

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT

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Sidney Municipal Court

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I am pleased to submit the 2017 Annual Report for the Sidney Municipal Court. In July, the Court was notified that the Community Corrections Grant, which was increased in 2015, was cut in all Municipal Courts across the State for FY 2017. As a result of this funding loss, the Court had to eliminate three probation programs and also had to eliminate one full time position that was grant funded.

Melissa Harmon, the Director of the CCA grant then wrote a proposal for a new incentive that is also funded by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation called the Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant (JRIG). In October, we were notified that Sidney Municipal Court had been awarded an allocation of over \$335,000.00. This not only allowed the Court to reinstate the three programs previously discontinued, but also provided the resources to allow a major restructure of the Probation Department. In addition, the grant created 3 new full time positions and also permitted the implementation of a brand new Court function -- the Pre-trial Services Program. This program is designed to get more involved with offenders at an earlier stage in the Court process. The Pre-trial Services Officer will interview defendants prior to their first Court appearance and will also complete an assessment of the needs they have and risks that the offender faces as they work through the Court system. They will work closely with the defendant to assist them in creating their individualized reintroduction plan. This plan will then be incorporated into any Probation plan that may come as a result of a conviction in their case. The goal is to reduce or eliminate the time that the offender has to spend in jail by changing their behaviors and helping them to make better choices in their lives. The classes and services that the Pre-trial program offers are approved by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and have been shown to be effective in cognitive behavior and thinking change. The reduction in jail days served also saves the citizens the cost of housing and feeding inmates at the local level. At the end of 2017, the Court staff was conducting interviews to hire those positions that were created by this grant and also to fill two other positions that were created by resignations submitted late in the year.



During 2017, 269 individuals entered the License Intervention Program. This program resulted in another 181 valid properly insured drivers on the roads.

In 2017, \$2,255,282.44 was collected in receipts. In addition \$22,092.10 in Community Service was provided by offenders through the Court's Community Service Program.

The Court distributed garnishment monies in the amount of \$1,084,410.13 to creditors.

The Probation Department performed 2,155 drug tests, conducted 191 pre-sentence investigations and had 1,091 active probationers. The Bailiff's served 917 papers, transported 839 prisoners and the Court held video arraignment for 289 prisoners. More than 3,780 jail days were served by 162 defendants. In place of jail 709 people were placed in counseling and treatment programs. The Home Arrest program had 3,917 days served and saved \$215,000.00 in incarceration costs.

