

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT

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Clerk/Court Administrator**



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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. I am looking forward to bringing several exciting new projects to completion.

The start of 2014 had my staff working tirelessly to complete configuration of the newly purchased Case Management System. However, by June, these plans were unexpectedly dealt a fatal blow when the contracted vendor suddenly closed it's doors, fired all of it's employees, and defaulted on all contracts Worldwide.

As a result, the Shared Resources Project (SRP) found itself back at square one, forced to re-bid the entire project. Fortunately, the request for proposal was already prepared and needed only to be revised slightly. The successful vendor was selected and contract negotiations are currently being concluded. The Courts have filed a claim in the Federal Bankruptcy Court against the now defunct corporation in an attempt to recover the monies previously paid out on the contract.

On-line credit card payments for the Traffic/Criminal division continue to grow in popularity. In 2014, the Court received \$304,212.14 in on-line credit card payments. This represents an average of over \$25,000 per month, and accounts for approximately one-third of the total revenue received by the Traffic/Criminal Division.

During 2014, 408 individuals entered the License Intervention Program. The Court had a 57% successful completion rate which resulted in another 234 valid properly insured drivers on the roads.

In 2014, \$2,038,684.96 was collected in receipts. In addition \$37,388.66 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 \$27,892.21 in restitution to victims of crime and distributed garnishment monies in the amount of \$871,282.79 to various creditors.

The Probation Department performed 287 drug tests, conducted 241 pre-sentence investigations and had 1,573 active probationers in 2014. The Bailiff's served 961 papers, transported 1,019 prisoners and the Court held video arraignment for 78 prisoners. More than 33,000 jail days were served by defendants. In place of jail 279 people were placed in counseling and treatment programs such as alcohol and drug, anger management and parenting classes. The Home Arrest program had 475 days served by 11 defendants and saved over \$23,700 in incarceration costs.

The Justice and Mental Health program, also known as the JMHCP program, screened 16 people, admitted 13 to the program, and had 8 successful completions in 2014. This program also became fully funded by the Municipal Court's Special Projects fund in 2014. The Special Projects fund is created by the Ohio Revised Code and is entirely funded through the collection of court costs. The JMHCP program also assisted in providing clothing, groceries, and transportation to appointments, helped with job searches, gave assistance with housing, medication needs, and provided an advocate to outside medical providers.

