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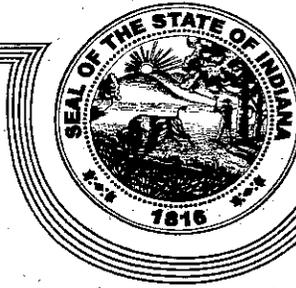
28th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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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 2014. Below is a chart for the total number of these cases as compared to 2013 and 2012. These numbers do not include the numerous traffic infractions which come through the county criminal justice system.

	2014	2013	2012
Adult Criminal Charges Filed	926	996	875
Felony Charges Filed	415	404	368
Misdemeanor Charges Filed	513	592	567
Juvenile Cases Opened	43	65	73

Below is a chart which indicates the number of charges filed in 2014 for certain categories of offenses as compared to the same for 2013 and 2012.

	2014	2013	2012
Operating While Intoxicated	119	107	126
Battery	79	73	86
Rape	1	0	0
Child Molesting	9	21	10
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor	4	11	8
Robbery	1	0	0
Arson	1	2	0
Burglary	9	13	31
Theft	149	161	129
Drug Charges	61	58	80

Although the total number of charges decreased by seven percent from 2013 to 2014, the number of felony cases increased by almost three percent. Also, although the total number of drug charges decreased significantly from 2012 to 2014, the number of drug charges involving methamphetamine doubled in that same time period.

The Child Support Division of the Wells County Prosecutor's Office collected \$3,001,793, a 2.3% increase over 2013. The 2014 collection figures for Wells County were well above the state performance averages, ranking Wells County 10th out of ninety-two (92) counties for current child support collected, and 18th 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.

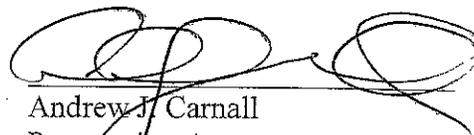
	2014	2013	2012
Child Support Cases Handled	1,156	1,131	1,195
Amount of Child Support Collected	\$ 3,001,793	\$ 2,933,230	\$ 3,129,612

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.

As you know, on July 1, 2014, the "new" criminal code became effective. It remains to be seen what effect this will have on criminal activity and recidivism, but we will be watching it closely over the next few years.

In 2015, 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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