

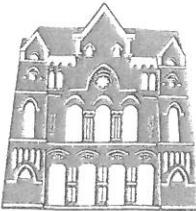
2015 ANNUAL REPORT



SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT

**DUANE GOETTEMOELLER
JUDGE**

**Bonnie Gold
Clerk/Court Administrator**



Sidney Municipal Court

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January, 2016

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And Shelby County Commissioners

Sidney Municipal Court

2015 ANNUAL REPORT (O.R.C. 1901.14A4)

As I continue my first full term in office, I would like to thank the citizens of Shelby County for the support and trust bestowed upon me and my staff.

In 2015 the Sidney Municipal Court applied for and received two grants from the State of Ohio. The first being provided by the Supreme Court of Ohio as part of their Technology Fund Grant and the second was an expansion of the already existing Community Corrections Act grant.

The Court received \$48,420.00 to upgrade our security system and improve the quality of the cameras placed throughout the Court building. It also allowed us to install an intercom link in the two secure holding cells that are located in the building. Many thanks go to the Supreme Court for providing such grants to Courts throughout the State of Ohio.

The second grant that the Court received was from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Melissa Harmon, Director of the CCA grant, was able to apply for and receive additional permanent funding in the amount of \$72,000.00. This more than doubles the funding that we had previously been receiving. It has allowed the Court to hire a part time employee to assist in conducting assessments, pre-sentence investigation reports, and internal auditing functions that are now required for compliance with the grant. It has also enabled the program to offer more counseling options for participants and will allow us to provide gender specific counseling plans. We will also now be providing domestic violence group counseling and Thinking for a Change groups. Thinking for a Change is a nationally recognized program that includes cognitive restructuring, social, and problem solving skills development for the purpose of reducing the number of people who re-offend and could require more intensive supervision.

We have also had some personnel changes in 2015. Long time Court employee Michael Martz resigned in September and Travis Piatt was hired as a probation officer. Cherita Marcus was hired as a part-time employee to work on the Mental Health program to replace Amy Swaney who resigned in November. Cherita will begin as a full time employee in January of 2016 working on both the Mental Health program and to assist on the CCA grant. We wish the best of luck to our departing friends and look forward to working with our new ones in 2016.

During 2015, 332 individuals entered the License Intervention Program. The Court had a 60% successful completion rate which resulted in another 200 valid properly insured drivers on the roads.

In 2015, \$2,490.821.12 was collected in receipts. In addition \$28,473.00 in Community Service was provided by offenders through the Court's Community Service Program.

The Court distributed \$23,081.46 in restitution to victims of crime and distributed garnishment monies in the amount of \$1,095,068.82 to creditors.

The Probation Department performed 343 drug tests, conducted 241 pre-sentence investigations and had 1,571 active probationers. The Bailiff's served 1,217 papers, transported 1,118 prisoners and the Court held video arraignment for 32 prisoners. More than 3,695 jail days were served by 147 defendants. In place of jail 385 people were placed in counseling and treatment programs. The Home Arrest program had 4,020 days served and saved over \$220,000.00 in incarceration costs.

The Justice and Mental Health program, also known as the JMHCP program, screened 21 people, admitted 15 to the program, had 4 successful completions, with 6 still active and 5 terminated unsuccessfully.