Sincerely,

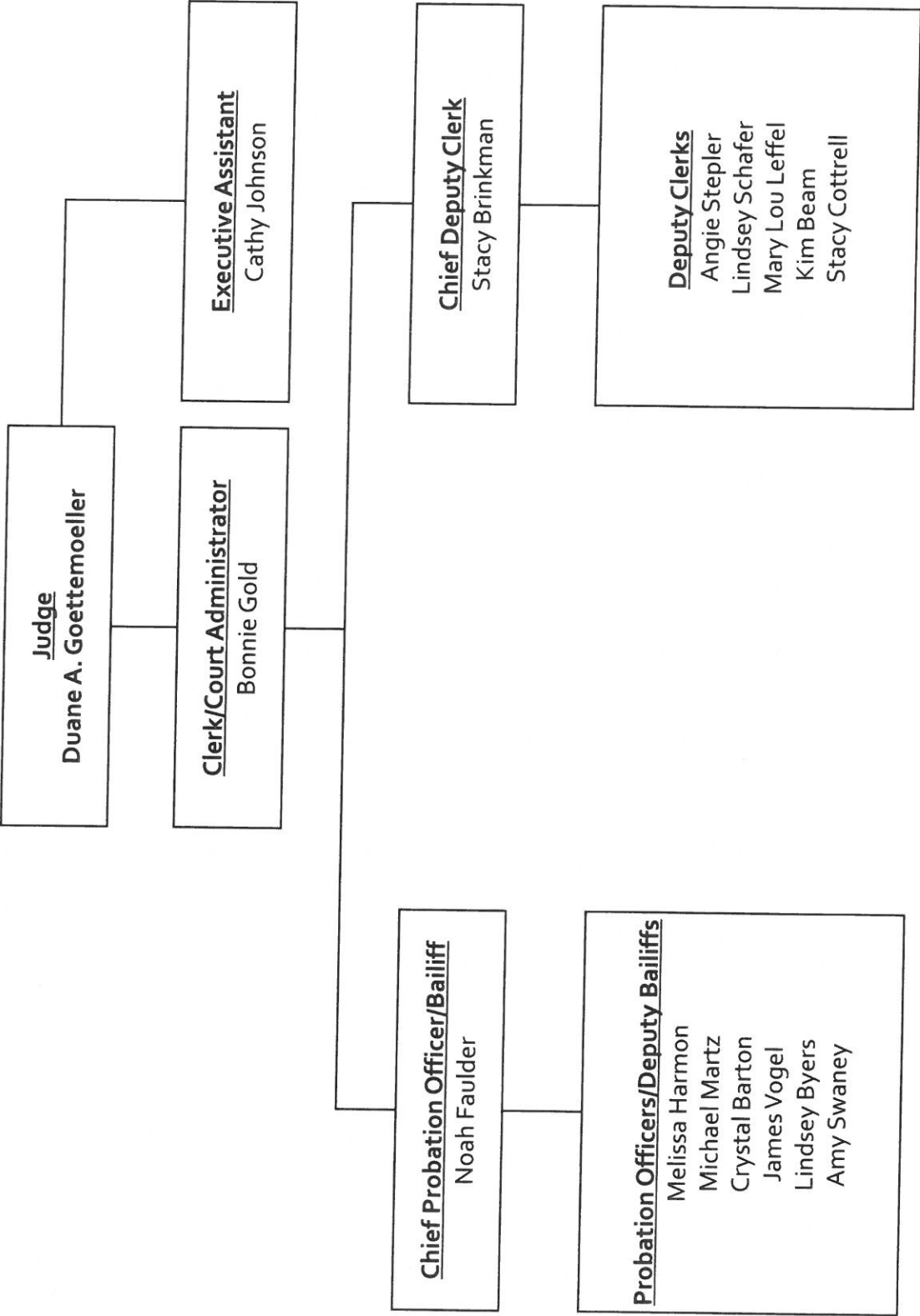


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Sidney Municipal Court

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Sidney Municipal Court Organizational Chart



SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
TRIAL BALANCE
December 31, 2013

	FINAL 2013	DR/(CR)	FINAL 2014
Assets Cash	\$164,877.01	\$33,196.27	\$198,073.28
LIABILITIES			
Civil/Small Claims Open Items	58,066.60	21,973.46	80,040.06
Bonds Open Items	19,347.03	(4,900.81)	14,446.22
Trusteeship Open Items	157.53	(157.53)	0.00
Payable to Government Agencies	<u>87,305.85</u>	16,281.15	<u>103,587.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$164,877.01	\$33,196.27	\$198,073.28
RECEIPTS			
Criminal/Bonds	\$1,010,631.10		\$1,016,733.12
Civil/Small Claims	1,157,642.06		1,159,202.05
Trusteeship	39.53		0.00
Landlord/Tenant	<u>600.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,168,912.69		\$2,175,935.17
DISBURSEMENTS			
Criminal/Bonds	\$984,410.38		\$1,021,951.84
Civil/Small Claims	1,161,670.93		1,120,629.53
Trusteeship	0.00		157.53
Landlord/Tenant	<u>600.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,146,681.31		\$2,142,738.90
Receipts Over/Under Disbursement	\$22,231.38		\$33,196.27
Beginning Cash/Change	142,645.63		164,877.01
Cash/Change	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Ending Cash	<u>\$164,877.01</u>		<u>\$198,073.28</u>

**SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL	CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS	OTHER	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Cash 1-1-14	\$87,973.88	\$76,745.60	\$157.53	\$164,877.01
Additions	1,016,733.12	1,159,202.05		2,175,935.17
Reductions	<u>1,021,951.84</u>	<u>1,120,629.53</u>	<u>157.53</u>	<u>2,142,738.90</u>
Cash 12-31-14	\$82,755.16	\$115,318.12	\$0.00	\$198,073.28
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$82,755.16</u>	<u>\$115,318.12</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$198,073.28</u>
LIABILITIES				
Escrow bonds & deposits 1-1-14	\$19,347.03	\$58,066.60	\$157.53	\$77,571.16
Additions	82,243.46	907,006.99	0.00	989,250.45
Reductions	<u>87,144.27</u>	<u>885,033.53</u>	<u>157.53</u>	<u>972,335.33</u>
Escrow bonds & deposits 12-31-14	\$14,446.22	\$80,040.06	\$0.00	\$94,486.28
Payable to other govt's 1-1-14	68,626.85	18,679.00	0.00	87,305.85
Additions	934,489.66	252,195.06	0.00	1,186,684.72
Reductions	<u>934,807.57</u>	<u>235,596.00</u>		<u>1,170,403.57</u>
Payable to other govt's 12-31-14	\$68,308.94	\$35,278.06		\$103,587.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$82,755.16</u>	<u>\$115,318.12</u>		<u>\$198,073.28</u>

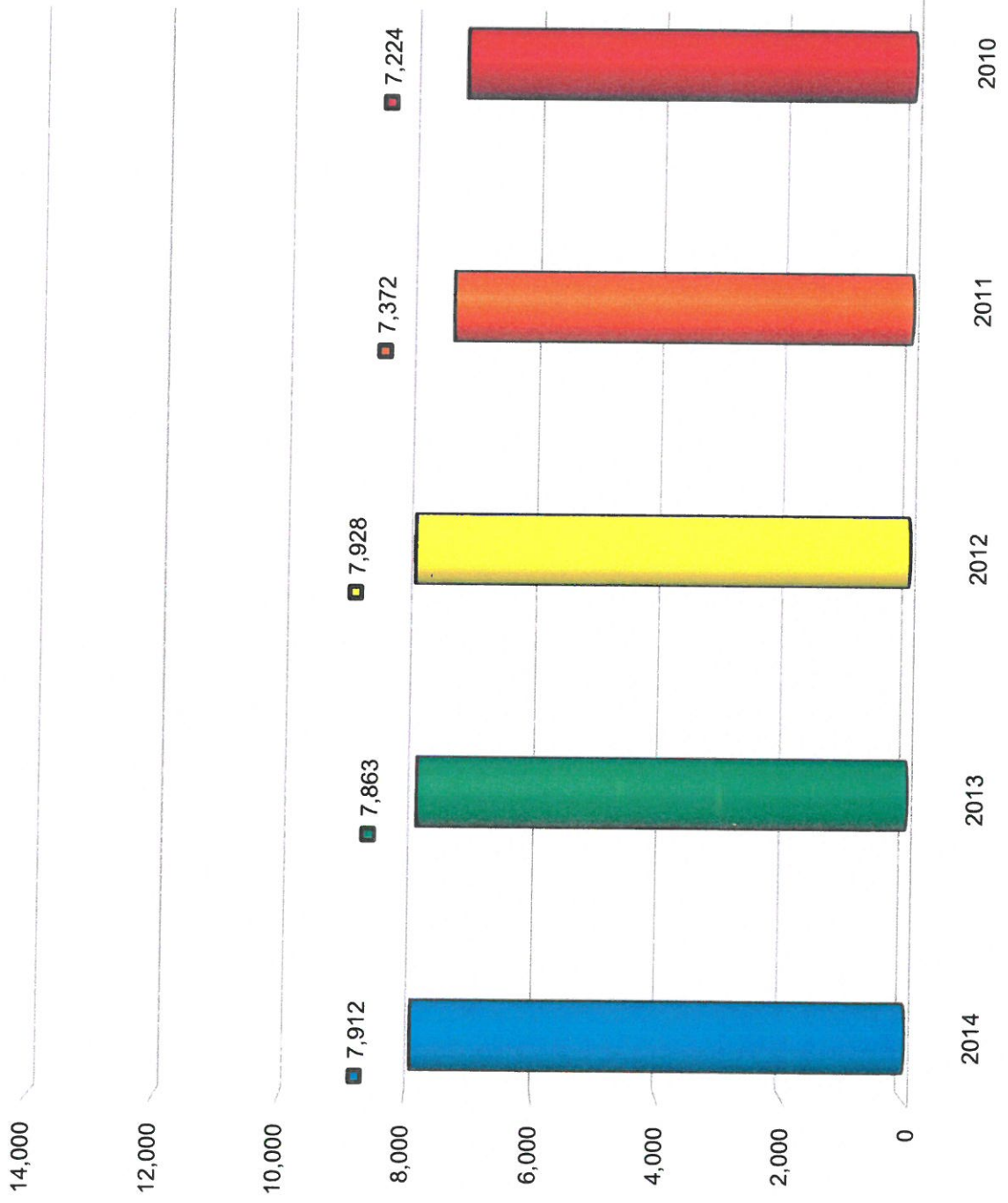
SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE COMPARISON

