulted children and their non-offending family members as part of the Child Advocacy Center's Multidisciplinary Response Team. The program guided victims of criminal offenses through the court process and kept them informed of the status of their cases. The Advocate Division also made victims aware of their rights, assisted in pursuing restitution, and made appropriate social service referrals.

Civil Division and Delinquent Tax Division

In 2011, the Civil Division provided legal counsel and representation to over 30 county agencies, boards, commissions, departments and elected officials, as well as 9 townships and 5 public libraries. In representing its clients, the Division handled litigation, employment issues, zoning lawsuits and contract negotiations. The Delinquent Tax Collection Division collected over \$10.4 million in delinquent taxes and assessments on real property and manufactured and mobile homes.

Child Support Enforcement Division

The Child Support Division of the Prosecutor's Office handled over 12,000 cases in 2011 and provided the full range of Child Support Enforcement Agency services, including collection and enforcement of support orders, establishment of paternity and child support orders, location of parents, and modification and termination of orders. In 2011, the Child Support Division ranked first in the state for total increased collections by collecting \$39,541,608.21, an increase of \$1,411,999.00 over 2010. CSEA collections included nearly \$3.9 million to recoup public assistance money, and an additional \$3.6 million was collected for lower income working families in danger of going on cash assistance. The Warren County CSEA was again recognized by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services as one of the most cost-effective large CSEAs in Ohio, collecting \$13.05 for every \$1.00 expended and achieved Best Performance in Large County Support Order Establishment. In 2011, the Child Support Division continued to streamline costs by reducing staff through attrition by 10% from 2010. Meanwhile, internal review of job functionality prompted restructured processes that have allowed workers to target workloads to maximize agency efficiency.

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