Sincerely,

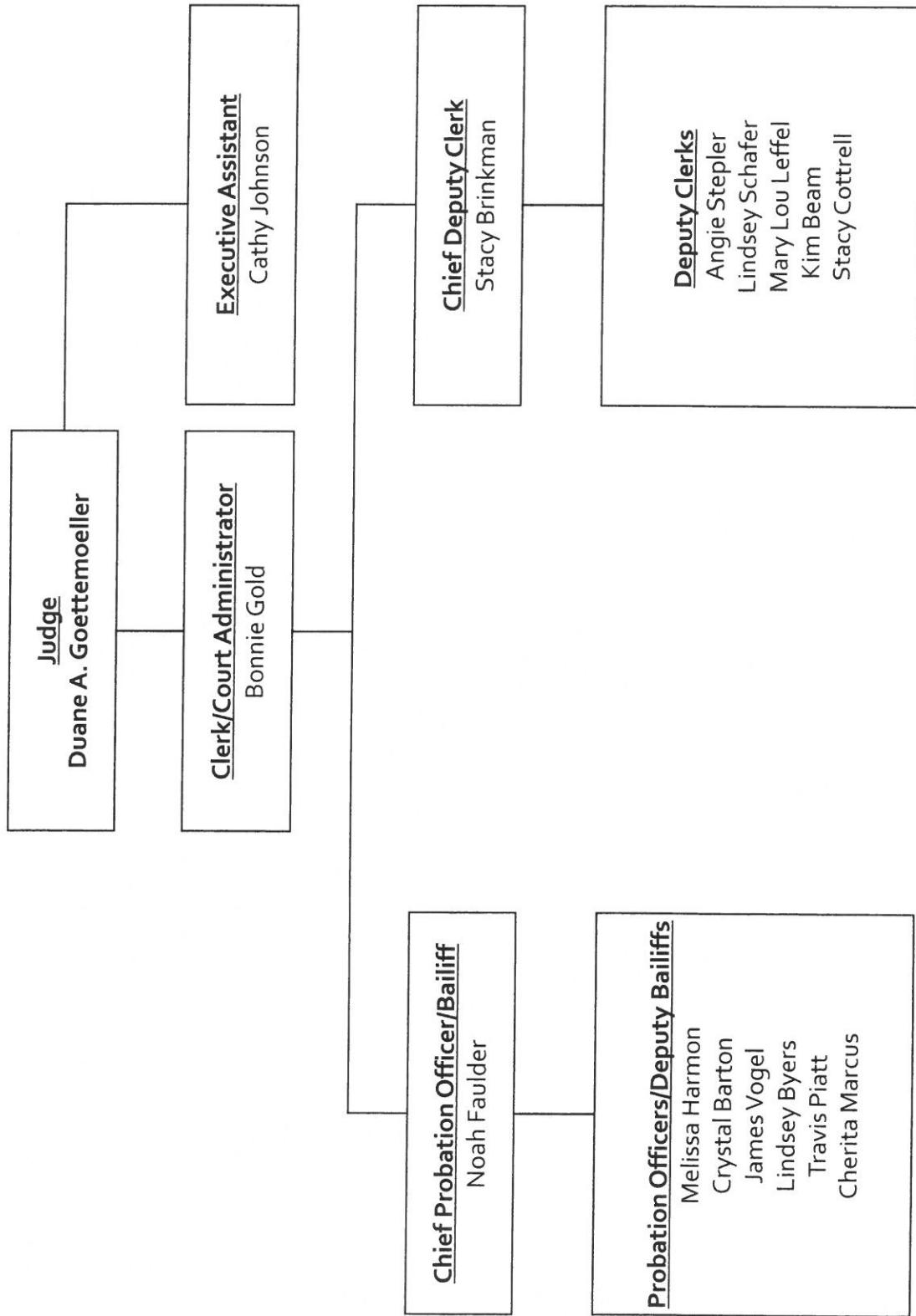


Duane A. Goettmoeller, Judge
Sidney Municipal Court

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Sidney Municipal Court Organizational Chart



SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
TRIAL BALANCE
December 31, 2015

	FINAL 2015	DR/(CR)	FINAL 2016
Assets Cash	\$198,073.28	\$34,639.11	\$232,712.39
LIABILITIES			
Civil/Small Claims Open Items	80,040.06	34,290.66	114,330.72
Bonds Open Items	14,446.22	2,553.87	17,000.09
Trusteeship Open Items	0.00	1,160.00	1,160.00
Payable to Government Agencies	<u>103,587.00</u>	(3,365.42)	<u>100,221.58</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$198,073.28	\$34,639.11	\$232,712.39
RECEIPTS			
Criminal/Bonds	\$1,016,733.12		\$1,065,508.45
Civil/Small Claims	1,159,202.05		1,424,433.92
Trusteeship	0.00		2,212.00
Landlord/Tenant	<u>0.00</u>		<u>575.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,175,935.17		\$2,492,729.37
DISBURSEMENTS			
Criminal/Bonds	\$1,021,951.84		\$1,066,408.07
Civil/Small Claims	1,120,629.53		1,390,055.19
Trusteeship	157.53		1,052.00
Landlord/Tenant	<u>0.00</u>		<u>575.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,142,738.90		\$2,458,090.26
Receipts Over/Under Disbursements	\$33,196.27		\$34,639.11
Beginning Cash/Change	164,877.01		198,073.28
Cash/Change	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Ending Cash	<u>\$198,073.28</u>		<u>\$232,712.39</u>

SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

ASSETS	TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL	CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS	OTHER	TOTAL
Cash 1-1-15	\$82,755.16	\$115,318.12	\$0.00	\$198,073.28
Additions	1,065,508.45	1,424,433.92	2,787.00	2,492,729.37
Reductions	<u>1,066,408.07</u>	<u>1,390,055.19</u>	<u>1,627.00</u>	<u>2,458,090.26</u>
Cash 12-31-15	\$81,855.54	\$149,696.85	\$1,160.00	\$232,712.39
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$81,855.54</u>	<u>\$149,696.85</u>	<u>\$1,160.00</u>	<u>\$232,712.39</u>
 LIABILITIES				
Escrow bonds & deposits 1-1-15	\$14,446.22	\$80,040.06		\$94,486.28
Additions	107,234.05	1,055,170.32	2,787.00	1,165,191.37
Reductions	<u>104,680.18</u>	<u>1,020,879.66</u>	<u>1,627.00</u>	<u>1,127,186.84</u>
Escrow bonds & deposits 12-31-15	\$17,000.09	\$114,330.72	\$1,160.00	\$132,490.81
Payable to other govt's 1-1-15	68,308.94	35,278.06	0.00	103,587.00
Additions	958,274.40	369,263.60		1,327,538.00
Reductions	<u>961,727.89</u>	<u>369,175.53</u>		<u>1,330,903.42</u>
Payable to other govt's 12-31-15	\$64,855.45	\$35,366.13		\$100,221.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$81,855.54</u>	<u>\$149,696.85</u>		<u>\$232,712.39</u>

SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE COMPARISON

	2015	2014
PAID TO CITY OF SIDNEY		
Computer Research Fund	41,936.18	37,959.21
Home Arrest Program	380.00	6,651.84
City Fines/Forfeitures	26,782.00	24,308.00
Court Costs	243,012.97	231,707.60
45% Ohio State Highway Patrol	31.50	11.25
40% Ohio State Highway Patrol	46,075.00	37,322.00
Witness and Jury Fees	24.00	69.00
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund	12,410.00	11,571.49
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	2,141.00	2,319.50
Civil Costs	229,368.10	186,395.00
Small Claims Costs	3,951.00	6,138.00
Trusteeship Fees	21.04	0.00
Political Housing/DUI	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned	(1,218.19)	(1,025.78)
Special Projects	145,021.04	140,399.19
Non Moving Violation	11,074.60	12,567.22
Special Pro. Ind Alcohol Treatment	7,669.50	7,117.50
Sidney Police Drug Enforcement Fund	193.00	0.00
Unclaimed funds	2,406.97	901.48
Drug Test	670.00	861.12
Total Paid To City of Sidney	771,949.71	705,273.62

	2015	2014
PAID TO SHELBY COUNTY		
Victims Services	1,397.00	1,437.00
Canine Control	3,901.00	2,263.00
Regular Fines	109,622.14	98,636.92
Uniform Traffic	43,966.20	51,776.75
10% Ohio State Highway Patrol	11,525.75	9,333.00
Witness and Jury Fees	753.50	258.60
Crime Stoppers	624.00	713.00
Public Defender Fee	9,147.50	9,602.34
Shelby County Sheriff's Fees	3,464.70	3,685.00
DUI Incarceration	10,845.50	10,689.50
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	610.00	545.00
Shelby County Sheriff Drug Enforcement Fund	95.00	161.00
Shelby County Humane Society	0.00	0.00
Total Paid To Shelby County	195,952.29	\$189,101.11

