

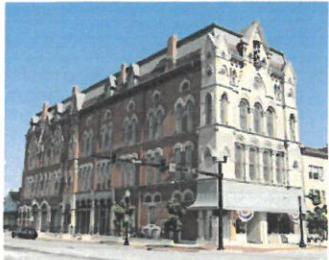
# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



**SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT  
DUANE GOETTEMOELLER  
JUDGE**

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Dear Public Officials:

I am pleased to submit the 2018 Annual Report for the Sidney Municipal Court.

The year 2018 was another busy year for the Sidney Municipal Court. The Court was awarded an allocation of \$335,000.00 in Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant (JRIG) funds from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and implemented several new programs and services with the grant. The Court also processed a significant increase in caseload and experienced several staff changes and additions.

The JRIG grant allowed the Court to implement a new Pretrial Release Program to identify defendants who are appropriate for pretrial release from jail on bond. The goal of the Program is to reduce or eliminate the time the offender has to spend in jail by changing their behaviors. In 2018, the Pretrial Services Officer conducted 319 interviews.

It has been our goal to commit fewer offenders to jail by offering more referrals to community partners for programming and also by offering programming in house. With our new programs we were able to decrease our commitments to jail from nearly 300 in prior years to 187 in 2018. In place of jail, 139 people were placed in counseling and treatment programs such as alcohol and drug, anger management and parenting classes. To assist in the community's fight against the opioid epidemic, we referred 76 offenders to the Medically Assisted Treatment Program (Vivitrol Program).

The Probation Department expanded services offered to include the Thinking for a Change (T4C) and Whole Health Action Management (Wham) Programs. T4C is an integrated cognitive behavioral change program that incorporates research from cognitive restructuring theory, social skills development, and problem solving skills and WHAM is a peer support group model facilitated at the Shelby County jail that encourages resiliency, wellness,



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and self-management of health and behavioral health among offenders with mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

From 2017 to 2018, the Court's caseload increased from 7,482 cases to 8,795 cases. In 2018, the Probation Department performed 1,428 drug tests, conducted 188 pre-sentence investigations, and had 1,472 active probationers. The Bailiffs served 960 papers, transported 1,194 prisoners, and the Court held video arraignment for 2 prisoners.

During 2018, 185 individuals entered the License Intervention Program. The Court had a 63% successful completion rate which resulted in another 104 valid and properly insured drivers on the roads.

In 2018, \$2,434,523 was collected in receipts. In addition \$10,188 was provided by offenders to the City and County through the Court's Community Service Program. This program allows those who qualify to account for their fines and costs even when they do not earn sufficient income to pay what they owe by performing community service to local organizations and non-profit agencies.

The Court distributed \$20,815 in restitution to victims of crime and distributed garnishment monies in the amount of \$987,841 to various creditors.

The Court hired three employees to fill new positions created under the JRIG grant: Michelle Chamberlain as a Pretrial Services Officer, Cassandra Noe as a Peer Support Specialist, and Melissa Thompson as a Clerical Aide to support the Probation Department. Melissa was later promoted from Clerical Aide to Deputy Clerk and Jamie Arnold was hired to take over the Clerical Aide position. The Court also hired three employees to fill existing positions: Scott Hoelscher as a Probation Officer, Jordan Guillozet as a Deputy Bailiff, and Jordan Price as a Deputy Bailiff. The Court promoted two individuals to new positions: Melissa Harmon from Probation Officer to Chief Probation Officer and Lindsey Byers from Probation Officer to Chief Bailiff. Lastly, as part of the Court's Administration Succession Plan, the Court hired Anthony Kremer to fill the position of Assistant Court Administrator.