Sincerely,

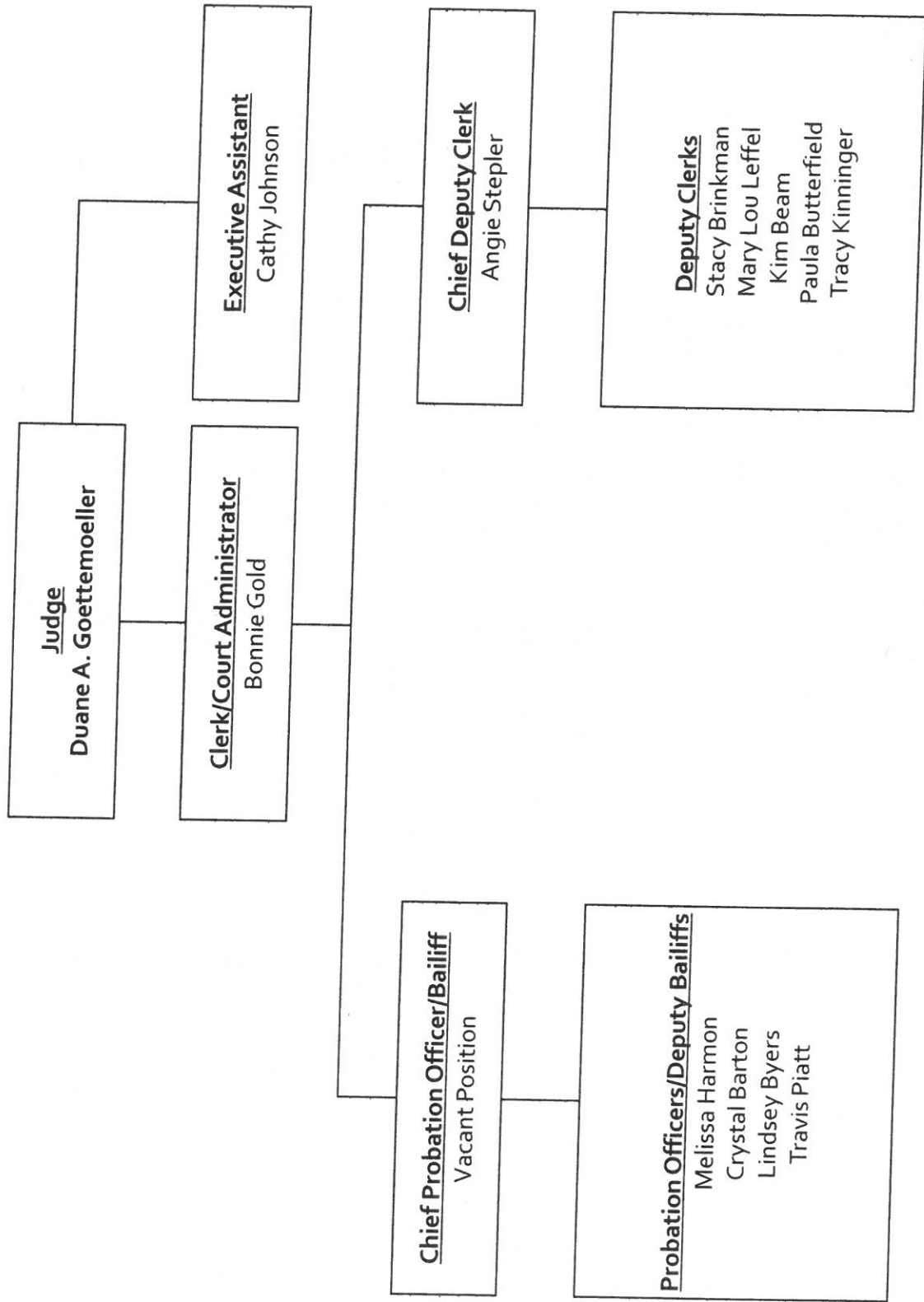
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Duane A. Goettemoeller, Judge
Sidney Municipal Court

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Sidney Municipal Court Organizational Chart



SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
TRIAL BALANCE
December 31, 2017

	FINAL 2016	DR/(CR)	FINAL 2017
Assets Cash	\$214,690.55	\$17,646.56	\$232,337.11
LIABILITIES			
Civil/Small Claims Open Items	42,666.52	(5,332.75)	37,333.77
Bonds Open Items	75,912.36	7,720.70	83,633.06
Trusteeship Open Items	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payable to Government Agencies	<u>96,111.67</u>	15,258.61	<u>111,370.28</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$214,690.55	\$17,646.56	\$232,337.11
RECEIPTS			
Criminal/Bonds	\$955,405.79		\$990,354.57
Civil/Small Claims	1,295,895.55		1,265,685.97
Trusteeship	3,981.10		0.00
Landlord/Tenant	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,255,282.44		\$2,256,040.54
DISBURSEMENTS			
Criminal/Bonds	\$897,488.10		\$977,786.43
Civil/Small Claims	1,370,675.08		1,260,607.55
Trusteeship	5,141.10		0.00
Landlord/Tenant	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,273,304.28		\$2,238,393.98
Receipts Over/Under Disbursement:	(\$18,021.84)		\$17,646.56
Beginning Cash/Change	232,712.39		214,690.55
Cash/Change	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Ending Cash	<u>\$214,690.55</u>		<u>\$232,337.11</u>

**SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL	CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS	OTHER	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Cash 1-1-17	\$139,773.23	\$74,917.32	\$0.00	\$214,690.55
Additions	990,354.57	1,265,685.97	0.00	2,256,040.54
Reductions	<u>977,786.43</u>	<u>1,260,607.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,238,393.98</u>
Cash 12-31-17	\$152,341.37	\$79,995.74	\$0.00	\$232,337.11
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$152,341.37</u>	<u>\$79,995.74</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$232,337.11</u>
LIABILITIES				
Escrow bonds & deposits 1-1-17	\$42,666.52	\$75,912.36	\$0.00	\$118,578.88
Additions	125,251.55	938,585.95	0.00	1,063,837.50
Reductions	<u>84,285.01</u>	<u>977,164.54</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,061,449.55</u>
Escrow bonds & deposits 12-31-17	\$83,633.06	\$37,333.77	\$0.00	\$120,966.83
Payable to other govt's 1-1-17	63,860.87	32,250.80	0.00	96,111.67
Additions	865,103.02	327,100.02		1,192,203.04
Reductions	<u>893,501.42</u>	<u>283,443.01</u>		<u>1,176,944.43</u>
Payable to other govt's 12-31-17	\$35,462.47	\$75,907.81		\$111,370.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$119,095.53</u>	<u>\$113,241.58</u>		<u>\$232,337.11</u>

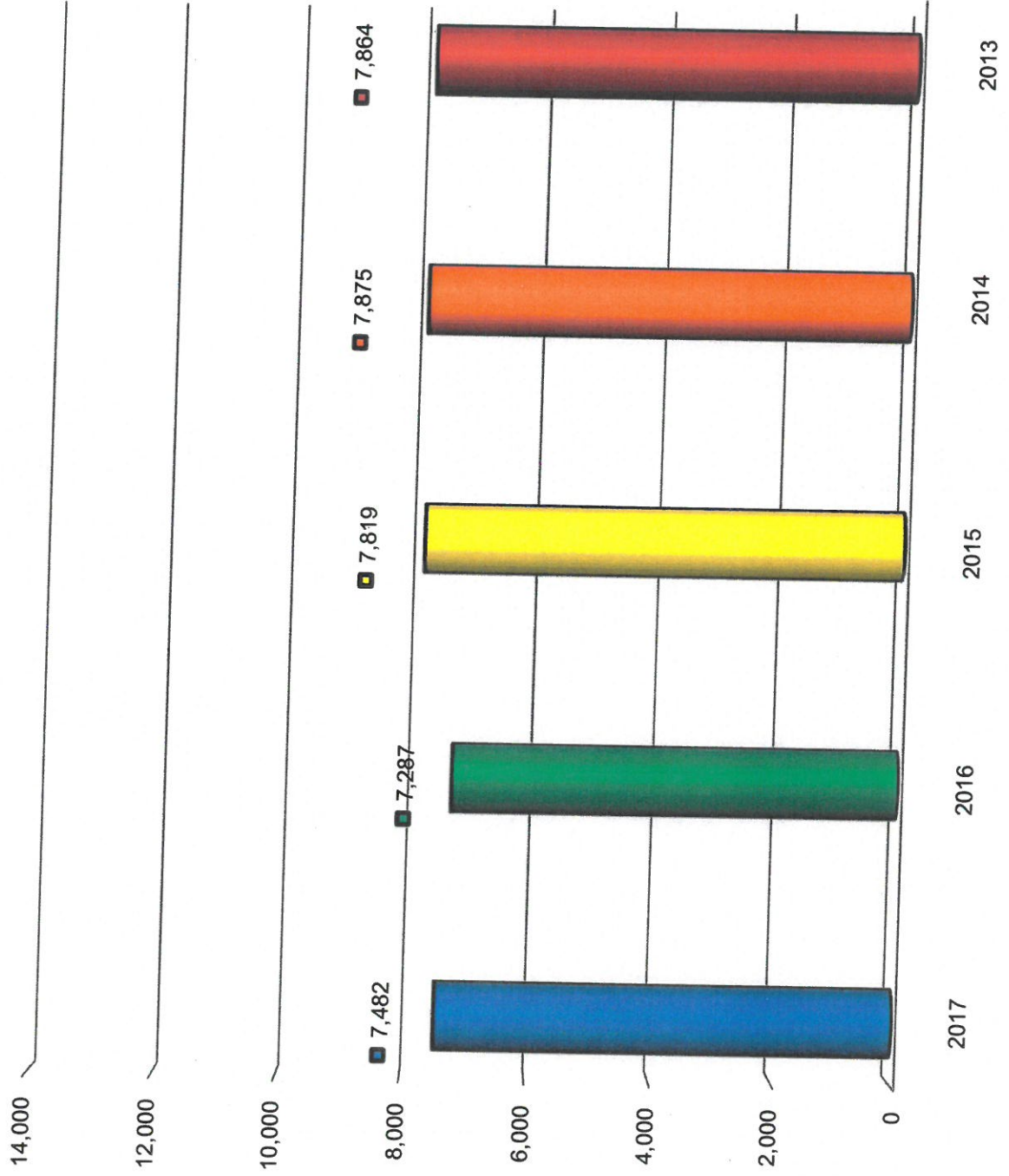
SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE COMPARISON