	2015	2014
PAID TO STATE OF OHIO		
Reparations Rotary (Victims of Crime)	44,865.32	43,419.00
45% Ohio State Highway Patrol	31.50	11.25
50% Ohio State Highway Patrol	57,593.75	44,508.25
Department of Liquor Control	1,658.50	1,999.50
Division of Wildlife	3,101.00	4,385.00
Division of Watercraft	100.00	25.00
Board of Pharmacy	565.00	2,145.00
Seatbelt Education Fund	11,180.00	13,200.00
Child Highway Safety Fund	450.00	430.00
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	1,732.50	1,291.00
Legal Aid Funding	43,085.00	41,621.00
Highway Patrol Drug Enforcement Fund	1,703.00	2,406.00
Expungement fees	870.00	810.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund	143,430.41	138,935.95
35% Moving Violation	14,276.50	13,286.01
Waiver of Immobilization Fee	0.00	0.00
Total Paid To State of Ohio	324,642.48	\$308,472.96

MISCELLANEOUS	\$45,873.21
(Includes Marriage Fees, Restitution Paid, Foreign County Sheriff Fees, etc.)	

TOTAL PAID OUT TO GOVT AGENCIES	\$1,338,417.69
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MISCELLANEOUS CIVIL RECEIPTS	\$1,020,879.66
(Includes Garnishments, Judgments, Trusteeship, and all other Miscellaneous Civil Accounts)	

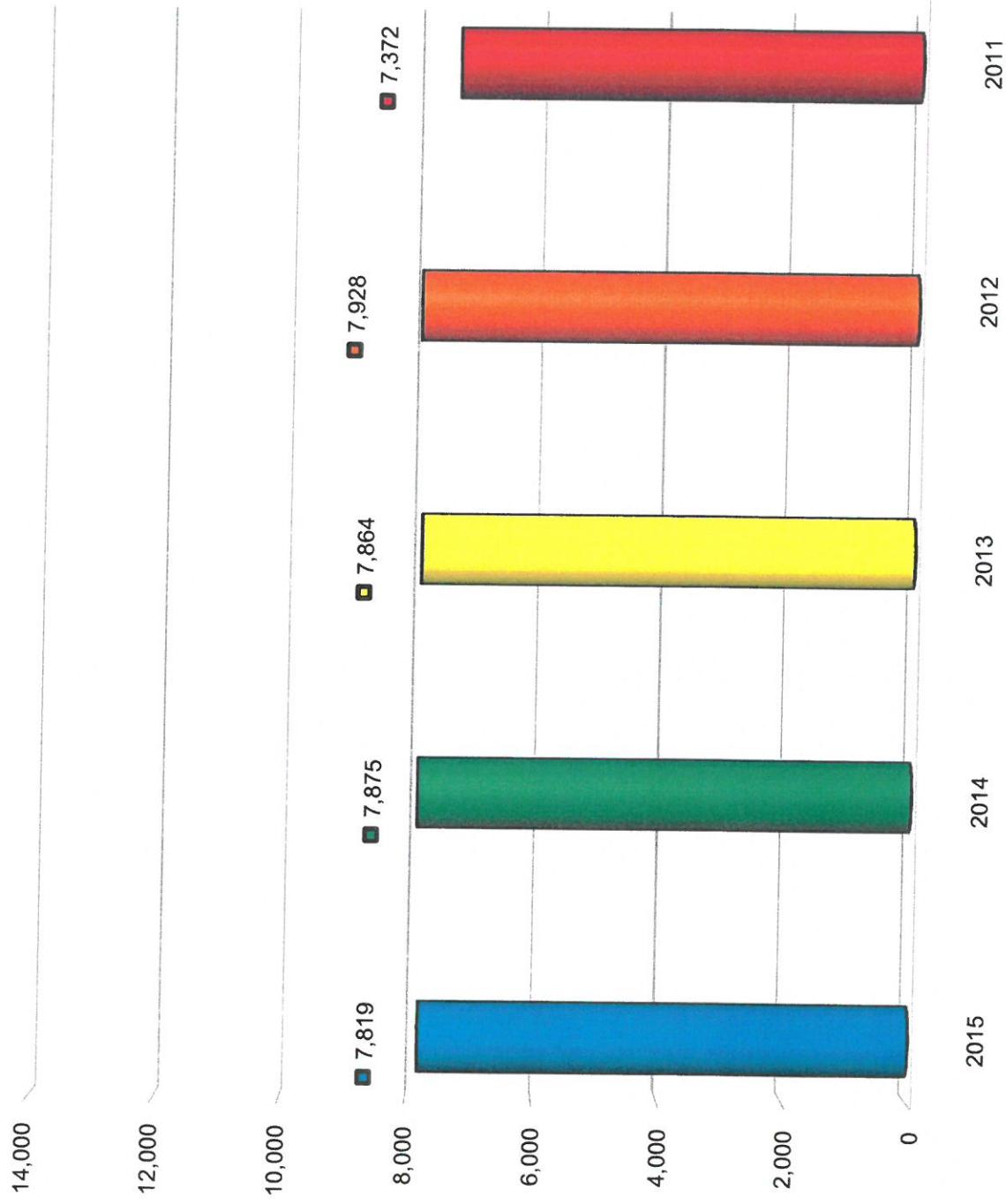
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$758,643.35
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COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT FOR FINES	\$28,473.00
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**SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
COMPARISON OF CASES FILED**

