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TO: Wells County Commissioners and Wells County Council
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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 cases and charges, juvenile adjudications, and child support collection cases prosecuted and administered by the Wells County Prosecutor's Office in the year 2016. Below is a chart indicating the number of cases filed in each of the last 3 years. Please remember that multiple charges may be filed against one individual and that a case is defined by the level of the most serious charge. These numbers do not include the numerous traffic infractions which come through the county criminal justice system.

	2016	2015	2014
Adult Criminal Cases Filed	603	535	436
Felony Cases Filed	224	186	165
Misdemeanor Charges Filed	379	349	271
Juvenile Cases Opened	83	66	43

Below is a chart which indicates the number of charges filed in 2016 for certain categories of offenses as compared to the same for 2015 and 2014.

	2016	2015	2014
Operating While Intoxicated	148	153	119
Battery	82	93	79
Rape	0	0	1
Child Molesting	14	20	9
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor	11	11	4
Robbery	3	7	1
Arson	0	0	1
Burglary	15	12	9
Theft	132	76	149
Drug Charges	186	169	61

The total number of cases filed increased more than 12% over 2015 and is up over 38% from 2014. Operating while intoxicated charges were down slightly from 2015, while thefts charges increased significantly from last year (although still down slightly from the year prior) The number of drug charges filed has continued to increase with the greatest increase in 2016 coming from the number of marijuana possession charges that we filed: 8 in 2014; 15 in 2015; and 28 in 2016 (all but one of which were misdemeanors).

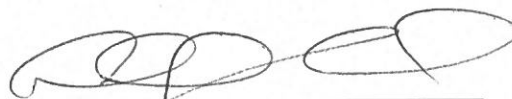
The Child Support Division of the Wells County Prosecutor's Office collected \$2,892,458. The 2016 collection figures for Wells County were above the state performance averages, ranking Wells County 17th out of ninety-two (92) counties for current child support collected, and 30th out of ninety-two (92) 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.

	2016	2015	2014
Child Support Cases Handled	1,083	1,101	1,156
Amount of Child Support Collected	\$2,892,458	\$ 2,959,783	\$ 3,001,793

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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