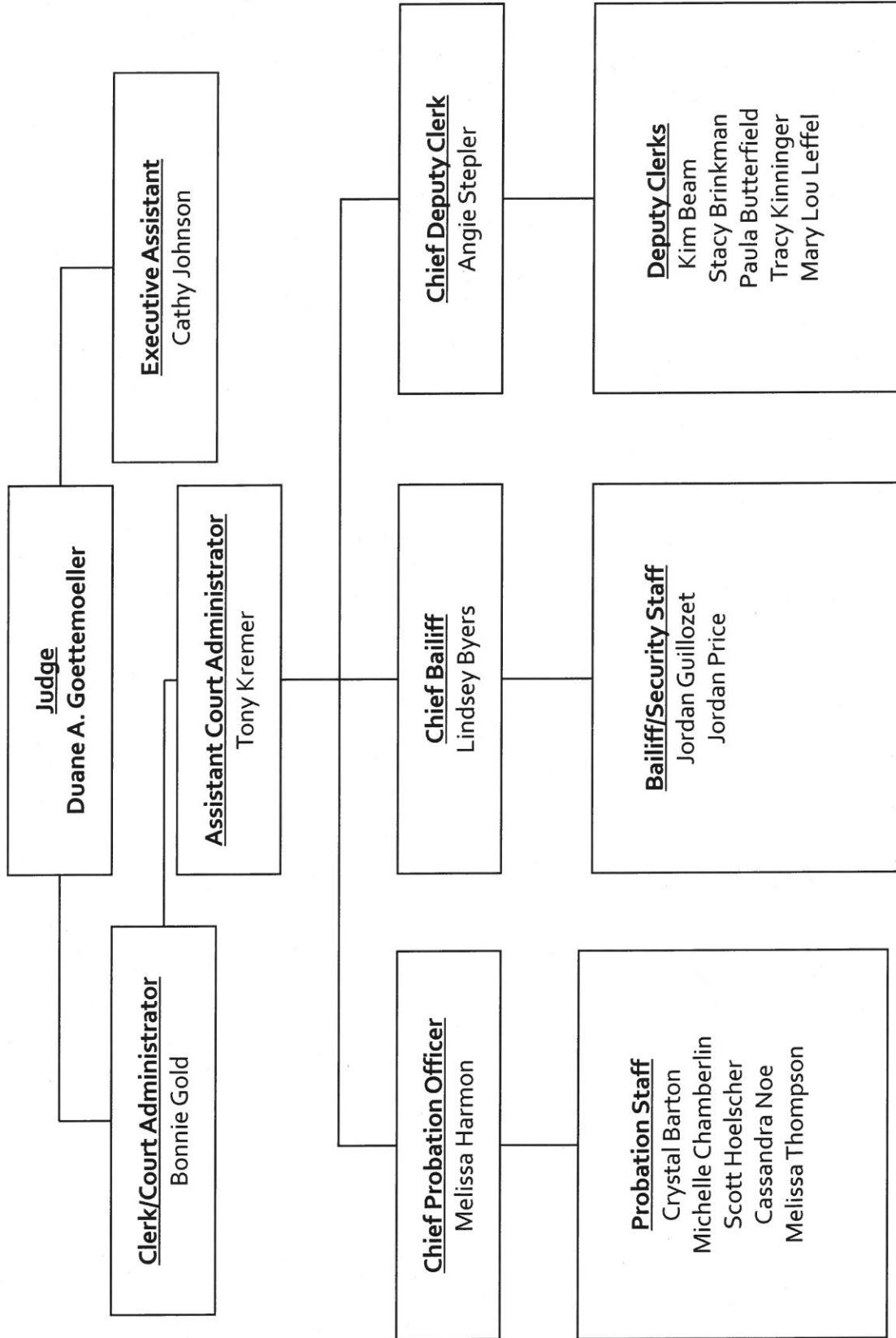
Respectfully submitted,

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# Sidney Municipal Court 2018 Organizational Chart



**SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
**TRIAL BALANCE**  
**December 31, 2018**

	<b>FINAL 2017</b>	<b>DR/(CR)</b>	<b>FINAL 2018</b>
Assets Cash	\$232,337.11	(\$1,762.14)	\$230,574.97
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Civil/Small Claims Open Items	37,333.77	14,399.47	51,733.24
Bonds Open Items	83,633.06	(13,898.89)	69,734.17
Trusteeship Open Items	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payable to Government Agencies	<u>111,370.28</u>	(2,262.72)	<u>109,107.56</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$232,337.11</b>	<b>(\$1,762.14)</b>	<b>\$230,574.97</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Criminal/Bonds	\$990,354.57	\$ 1,108,054.74	
Civil/Small Claims	1,265,685.97	1,326,468.25	
Trusteeship	0.00	0.00	
Landlord/Tenant	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,256,040.54</b>		<b>\$2,434,522.99</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Criminal/Bonds	\$977,786.43	\$ 1,117,423.45	
Civil/Small Claims	1,260,607.55	1,318,861.68	
Trusteeship	0.00	0.00	
Landlord/Tenant	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,238,393.98</b>		<b>\$ 2,436,285.13</b>
Receipts Over/Under Disbursement:	\$17,646.56	(\$1,762.14)	
Beginning Cash/Change	214,690.55	232,337.11	
Cash/Change	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
Ending Cash	<u>\$232,337.11</u>		<u>\$230,574.97</u>

**SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
**CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	<b>TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL</b>	<b>CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash 1-1-18	\$ 152,341.37	\$ 79,995.74	\$0.00	\$ 232,337.11
Additions	\$ 1,108,054.74	\$ 1,326,468.25	0.00	\$ 2,434,522.99
Reductions	<u>\$ 1,117,423.45</u>	<u>\$ 1,318,861.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,436,285.13</u>
Cash 12-31-18	\$ 142,972.66	\$ 87,602.31	\$0.00	\$ 230,574.97
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 142,972.66</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 87,602.31</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 230,574.97</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Escrow bonds & deposits 1-1-18	\$83,633.06	\$37,333.77	\$0.00	\$120,966.83
Additions	124,737.75	1,004,984.56	0.00	1,129,722.31
Reductions	<u>136,034.40</u>	<u>993,187.33</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,129,221.73</u>
Escrow bonds & deposits 12-31-18	\$72,336.41	\$49,131.00	\$0.00	\$121,467.41
Payable to other govt's 1-1-18	35,462.47	75,907.81	0.00	111,370.28
Additions	972,739.94	304,860.77	0.00	1,277,600.71
Reductions	<u>937,566.16</u>	<u>342,297.27</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,279,863.43</u>
Payable to other govt's 12-31-18	\$70,636.25	\$38,471.31	\$0.00	\$109,107.56
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$142,972.66</u></b>	<b><u>\$87,602.31</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$230,574.97</u></b>