	2017	2016
PAID TO CITY OF SIDNEY		
Computer Research Fund	36,948.30	36,054.80
City Fines/Forfeitures	23,770.81	22,295.00
Court Costs	219,657.34	212,322.84
45% Ohio State Highway Patrol	0.00	24.75
40% Ohio State Highway Patrol	35,356.40	35,521.90
Witness and Jury Fees	21.00	18.00
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund	10,804.82	11,234.94
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	1,905.50	2,062.50
Civil Costs	206,157.47	202,610.50
Small Claims Costs	2,975.00	4,388.00
Trusteeship Fees	0.00	23.20
Interest Earned	(1,208.22)	(1,028.13)
Special Projects	132,464.92	106,067.11
Non Moving Violation	1,187.50	10,485.50
Special Pro. Ind Alcohol Treatment	8,959.00	8,086.50
Sidney Police Drug Enforcement Fund	0.00	212.00
Unclaimed funds	3,800.37	3,614.58
Drug Test	1,235.00	823.00
Total Paid To City of Sidney	684,035.21	654,816.99
PAID TO SHELBY COUNTY		
Victims Services	1,443.00	1,564.00
Canine Control	1,007.00	1,303.00
Regular Fines	91,879.78	98,546.76
Uniform Traffic	52,365.71	43,775.00
10% Ohio State Highway Patrol	8,723.10	9,124.10
Witness and Jury Fees	129.60	225.40
Crime Stoppers	431.00	530.00
Public Defender Fee	9,353.50	9,289.50
Shelby County Sheriff's Fees	3,962.00	5,608.40
DUI Incarceration	10,559.69	10,086.50
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	862.00	927.00
Shelby County Sheriff Drug Enforcement Fund	413.00	589.00
Shelby County Humane Society	0.00	434.00
Overload Fines	9,923.00	
Total Paid To Shelby County	191,052.38	\$182,002.66
PAID TO STATE OF OHIO		
Reparations Rotary (Victims of Crime)	37,505.00	38,926.00
45% Ohio State Highway Patrol	3.00	24.75
50% Ohio State Highway Patrol	44,655.00	40,974.50
Department of Liquor Control	685.50	1,784.00
Division of Wildlife	3,187.00	5,003.00
Division of Watercraft	25.00	125.00
Board of Pharmacy	1,022.00	858.00
Seatbelt Education Fund	14,521.00	11,245.00
Child Highway Safety Fund	0.00	245.00
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	1,591.00	1,541.50
Legal Aid Funding	41,189.00	44,823.00
Highway Patrol Drug Enforcement Fund	2,330.00	3,290.00
Expungement fees	1,080.00	1,060.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund	132,876.46	126,230.61
35% Moving Violation	13,299.97	12,682.17
Total Paid To State of Ohio	293,969.93	\$288,812.53
MISCELLANEOUS		
	38,566.13	44,539.11
(Includes Marriage Fees, Restitution Paid, Foreign County Sheriff Fees, etc.)		
TOTAL PAID OUT TO GOV'T AGENCIES		
	\$1,169,057.52	\$1,125,632.18
MISCELLANEOUS CIVIL RECEIPTS		
	\$938,585.95	\$1,012,745.93
(Includes Garnishments, Judgments, Trusteeship, and all other Miscellaneous Civil Accounts)		
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
		\$725,376.89
COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT FOR FINES		
	\$14,120.30	\$22,092.10

**SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
COMPARISON OF CASES FILED**

TYPE OF CASE FILED	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Felonies	168	135	133	125	154
Criminal Misdemeanors	827	783	855	1,021	1,286
Driving Under Influence	206	241	257	252	240
Other Traffic	4,608	4,379	4,877	4,820	4,657
Civil (including Evictions)	1,607	1,655	1,643	1,568	1,330
Small Claims	66	94	54	89	197
TOTAL	7,482	7,287	7,819	7,875	7,864
Cases Reactivated	243	493	515	309	323
 GARNISHMENTS	 823	 929	 1114	 820	 832
 WEDDING CEREMONIES	 31	 25	 49	 40	 37

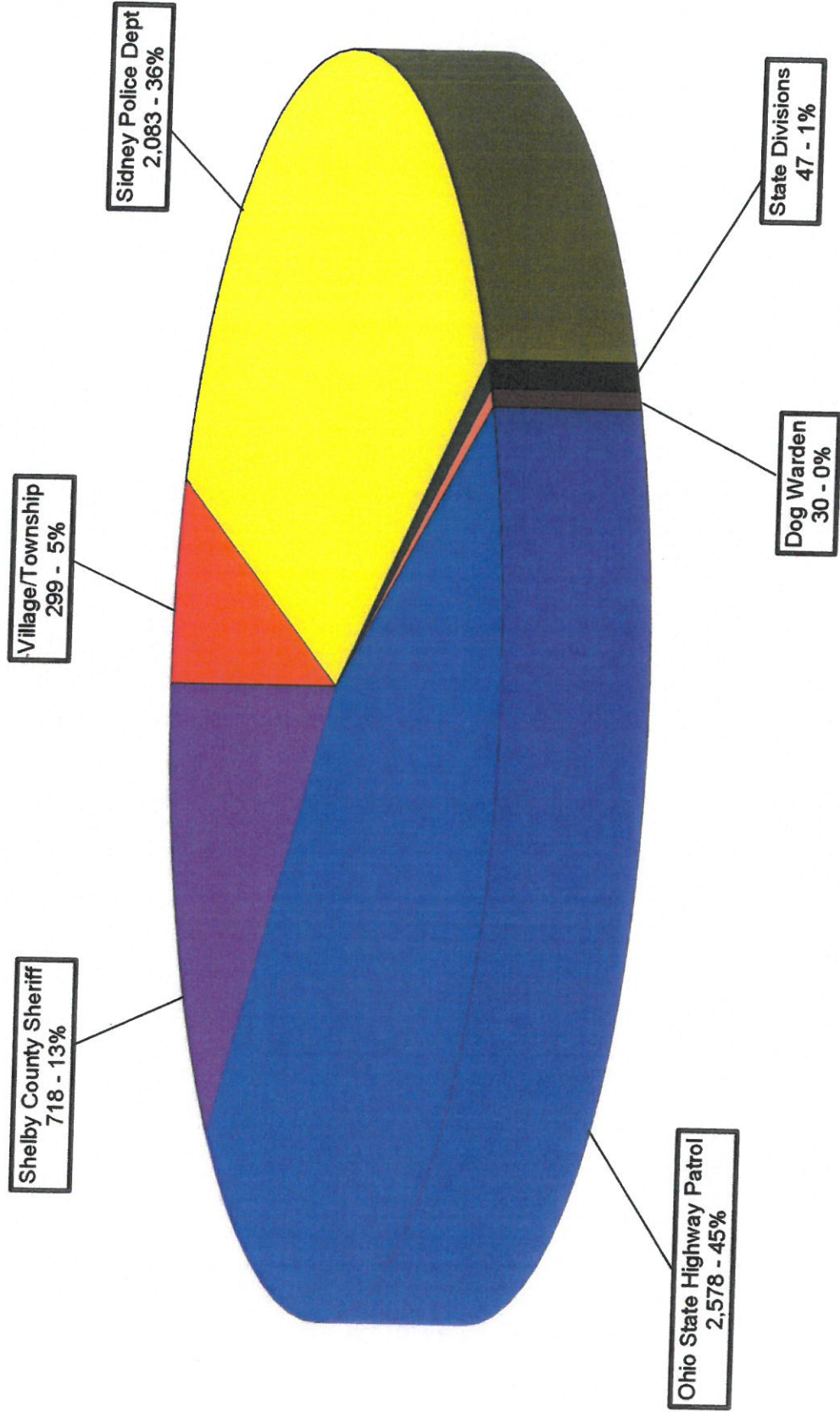
SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON OF CASES FILED



