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TO: Wells County Commissioners
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RE: Annual Report of Criminal and Child Support Activity/
Wells County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

This report provides a statistical breakdown of the volume and classification of criminal charges, juvenile adjudications, and child support collection cases prosecuted and administered by the Wells County Prosecutor's Office in the year 2015. Below is a chart for the total number of these cases as compared to 2014 and 2013. These numbers do not include the numerous traffic infractions which come through the county criminal justice system.

	2015	2014	2013
Adult Criminal Charges Filed	1,052	926	996
Felony Charges Filed	400	415	404
Misdemeanor Charges Filed	652	513	592
Juvenile Cases Opened	66	43	65

Below is a chart which indicates the number of charges filed in 2015 for certain categories of offenses as compared to the same for 2014 and 2013.

	2015	2014	2013
Operating While Intoxicated	153	119	107
Battery	93	79	73
Rape	0	1	0
Child Molesting	20	9	21
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor	11	4	11
Robbery	7	1	0
Arson	0	1	2
Burglary	12	9	13
Theft	76	149	161
Drug Charges	169	61	58

Although it appears that the number of felony charges decreased slightly, it is important to note that the legislature reduced a theft of less than \$750 from a felony to a misdemeanor which resulted in 50 less felony thefts being filed in 2015. The number of drug charges filed increased significantly 2015, especially charges for possessing and/or dealing heroin or other narcotic drugs.

I would also note that we charged a Murder and an Attempted Murder in 2015, as well as three counts of OVWI Resulting in Death and one count of Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Death, all of which are uncommon for our county and have been a significant draw on all of the law enforcement resources of the county.

The Child Support Division of the Wells County Prosecutor's Office collected \$2,959,783. The 2015 collection figures for Wells County were above the state performance averages, ranking Wells County 18th out of ninety-two (92) counties for current child support collected, and 25th out of ninety-two (92) counties for delinquent child support collected. Anyone who wishes to take advantage of the services offered by the Child Support Division of the Wells County Prosecutor's Office may either call the Child Support Division at 824-6409 or visit the Prosecutor's Office Website at prosecutor@wellscounty.org.

	2015	2014	2013
Child Support Cases Handled	1,101	1,156	1,131
Amount of Child Support Collected	\$ 2,959,783	\$ 3,001,793	\$ 2,933,230

The successful prosecution of crimes and the collection of child support would not be possible without the hard work of all of the persons involved, including the deputy prosecutors, our staff, law enforcement officers, probation officers and staff, community corrections officers and staff, the Clerk's office, as well as the judges and their staffs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of these people.

In 2016, this office will continue to work hard to provide quality and just prosecution of criminal and child support matters while efficiently using our resources. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of this report, do not hesitate to contact me.

Wells County Prosecutor's Office

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