TYPE OF CASE FILED	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Felonies	133	125	154	136	174
Criminal Misdemeanors	855	1,021	1,286	1,164	1,112
Driving Under Influence	257	252	240	276	265
Other Traffic	4,877	4,820	4,657	4,657	4,041
Civil (including Evictions)	1,643	1,568	1,330	1,556	1,637
Small Claims	54	89	197	139	143
TOTAL	7,819	7,875	7,864	7,928	7,372
Cases Reactivated	515	309	323	327	173
GARNISHMENTS	1114	820	832	800	816
WEDDING CEREMONIES	49	40	37	38	49

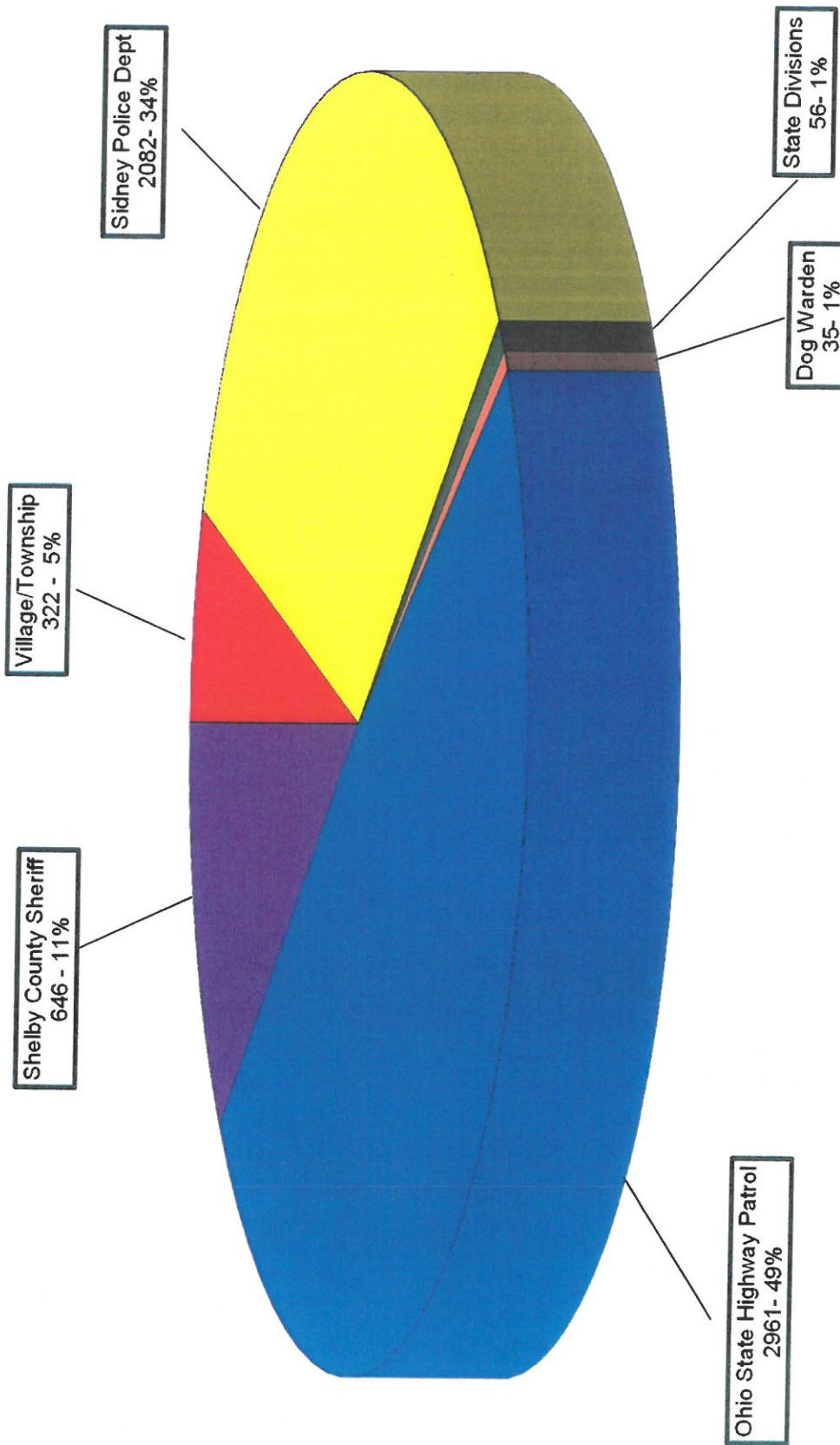
SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON OF CASES FILED