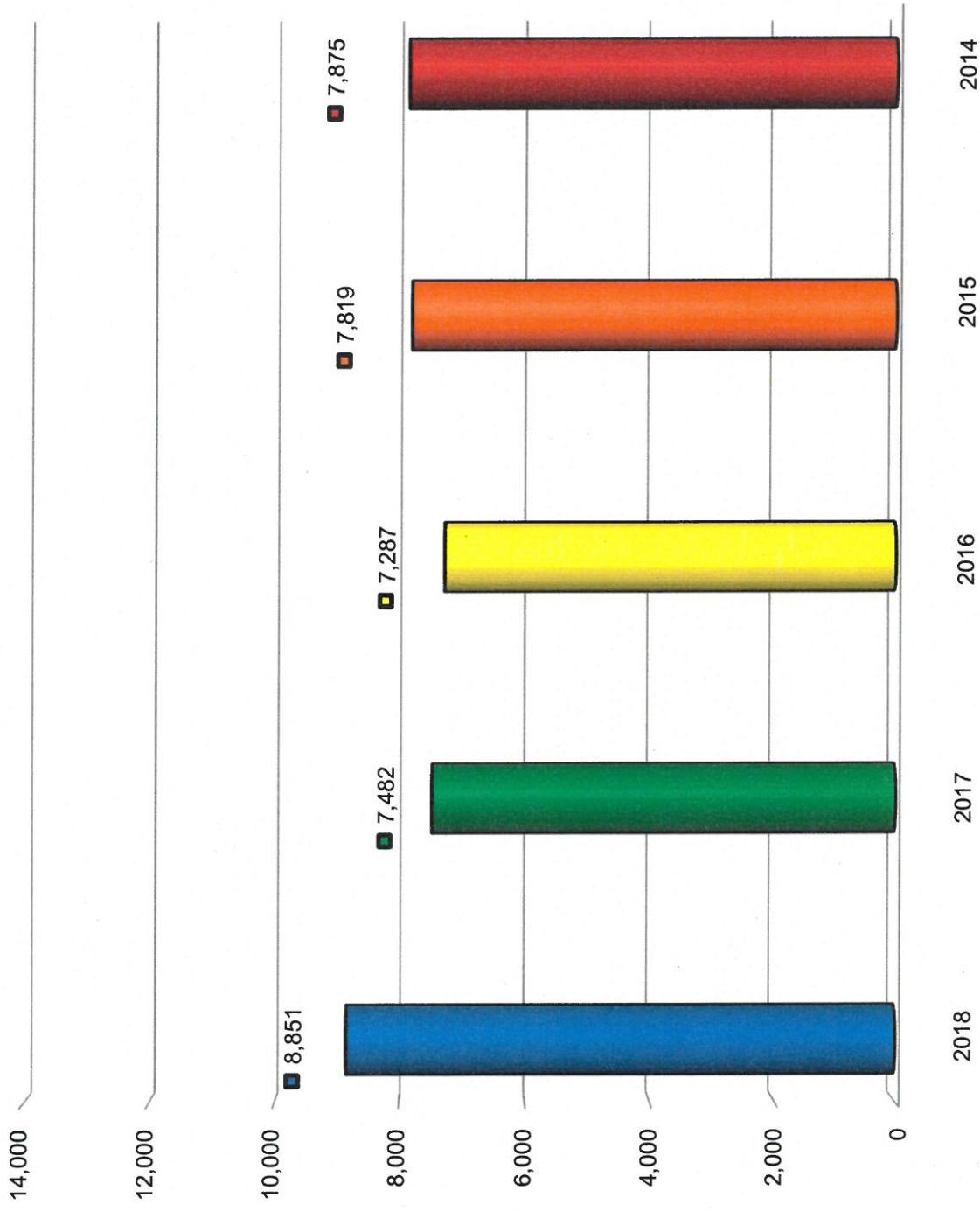
**SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE COMPARISON**

	2018	2017
<b>PAID TO CITY OF SIDNEY</b>		
Computer Research Fund	44,068.43	36,948.30
City Fines/Forfeitures	34,298.95	23,770.81
Court Costs	266,374.40	219,657.34
45% Ohio State Highway Patrol	0.00	0.00
40% Ohio State Highway Patrol	44,104.01	35,356.40
Witness and Jury Fees	32.00	21.00
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund	10,839.09	10,804.82
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	1,343.00	1,905.50
Civil Costs	217,442.60	206,157.47
Small Claims Costs	4,996.00	2,975.00
Trusteeship Fees	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned	(859.71)	(1,208.22)
Special Projects	155,001.34	132,464.92
Non Moving Violation	442.00	1,187.50
Special Pro. Ind Alcohol Treatment	6,293.50	8,959.00
Sidney Police Drug Enforcement Fund	0.00	0.00
Unclaimed funds	2,584.67	3,800.37
Drug Test	1,330.00	1,235.00
<b>Total Paid To City of Sidney</b>	<b>788,290.28</b>	<b>684,035.21</b>
<b>PAID TO SHELBY COUNTY</b>		
Victims Services	1,304.00	1,443.00
Canine Control	1,372.00	1,007.00
Regular Fines	88,766.73	91,879.78
Uniform Traffic	51,285.50	52,365.71
10% Ohio State Highway Patrol	10,986.76	8,723.10
Witness and Jury Fees	88.00	129.60
Crime Stoppers	469.00	431.00
Public Defender Fee	9,927.44	9,353.50
Shelby County Sheriff's Fees	3,562.00	3,962.00
DUI Incarceration	8,984.65	10,559.69
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	771.00	862.00
Shelby County Sheriff Drug Enforcement Fund	375.00	413.00
Shelby County Humane Society	0.00	0.00
Overload Fines	1,423.11	9,923.00