**BREAKDOWN OF 2017 CASE FILINGS
BY AGENCY**

AGENCY	FELONIES	CRIMINAL MISDEM.	DUIs	OTHER TRAFFIC	TOTAL
Village of Anna	1	5	1	14	21
Village of Botkins	2	16	2	102	122
Dog Warden	0	30	0	0	30
Village of Fort Loramie	1	3	1	75	80
Village of Jackson Center	0	14	2	33	49
Village of Kettlersville	0	0	0	6	14
Village of Port Jefferson	0	0	0	13	13
State of Ohio Board of Liquor Control	0	4	0	0	4
Ohio State Highway Patrol	36	81	87	2,374	2,578
State of Ohio - Parks & Rec & EPA	0	1	0	4	5
Shelby County Sheriff's Office	32	141	38	507	718
Sidney Police Department & SFD	91	441	75	1,476	2,083
State of Ohio Division of Watercraft	0	2	0	0	2
State of Ohio Division of Wildlife	1	35	0	0	36
TOTALS	164	773	206	4,604	5,755

SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT 2017 CASE BREAKDOWN BY AGENCY



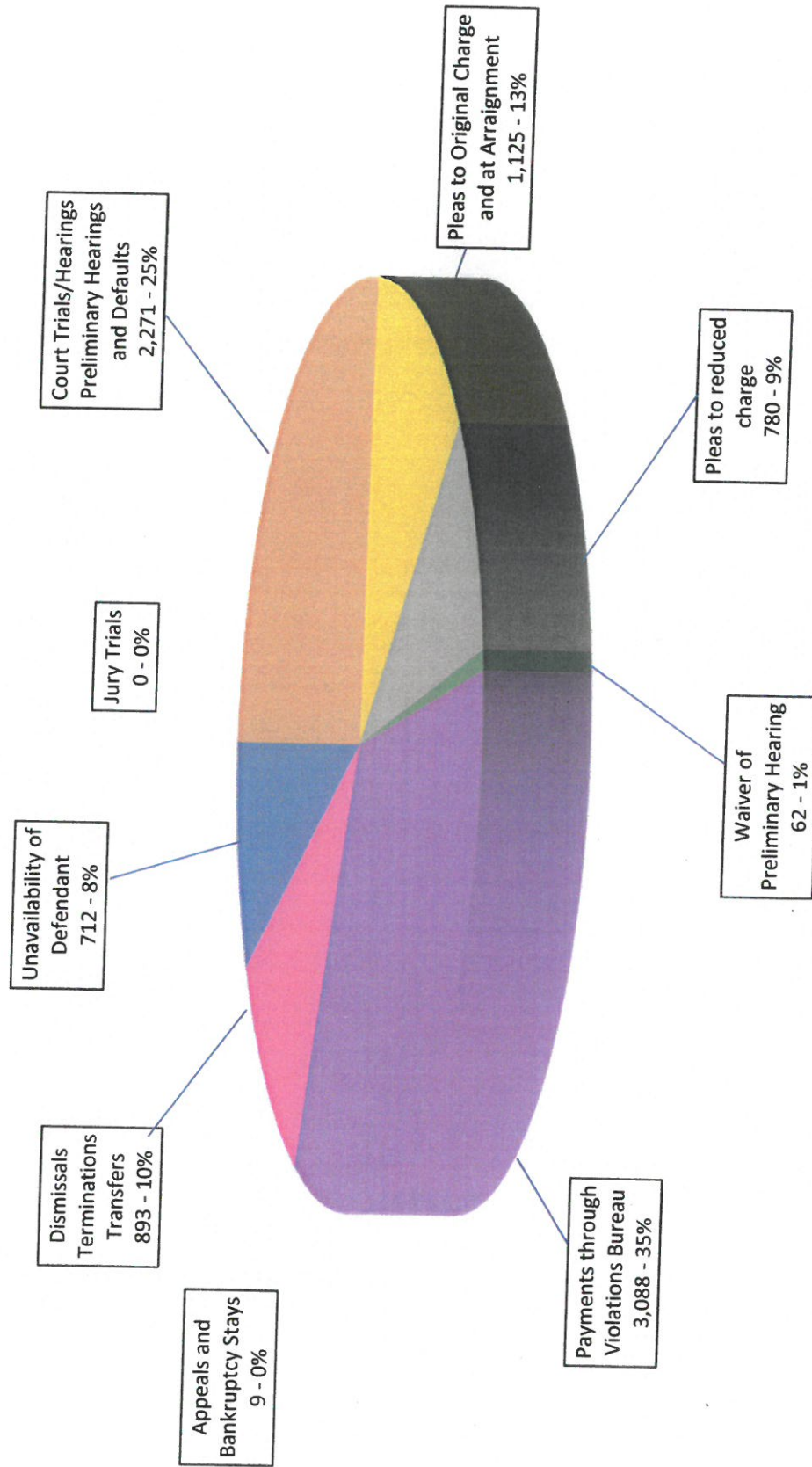
SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
COMPARISON OF CASE DISPOSITIONS