	2014	2013
PAID TO CITY OF SIDNEY		
Computer Research Fund (07/06)	37,959.21	36,008.60
Home Arrest Program	6,651.84	6,345.00
City Fines/Forfeitures	24,308.00	22,211.45
Court Costs	231,707.60	226,570.23
45% Ohio State Highway Patrol	11.25	22.50
40% Ohio State Highway Patrol	37,322.00	42,883.20
Witness and Jury Fees	69.00	21.00
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund	11,571.49	9,934.25
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	2,319.50	2,305.00
Civil Costs	186,395.00	185,344.05
Small Claims Costs	6,138.00	13,626.00
Trusteeship Fees	0.00	0.00
Political Housing/DUI	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned	(1,025.78)	(1,081.13)
Special Projects (08/08)	140,399.19	134,688.06
Non Moving Violation	12,567.22	13,486.00
Special Pro. Ind Alcohol Treatment	7,117.50	6,376.00
Sidney Police Drug Enforcement Fund	0.00	4.00
Unclaimed funds	901.48	1,773.86
Drug Test (06/10)	861.12	790.00
Total Paid To City of Sidney	705,273.62	701,308.07
PAID TO SHELBY COUNTY		
Victims Services (08-07)	1,437.00	1,484.00
Canine Control	2,263.00	2,815.00
Regular Fines	98,636.92	94,087.40
Uniform Traffic	51,776.75	34,728.50
10% Ohio State Highway Patrol	9,333.00	10,725.80
Witness and Jury Fees	258.60	221.20
Crime Stoppers	713.00	834.00
Public Defender Fee	9,602.34	10,224.63
Shelby County Sheriff's Fees	3,685.00	2,868.00
DUI Incarceration	10,689.50	9,788.50
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	545.00	755.00
Shelby County Sheriff Drug Enforcement Fund	161.00	347.00
Shelby County Humane Society	0.00	0.00
Total Paid To Shelby County	189,101.11	\$168,879.03
PAID TO STATE OF OHIO		
Reparations Rotary (Victims of Crime)	43,419.00	41,791.80
45% Ohio State Highway Patrol	11.25	22.50
50% Ohio State Highway Patrol	44,508.25	53,609.00
Department of Liquor Control	1,999.50	3,073.50
Division of Wildlife	4,385.00	2,935.00
Division of Watercraft	25.00	150.00
Board of Pharmacy	2,145.00	895.00
Seatbelt Education Fund	13,200.00	13,326.00
Child Highway Safety Fund	430.00	425.00
DUI Enforcement/Education Fund	1,291.00	1,220.50
Legal Aid Funding	41,621.00	36,465.00
Highway Patrol Drug Enforcement Fund	2,406.00	1,472.00
Expungement fees	810.00	1,170.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund	138,935.95	133,791.80
35% Moving Violation	13,286.01	12,650.70
Waiver of Immobilization Fee	0.00	0.00
Total Paid To State of Ohio	308,472.96	\$302,997.80
MISCELLANEOUS		\$60,769.52
(Includes Marriage Fees, Restitution Paid, Foreign County Sheriff Fees, etc.)		
TOTAL PAID OUT TO GOVT AGENCIES		\$1,263,617.21
MISCELLANEOUS CIVIL RECEIPTS		\$871,282.79
(Includes Garnishments, Judgments, Trusteeship, and all other Miscellaneous Civil Accounts)		
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		\$757,954.38
COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT FOR FINES		\$37,388.66

SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
COMPARISON OF CASES FILED

TYPE OF CASE FILED	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Felonies	125	154	136	174	146
Criminal Misdemeanors	1,021	1,285	1,164	1,112	1,217
Driving Under Influence	252	240	276	265	262
Other Traffic	4,857	4,657	4,657	4,041	3,823
Civil (including Evictions)	1,568	1,330	1,556	1,637	1,590
Small Claims	89	197	139	143	186
TOTAL	7,912	7,863	7,928	7,372	7,224
Cases Reactivated	309	323	327	173	468
 GARNISHMENTS	 820	 832	 800	 816	 737
 WEDDING CEREMONIES	 40	 37	 38	 49	 60

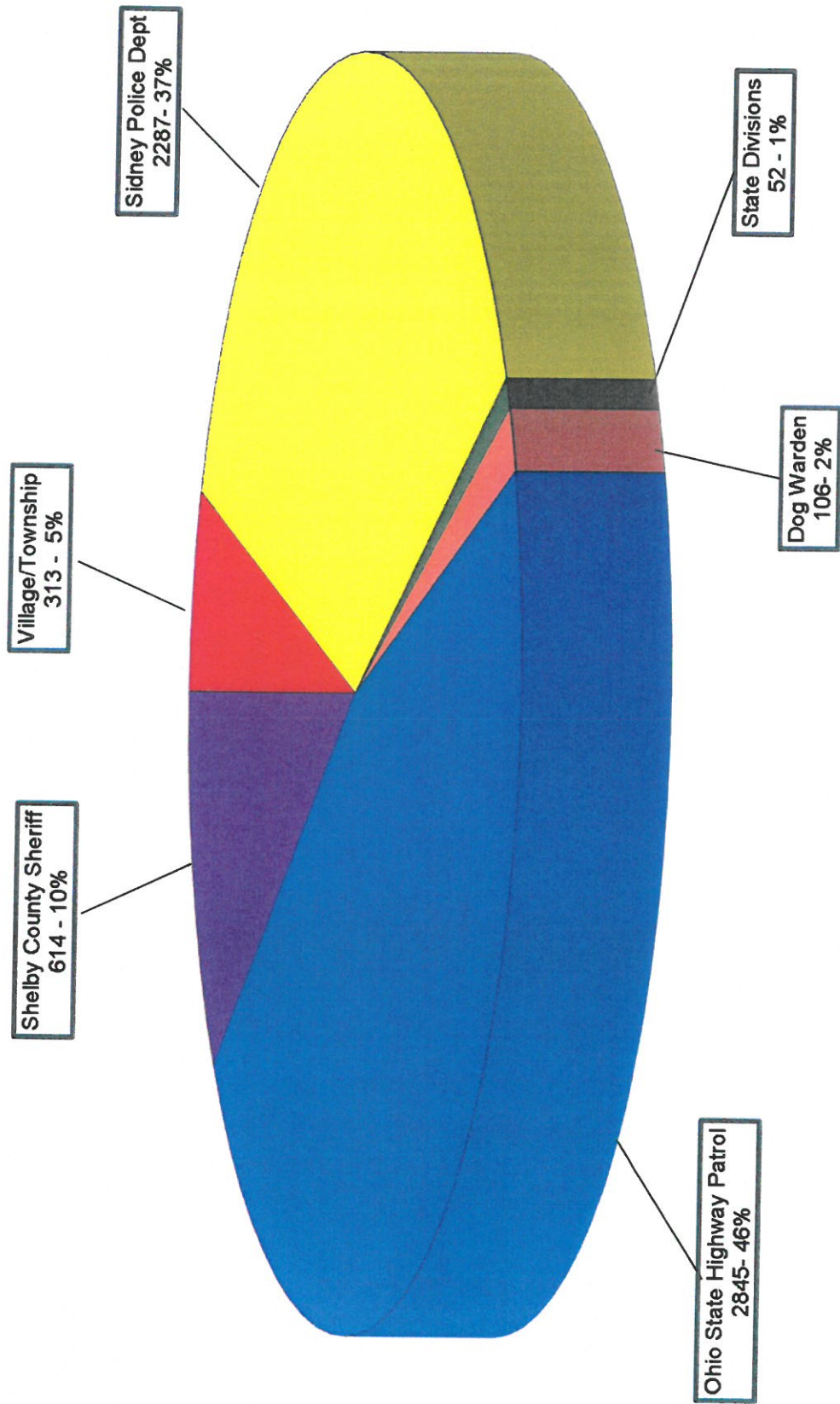
SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON OF CASES FILED