**BREAKDOWN OF 2015 CASE FILINGS
BY AGENCY**

AGENCY	FELONIES	CRIMINAL MISDEM.	DUIs	OTHER TRAFFIC	TOTAL
Village of Anna	1	6	2	5	14
Village of Botkins	0	18	0	107	125
Dog Warden	0	35	0	0	35
Village of Fort Loramie	19	2	0	87	108
Village of Jackson Center	1	35	6	33	75
State of Ohio Board of Liquor Control	0	19	0	0	19
Ohio State Highway Patrol	32	79	100	2,750	2,961
State of Ohio - Parks & Rec & EPA	0	5	0	1	6
Shelby County Sheriff's Office	30	145	42	429	646
Sidney Police Department & SFD	69	444	105	1,464	2,082
State of Ohio Division of Watercraft	0	4	0	1	5
State of Ohio Division of Wildlife	0	45	0	0	45
TOTALS	152	837	255	4,877	6,121

SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT 2015 CASE BREAKDOWN BY AGENCY



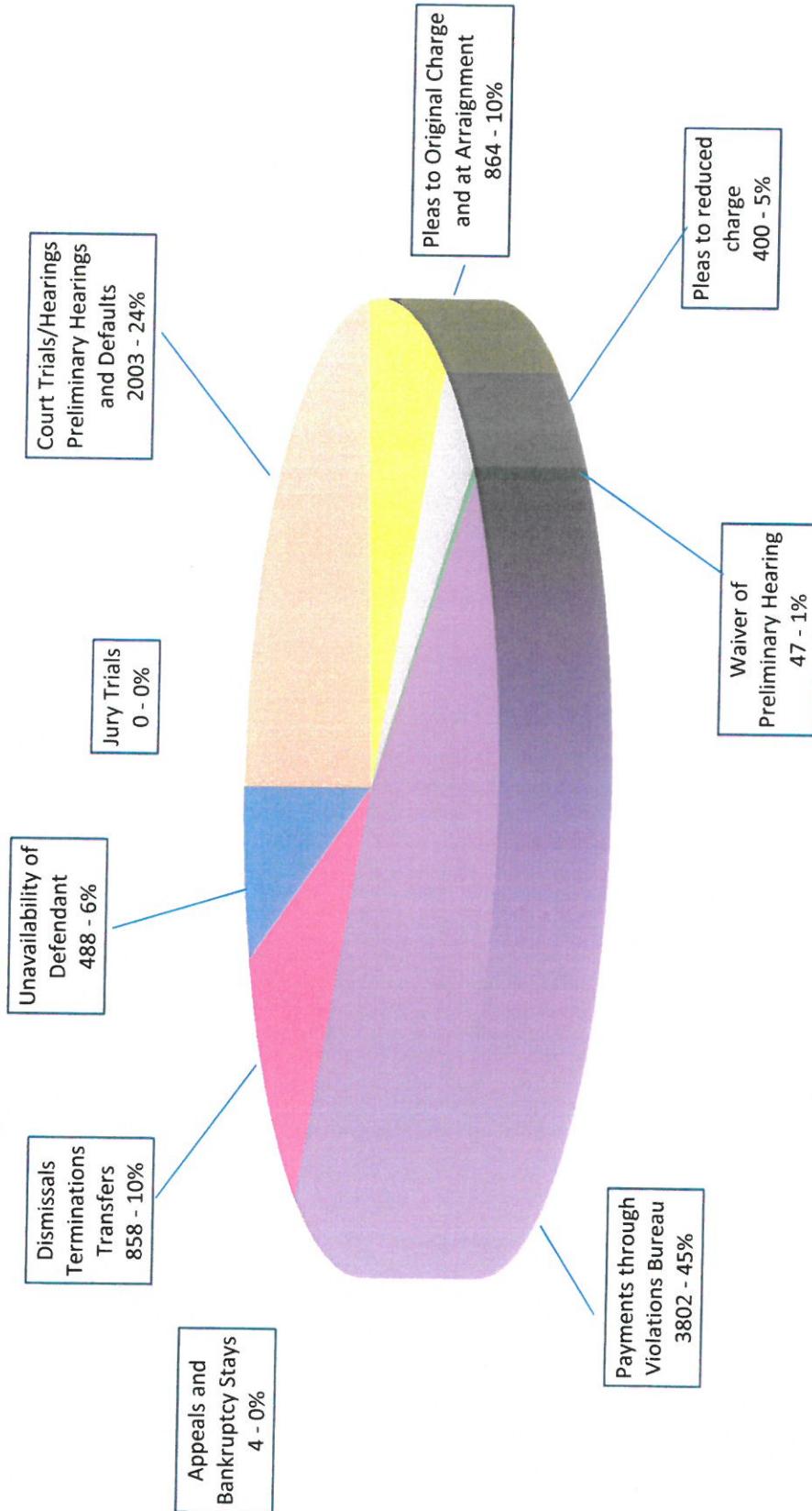
SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
COMPARISON OF CASE DISPOSITIONS

	2015	2014
FELONIES		
Preliminary Hearing Held	2	6
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	47	47
Dismissals (including at Prel. Hrg.)	83	73
Unavailability of Defendant	6	1
Plea to reduced charge	2	2
Total	140	129
CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials	181	255
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	404	272
Pleas (to reduced charge)	162	236
Payment through Violations Bureau	85	110
Dismissals	138	120
Unavailability of Defendant	93	153
Appeals	0	0
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	1063	1146
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials	25	25
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	180	158
Pleas (to reduced charge)	41	49
Appeals	0	0
Dismissals	10	10
Unavailability of Defendant	9	14
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	265	256