	2016	2017
FELONIES		
Preliminary Hearing Held	6	5
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	30	62
Dismissals (including at Prel. Hrg.)	45	100
Unavailability of Defendant	2	7
Plea to reduced charge	6	4
Total	89	178
CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials	160	257
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	186	554
Pleas (to reduced charge)	241	350
Payment through Violations Bureau	89	18
Dismissals	255	139
Unavailability of Defendant	81	102
Appeals	4	1
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	1016	1421
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials	21	40
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	143	178
Pleas (to reduced charge)	73	151
Appeals	0	0
Dismissals	42	23
Unavailability of Defendant	8	9
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	287	401
OTHER TRAFFIC		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials	490	594
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	183	393
Pleas (to reduced charge)	147	275
Appeals	0	0
Payment through Violations Bureau	3298	3070
Dismissals	253	215
Unavailability of Defendant	266	601
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	4637	5148

Sidney Municipal Court
Comparison of Case Disposition
(continued)

	2016	2017
CIVIL		
Jury Trials	0	0
Trials to Court (including defaults)	1,058	1,324
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	7	8
Dismissals/Other Terminations	346	407
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	1,411	1,739
SMALL CLAIMS		
Hearings (including defaults)	56	51
Transfers to Civil Docket	3	0
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	9	0
Dismissals/Other Terminations	32	9
Transfer to Another Court	0	0
Total	100	60
TOTALS FOR ALL CASES		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials/Hearings/Prel. Hrgs./Defaults	1,791	2,271
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	512	1,125
Pleas (to reduced charge)	467	780
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	30	62
Payment through Violations Bureau	3,387	3,088
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	20	9
Dismissals/Terminations/Transfers	973	893
Unavailability of Defendant	355	712
Total	7,535	8,940

2017 COMPARISON OF CASE DISPOSITION



2017 JUROR STATISTICS

FIRST TERM (1-1-17 through 4-30-17)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200	
Removed by Jury Commission:		10 (5%)
Returned by Post Office:		17 (9%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:		17 (8%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	8	
Medical Reasons	9	
Occupation	0	