**BREAKDOWN OF 2014 CASE FILINGS
BY AGENCY**

AGENCY	FELONIES	CRIMINAL MISDEM.	DUIs	OTHER TRAFFIC	TOTAL
Village of Anna	3	12	4	30	49
Village of Botkins	1	15	6	129	151
Dog Warden	0	106	0	0	106
Village of Fort Loramie	0	9	1	16	26
Village of Jackson Center	4	44	2	37	87
State of Ohio Board of Liquor Control	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State Highway Patrol	16	39	76	2,714	2,845
State of Ohio - Parks & Recreation	0	3	0	0	3
Shelby County Sheriff's Office	28	170	39	377	614
Sidney Police Department	73	574	124	1,516	2,287
State of Ohio Division of Watercraft	0	2	0	0	2
State of Ohio Division of Wildlife	0	47	0	0	47
TOTALS	125	1,021	252	4,819	6,217

SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT 2014 CASE BREAKDOWN BY AGENCY



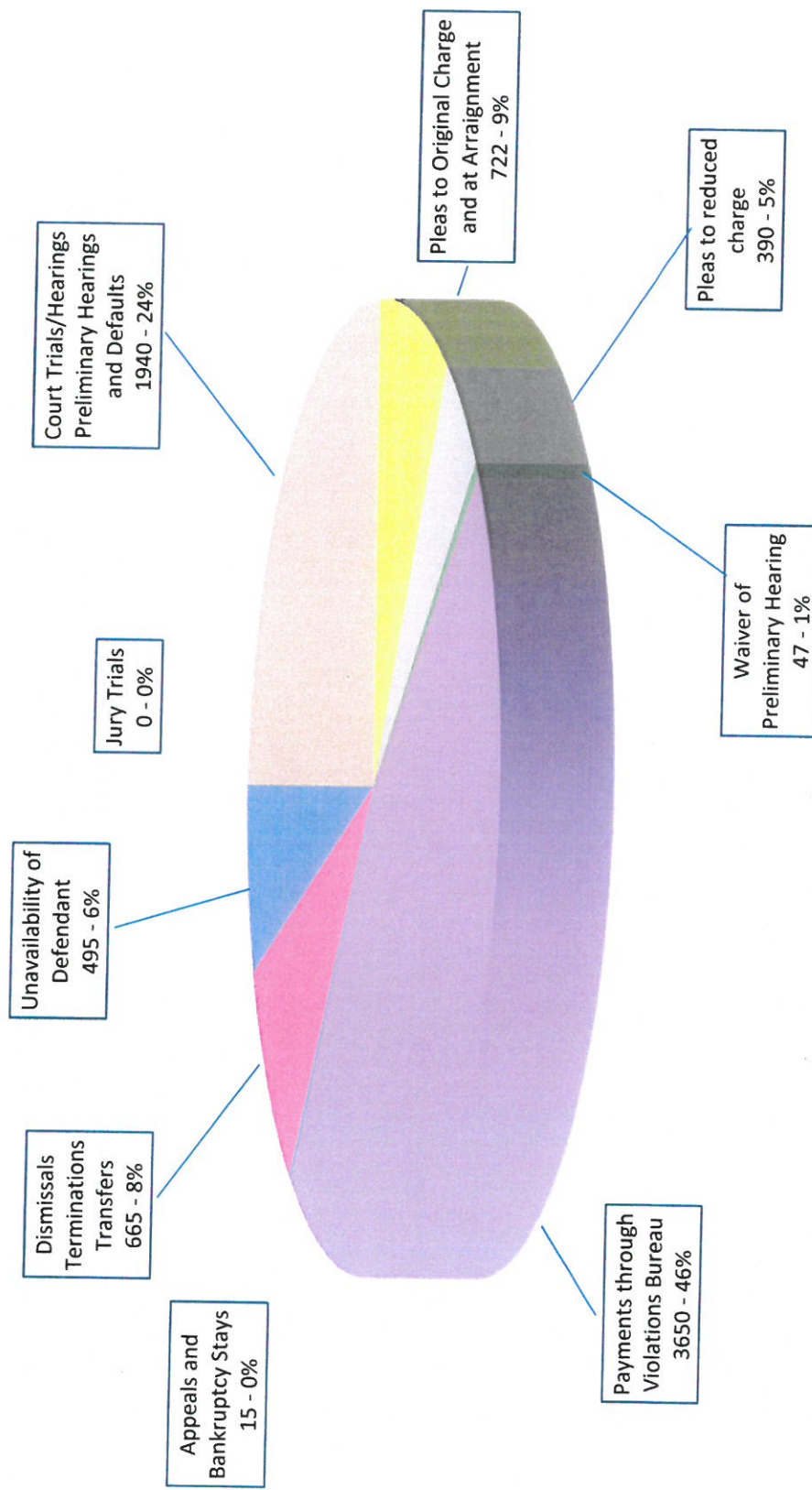
SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT
COMPARISON OF CASE DISPOSITIONS

