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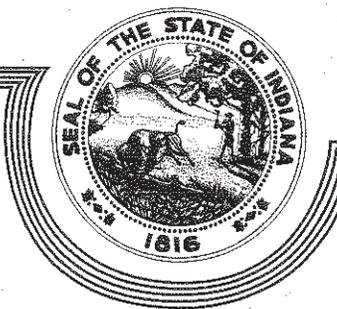
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TO: Wells County Commissioners  
Wells County Council  
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RE: Annual Report of Criminal and Child Support Activity/  
Wells County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

This report provides a statistical breakdown of the volume and classification of criminal charges, juvenile adjudications, and child support collection cases prosecuted and administered by the Wells County Prosecutor's Office in the year 2013. During the calendar year 2013, there were one thousand fifty-seven (1,057) criminal charges filed, fifty-one (51) juvenile criminal matters filed, and one-thousand one hundred thirty-one (1,131) child support collection cases handled. These numbers do not include the numerous traffic infractions handled through the criminal justice system. The numbers for some of the more serious offenses that resulted in adult criminal charges in 2013 are as follows: one hundred seven (107) Driving While Intoxicated or Drugged, sixty-five (65) Battery and Domestic Battery, seven (7) Criminal Confinement, thirty (30) Child Molesting and Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, two (2) Robbery, two (2) Arson, fourteen (14) Burglary, seven (7) Forgery, sixteen (16) Escape, one hundred forty-eight (148) Theft or Receiving Stolen Property, and fifty (50) drug related cases. Eleven (11) of the drug related cases dealt with dealing or possession of "meth." The number of criminal charges filed in 2013 was down approximately five percent (5%) from 2012 levels; however, some crimes, such as Child Molesting and meth related crimes increased substantially.

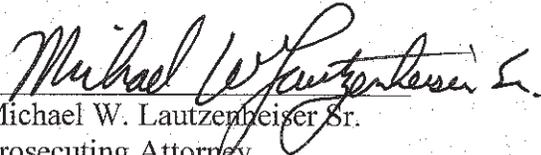
The Child Support Division of the Wells County Prosecutor's Office collected \$2,933, 230, down slightly from the \$3,129,612, collected in 2012. A contributing factor to this decrease would be the change in the law that emancipated most children at age nineteen (19) versus the previous age of twenty-one (21). Nevertheless, the 2013 collection figures for Wells County were significantly above the state performance averages, ranking Wells County 14<sup>th</sup> out of ninety-two (92) counties for current child support collected, and 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:prosecutor@wellscounty.org).

I would like to express my gratitude for all those people and agencies I work with that make my department successful. My thanks goes to my Deputy Prosecutors, Rick Myers, Andy Carnall, and Andy Antrim; to my wonderful staff, all area law enforcement agencies and to the dedicated officers that serve them; to the Wells County Circuit and Superior Court Judges and staffs; to the Wells County Probation Department; to the Wells County Community Corrections Department; and to the Wells County Clerk's Office.

In 2014, my office will continue to work hard at providing quality and just prosecution of the criminal and related matters entrusted to the Wells County Prosecutor's Office. We will also strive to provide these services with minimal economic impact. My office receives less than one-half (1/2) of its funding from county funds by utilizing grants, state funding, and other funding sources.

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