JURORS AVAILABLE TO SERVE FIRST TERM: **156 (78%)**

SECOND TERM (5-1-17 through 8-31-17)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200	
Removed by Jury Commission:		11 (6%)
Returned by Post Office:		16 (8%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:		25 (12%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	16	
Medical Reasons	9	
Occupation	0	

JURORS AVAILABLE TO SERVE SECOND TERM: **148 (74%)**

THIRD TERM (9-1-17 through 12-31-17)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200	
Removed by Jury Commission:		14 (7%)
Returned by Post Office:		31 (15%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:		17 (9%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	7	
Medical Reasons	6	
Occupation	4	

JURORS AVAILABLE TO SERVE THIRD TERM: **138 (69%)**

TOTAL NUMBER OF JURORS DRAWN FOR 2016: **600**

TOTAL NUMBER OF JURORS AVAILABLE FOR 2016: **442 (74%)**

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: Deputy Bailiffs/Probation Officers – Melissa Harmon, Travis Piatt, Crystal Barton, and Lindsey Byers. Following are the departments with each of their statistics.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

TOTAL DEFENDANTS PLACED ON PROBATION IN 2017

Payment Plans	437
Reporting Probation	654
	1,091 total

72 – HOUR INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Successfully Completed	72
Unsuccessful Completion	34
Pending	11

DRUG/ALCOHOL OR MENTAL HEATH EVALUATIONS ORDERED	80
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PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED	191
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ALTERNATIVE SERVICE PROGRAM

Defendants completing program for Fines & Community Service	151
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IN HOUSE ALCOHOL/DRUG SCREENS

Tests Completed	2,155
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LICENSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Successful Completion	181
Unsuccessful Completion	71
Pending	17

BASIC SUPERVISION

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Successful Completions	35
Unsuccessful Completions	1
Active Probation	11

ANGER/RAGE PROGRAM

Successful Completions	23
Unsuccessful Completions	7
Active Probation	5

PARENTING CLASSES

Successful Completions	5
Unsuccessful Completions	0
Active Probation	0

OUT PATIENT COUNSELING

Successful Completions	62
Unsuccessful Completions	10
Active Probation	31

IN-PATIENT TREATMENT FACILITIES

Successful Completions	5
Unsuccessful Completions	3
Active Probation	2

GED

Successful Completions	1
Unsuccessful Completions	4
Active Probation	7

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Active Probation	6
Successful	5
Unsuccessful	3

CSB

Successful Completions	0
Unsuccessful Completions	0
Pending	0

ALCOHOL MONITOR

Successful Completions	15
Unsuccessful Completions	4
Pending	3

CCA GRANT PROGRAM

TOTAL DEFENDANTS PLACED ON "IN LIEU OF JAIL" PROGRAMS IN 2017

Males		
Successful Completions		45
Unsuccessful Completions		26
Pending		34
Females		
Successful Completions		21
Unsuccessful Completions		8
Pending		11
ANGER/RAGE CONTROL PROGRAM		
Successful Completions		13
Unsuccessful Completions		0
Pending		0
PARENTING CLASSES		
Successful Completions		0
Unsuccessful Completions		0
Pending		0
OUT-PATIENT COUNSELING		
Successful Completions		41
Unsuccessful Completions		6
Pending		16
GED		
Successful Completions		1
Unsuccessful Completions		0
Pending		0
ALCOHOL MONITOR		
Successful Completions		30
Unsuccessful Completions		2
Pending		0
MOVING ON PROGRAM		
Successful Completions		4
Unsuccessful Completions		4
Pending		0
THINKING FOR A CHANGE (T4C)		
Successful Completions		16
Unsuccessful Completions		0
Pending		0
DOMESTIC BATTERER'S PROGRAM		
Successful Completions		3
Unsuccessful Completions		0
Pending		0

BAILIFF DEPARTMENT

PAPERS SERVED

Subpoenas	439
Summons	409
Writs of Restitution from Evictions	65
Garnishments	4

PRISONERS TRANSPORTED TO/FROM JAIL

Females	261
Males	578
Total	839

PROBATION WARRANTS (OUT OF COUNTY PRISONER PICKUPS)

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VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT

Females	68
Males	221
Total	289