<b>Total Paid To Shelby County</b>	<b>179,315.19</b>	<b>\$191,052.38</b>
<b>PAID TO STATE OF OHIO</b>		
Reparations Rotary (Victims of Crime)	46,890.00	37,505.00
45% Ohio State Highway Patrol	0.00	3.00
50% Ohio State Highway Patrol	55,145.78	44,655.00
Department of Liquor Control	156.00	685.50
Division of Wildlife	2,502.00	3,187.00
Division of Watercraft	525.00	25.00
Board of Pharmacy	1,300.00	1,022.00
Seatbelt Education Fund	17,817.00	14,521.00
Child Highway Safety Fund	0.00	0.00
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	1,323.00	1,591.00
Legal Aid Funding	44,589.00	41,189.00
Highway Patrol Drug Enforcement Fund	2,495.00	2,330.00
Expungement fees	990.00	1,080.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund	156,362.22	132,876.46
35% Moving Violation	16,070.54	13,299.97
<b>Total Paid To State of Ohio</b>	<b>346,165.54</b>	<b>\$293,969.93</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>63,302.63</b>	<b>38,566.13</b>
(Includes Marriage Fees, Restitution Paid, Foreign County Sheriff Fees, etc.)		
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT TO GOV'T AGENCIES</b>	<b>\$1,313,771.01</b>	<b>\$1,169,057.52</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CIVIL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$995,882.05</b>	<b>\$938,585.95</b>
(Includes Garnishments, Judgments, Trusteeship, and all other Miscellaneous Civil Accounts)		
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>	<b>\$774,658.29</b>	<b>\$725,376.89</b>
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT FOR FINES</b>	<b>\$10,188.00</b>	<b>\$14,120.30</b>

**SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
**COMPARISON OF CASES FILED**

<b>TYPE OF CASE FILED</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Felonies	187	168	135	133	125
Criminal Misdemeanors	945	827	783	855	1,021
Driving Under Influence	244	206	241	257	252
Other Traffic	5,679	4,608	4,379	4,877	4,820
Civil (including Evictions)	1,677	1,607	1,655	1,643	1,568
Small Claims	119	66	94	54	89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,851</b>	<b>7,482</b>	<b>7,287</b>	<b>7,819</b>	<b>7,875</b>
Cases Reactivated	424	493	515	309	323
<b>GARNISHMENTS</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>1114</b>	<b>820</b>
<b>WEDDING CEREMONIES</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>

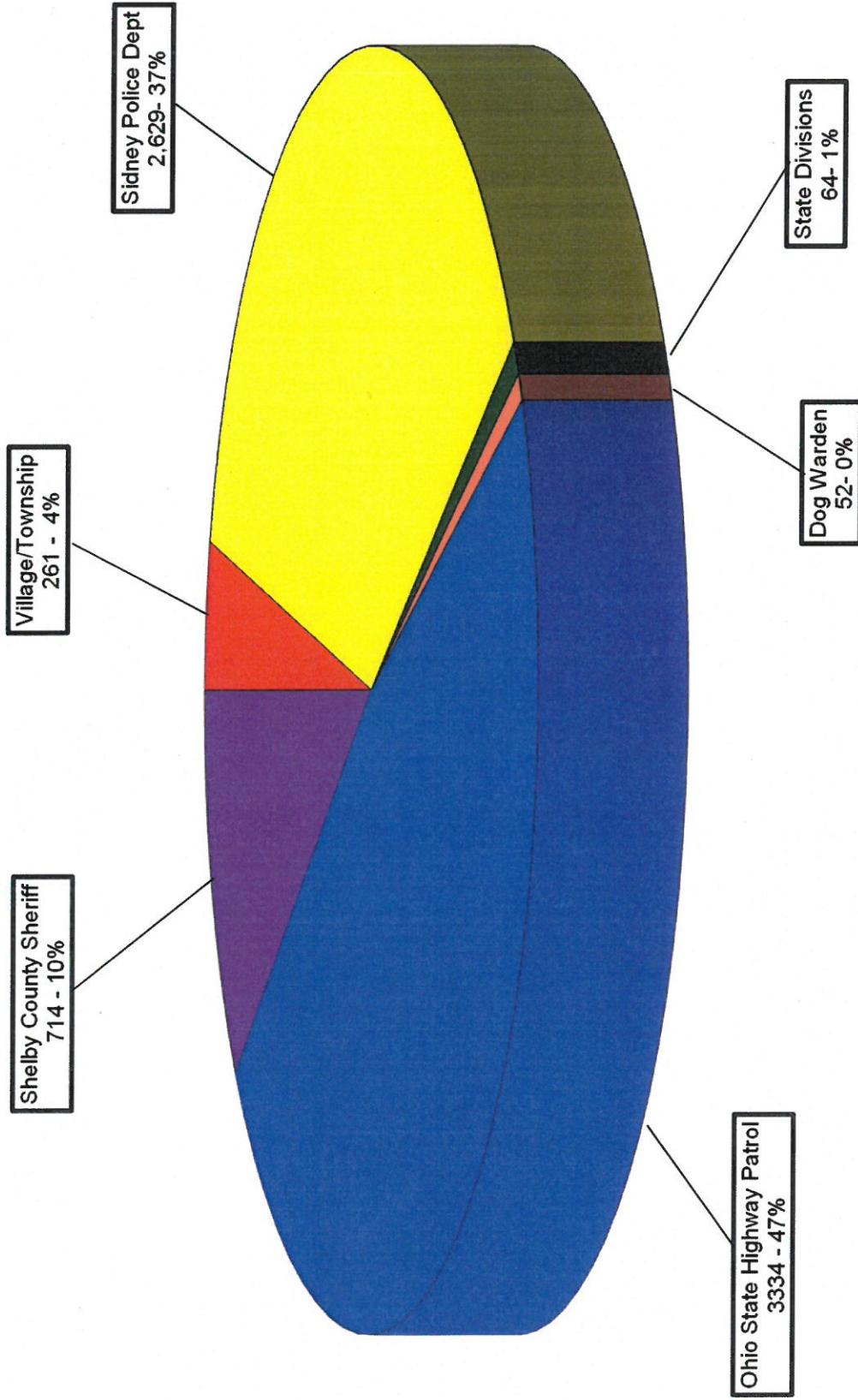
## SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON OF CASES FILED



**BREAKDOWN OF 2018 CASE FILINGS  
BY AGENCY**

AGENCY	CRIMINAL		DUIs	OTHER TRAFFIC	TOTAL
	FELONIES	MISDEM.			
Village of Anna	2	6	4	18	30
Village of Botkins	0	14	5	62	81
Dog Warden	0	52	0	0	52
Village of Fort Loramie	1	4	0	95	100
Village of Jackson Center	1	10	2	28	41
Village of Kettlersville	0	1	0	8	9
State of Ohio Board of Liquor Control	0	1	0	0	1
Ohio State Highway Patrol	39	93	101	3,101	3,334
State of Ohio - Parks & Rec & EPA	0	9	1	22	32
Shelby County Sheriff's Office	33	143	41	497	714
Sidney Police Department & SFD	111	580	90	1,848	2,629
State of Ohio Division of Watercraft	0	1	0	0	1
State of Ohio Division of Wildlife	0	31	0	0	31
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>5,679</b>	<b>7,055</b>

## SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT 2018 CASE BREAKDOWN BY AGENCY



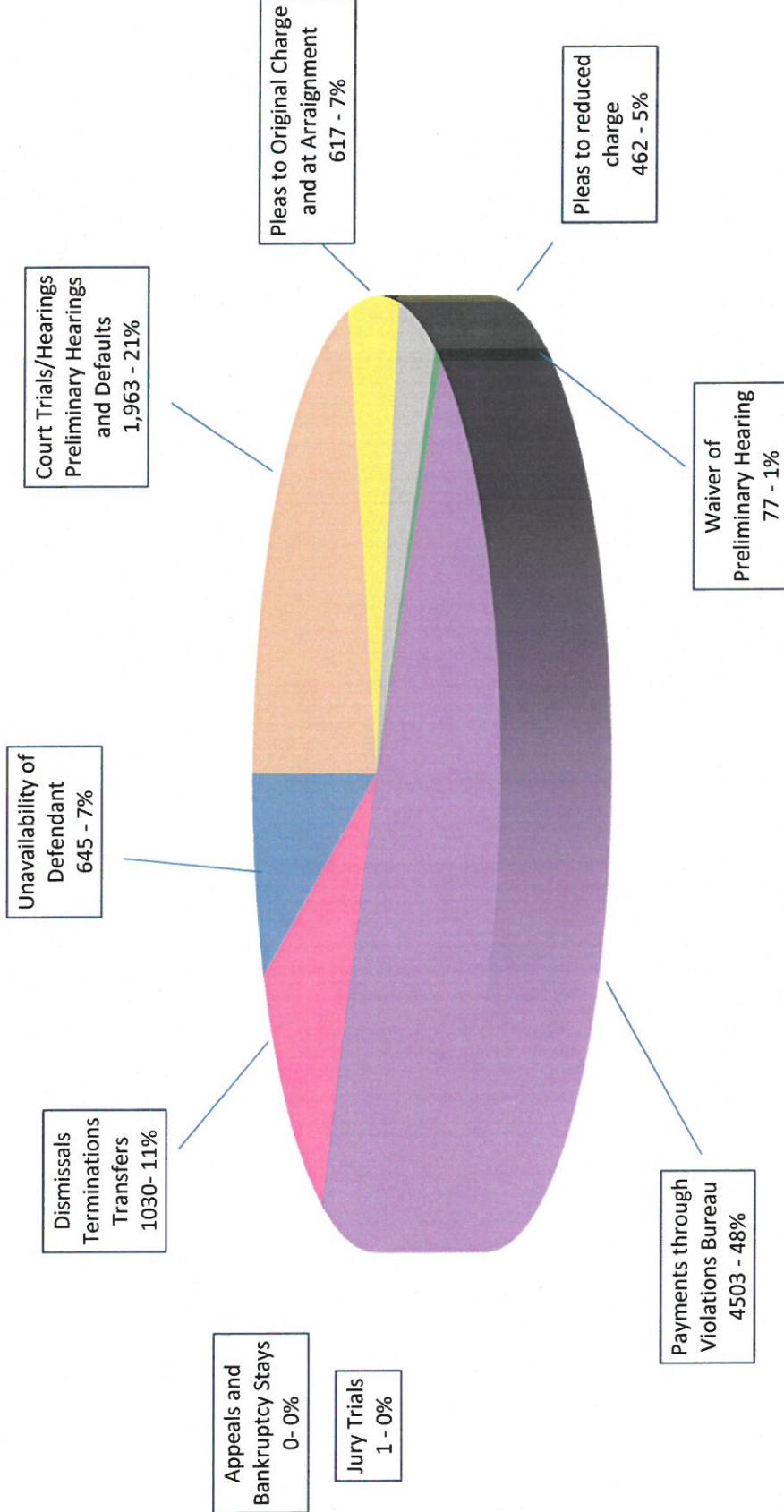
**SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
**COMPARISON OF CASE DISPOSITIONS**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>FELONIES</b>		
Preliminary Hearing Held	5	12
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	62	77
Dismissals (including at Prel. Hrg.)	100	92
Unavailability of Defendant	7	1
Plea to reduced charge	4	1
Total	<b>178</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS</b>		
Jury Trials	0	1
Court Trials	257	150
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	554	277
Pleas (to reduced charge)	350	179
Payment through Violations Bureau	18	26
Dismissals	139	247
Unavailability of Defendant	102	204
Appeals	1	0
Transfer to Another Judge or Court		0
Total	<b>1421</b>	<b>1084</b>
<b>DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE</b>		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials	40	26
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	178	82
Pleas (to reduced charge)	151	120
Appeals	0	0
Dismissals	23	14
Unavailability of Defendant	9	17
Transfer to Another Judge or Court		0
Total	<b>401</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>OTHER TRAFFIC</b>		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials	594	476
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	393	258
Pleas (to reduced charge)	275	162
Appeals	0	0
Payment through Violations Bureau	3070	4477
Dismissals	215	259
Unavailability of Defendant	601	424
Transfer to Another Judge or Court		0
Total	<b>5148</b>	<b>6056</b>

Sidney Municipal Court  
 Comparison of Case Disposition  
 (continued)