OTHER TRAFFIC		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials	502	505
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	280	292
Pleas (to reduced charge)	195	103
Appeals	0	0
Payment through Violations Bureau	3717	3540
Dismissals	214	226
Unavailability of Defendant	378	325
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	5286	4991

Sidney Municipal Court
 Comparison of Case Disposition
 (continued)

	2015	2014
CIVIL		
Jury Trials	0	0
Trials to Court (including defaults)	1242	1,072
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	4	15
Dismissals/Other Terminations	397	196
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
 Total	 1643	 1,283
SMALL CLAIMS		
Hearings (including defaults)	51	77
Transfers to Civil Docket	0	0
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	0	0
Dismissals/Other Terminations	16	40
Transfer to Another Court	0	0
 Total	 67	 117
TOTALS FOR ALL CASES		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials/Hearings/Prel. Hrgs./Defaults	2003	1,940
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	864	722
Pleas (to reduced charge)	400	390
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	47	47
Payment through Violations Bureau	3802	3,650
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	4	15
Dismissals/Terminations/Transfers	858	665
Unavailability of Defendant	488	495
 Total	 8466	 7,924

2015 COMPARISON OF CASE DISPOSITION



2015 JUROR STATISTICS

FIRST TERM (1-1-15 through 4-30-15)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200
Removed by Jury Commission:	4 (2%)
Returned by Post Office:	10 (5%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:	52 (26%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	35
Medical Reasons	14
Occupation	3

JURORS AVAILABLE TO SERVE FIRST TERM: **134 (67%)**

SECOND TERM (5-1-15 through 8-31-15)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200
Removed by Jury Commission:	3 (2%)
Returned by Post Office:	12 (6%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:	36 (18%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	22
Medical Reasons	9
Occupation	5

JURORS AVAILABLE TO SERVE SECOND TERM: **149 (75%)**

THIRD TERM (9-1-15 through 12-31-15)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200
Removed by Jury Commission:	0 (0%)
Returned by Post Office:	18 (9%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:	24 (12%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	15
Medical Reasons	8
Occupation	1

JURORS AVAILABLE TO SERVE THIRD TERM: **158 (79%)**

TOTAL NUMBER OF JURORS DRAWN FOR 2015: 600

TOTAL NUMBER OF JURORS AVAILABLE FOR 2015: 481 (80%)

We currently have a Probation Department, Bailiff Department and Security Department. All staff are cross-trained for any division. The following are staff covering these positions. Chief Bailiff/Chief Probation Officer – Noah Faulder, Deputy Bailiffs/Probation Officers – Melissa Harmon, Travis Piatt, Crystal Barton, James Vogel, Lindsey Byers and Cherita Marcus. Following are the departments with each of their statistics.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

TOTAL DEFENDANTS PLACED ON PROBATION IN 2015

Payment Plans	448
Reporting Probation	1,123
1,571 total	

72 – HOUR INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Successfully Completed	69
Unsuccessful Completion	05
Pending	53

DRUG/ALCOHOL OR MENTAL HEATH EVALUATIONS ORDERED	222
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PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED	241
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ALTERNATIVE SERVICE PROGRAM

Defendants completing program for Fines & Community Service	209
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IN HOUSE ALCOHOL/DRUG SCREENS

Tests Completed	343
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LICENSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Successful Completion	200
Unsuccessful Completion	91
Pending	41

BASIC SUPERVISION

EMHA

Successful Completions	6
Unsuccessful Completions	1
Active Probation	23

ANGER/RAGE PROGRAM

Successful Completions	8
Unsuccessful Completions	2
Active Probation	1

PARENTING CLASSES

Successful Completions	1
Unsuccessful Completions	0
Active Probation	1

OUT PATIENT COUNSELING

Successful Completions	16
Unsuccessful Completions	2
Active Probation	14

IN-PATIENT TREATMENT FACILITIES

Successful Completions	1
Unsuccessful Completions	0
Active Probation	0

GED

Successful Completions	0
Unsuccessful Completions	0
Active Probation	0

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Active Probation	3
Successful	9
Unsuccessful	4

CSB

Successful Completions	6
Unsuccessful Completions	2
Pending	1

ALCOHOL MONITOR

Successful Completions	2
Unsuccessful Completions	1
Pending	8

CCA GRANT PROGRAM

TOTAL DEFENDANTS PLACED ON "IN LIEU OF JAIL" PROGRAMS IN 2015

Males

Successful Completions	44
Unsuccessful Completions	11
Pending	65

Females

Successful Completions	9
Unsuccessful Completions	3
Pending	20

ANGER/RAGE CONTROL PROGRAM

Successful Completions	11
Unsuccessful Completions	2
Pending	9

PARENTING CLASSES

Successful Completions	0
Unsuccessful Completions	0
Pending	2

OUT-PATIENT COUNSELING

Successful Completions	28
Unsuccessful Completions	7
Pending	62

GED

Successful Completions	1
Unsuccessful Completions	1
Pending	1

ALCOHOL MONITOR

Successful Completions	9
Unsuccessful Completions	1
Pending	13

EMHA

Successful Completions	3
Unsuccessful Completions	2
Pending	6

BAILIFF DEPARTMENT

PAPERS SERVED

Subpoenas	686
Summons	486
Writs of Restitution from Evictions	36
Garnishments	9

PRISONERS TRANSPORTED TO/FROM JAIL

Females	290
Males	789
Total	1079

PROBATION WARRANTS (OUT OF COUNTY PRISONER PICKUPS)

VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT

Females	8
Males	24
Total	32