	2017	2018
<b>CIVIL</b>		
Jury Trials	0	0
Trials to Court (including defaults)	1324	1,216
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	8	12
Dismissals/Other Terminations	407	385
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	2
 Total	 1739	 1,615
<b>SMALL CLAIMS</b>		
Hearings (including defaults)	51	83
Transfers to Civil Docket	0	2
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	0	0
Dismissals/Other Terminations	9	31
Transfer to Another Court	0	0
 Total	 60	 116
<b>TOTALS FOR ALL CASES</b>		
Jury Trials	0	1
Court Trials/Hearings/Prel. Hrgs./Defaults	2271	1,963
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	1125	617
Pleas (to reduced charge)	780	462
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	62	77
Payment through Violations Bureau	3088	4,503
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	9	12
Dismissals/Terminations/Transfers	893	1,030
Unavailability of Defendant	712	645
 Total	 8940	 9,310

## 2018 COMPARISON OF CASE DISPOSITION



## 2018 JUROR STATISTICS

### FIRST TERM (1-1-18 through 4-30-18)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200
Removed by Jury Commission:	9 (5%)
Returned by Post Office:	24 (11%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:	7 (4%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	7
Medical Reasons	0
Occupation	0
JURORS AVAILABLE TO SERVE FIRST TERM:	<b>160 (80%)</b>

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### SECOND TERM (5-1-18 through 8-31-18)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200
Removed by Jury Commission:	15 (8%)
Returned by Post Office:	16 (8%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:	24 (12%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	15
Medical Reasons	7
Occupation	2
JURORS AVAILABLE TO SERVE SECOND TERM:	<b>145 (72%)</b>

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### THIRD TERM (9-1-18 through 12-31-18)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200
Removed by Jury Commission:	22 (11%)
Returned by Post Office:	26 (13%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:	20 (10%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	11
Medical Reasons	6
Occupation	3
JURORS AVAILABLE TO SERVE THIRD TERM:	<b>132 (66%)</b>

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**TOTAL NUMBER OF JURORS DRAWN FOR 2018:** 600

**TOTAL NUMBER OF JURORS AVAILABLE FOR 2018:** 437 (73%)

## PROBATION DEPARTMENT

### DEFENDANTS PLACED IN COMMUNITY SUPERVISION PROGRAMS IN 2018: 738

	SUCCESSFUL COMPLETIONS	UNSUCCESSFUL COMPLETIONS	PENDING STATUS
MALE	248	60	71
FEMALE	87	38	45
72 HOUR INTERVENTION PROGRAM	66	3	0
GPS/HOUSE ARREST	34	2	0
SCRAM	47	0	13
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING	7	6	2
OUT PATIENT COUNSELING	53	18	80
ANGER/RAGE COUNSELING	28	2	19
GED	0	0	3
CHILDREN SERVICES CLIENTS	0	0	4

### REFERRALS TO PROGRAMMING

WHOLE HEALTH ACTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	9
PEER SUPPORT INTERVIEWS	244
HALFWAY HOUSE	12
IN PATIENT PROGRAMS	12
PARENTING CLASSES	6
DOMESTIC BATTERERS PROGRAM	3
MOVING ON PROGRAM	0
THINKING FOR A CHANGE CLASS	22
VIVITROL-MAT PROGRAM REFERRALS	76
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS	1,258
DRUG/ALCOHOL OR MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS	81
COMPLETED PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS	177
IN HOUSE ALCOHOL/DRUG SCREENS ADMINISTERED	1428

## BAILIFF DEPARTMENT

### PAPERS SERVED

SUBPOENAS	530
SUMMONS	379
WRITS OF RESTITUTION FROM EVICTIONS	50
GARNISHMENTS	1
TOTAL	960

### PRISONERS TRANSPORTED TO/FROM JAIL

FEMALES	321
MALES	873
PROBATION/CONTEMPT WARRANTS (OUT OF COUNTY PRISONER PICKUPS)	37
TOTAL	1,231

### LICENSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION	104
UNSUCCESSFUL COMPLETION	38
PENDING	43
TOTAL	185

### VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT

FEMALES	1
MALES	1
TOTAL	2