	2014	2013
FELONIES		
Preliminary Hearing Held	6	9
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	47	42
Dismissals (including at Prel. Hrg.)	73	98
Unavailability of Defendant	1	8
Plea to reduced charge	2	4
Total	129	161
CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS		
Jury Trials	0	2
Court Trials	255	206
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	272	299
Pleas (to reduced charge)	236	380
Payment through Violations Bureau	110	147
Dismissals	120	203
Unavailability of Defendant	153	104
Appeals	0	4
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	1146	1345
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials	25	16
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	158	182
Pleas (to reduced charge)	49	39
Appeals	0	0
Dismissals	10	4
Unavailability of Defendant	14	15
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	256	256
OTHER TRAFFIC		
Jury Trials	0	0
Court Trials	505	31
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	292	661
Pleas (to reduced charge)	103	90
Appeals	0	0
Payment through Violations Bureau	3540	3502
Dismissals	226	177
Unavailability of Defendant	325	373
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	4991	4834

Sidney Municipal Court
Comparison of Case Disposition
(continued)

	2014	2013
CIVIL		
Jury Trials	0	0
Trials to Court (including defaults)	1072	1,009
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	15	15
Dismissals/Other Terminations	196	444
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0
Total	1283	1,468
SMALL CLAIMS		
Hearings (including defaults)	77	112
Transfers to Civil Docket	0	3
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	0	2
Dismissals/Other Terminations	40	61
Transfer to Another Court		0
Total	117	178
TOTALS FOR ALL CASES		
Jury Trials	0	2
Court Trials/Hearings/Prel. Hrgs./Defaults	1940	1,383
Pleas (to original charge & at arraignment)	722	1,142
Pleas (to reduced charge)	390	509
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	47	42
Payment through Violations Bureau	3650	3,649
Appeals/Bankruptcy Stays	15	21
Dismissals/Terminations/Transfers	665	990
Unavailability of Defendant	495	489
Total	7924	8,227

2014 COMPARISON OF CASE DISPOSITION



2014 JUROR STATISTICS

FIRST TERM (1-1-14 through 4-30-14)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200	
Removed by Jury Commission:		15 (8%)
Returned by Post Office:		5 (3%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:		46 (22%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	28	
Medical Reasons	14	
Occupation	4	

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

SECOND TERM (5-1-14 through 8-31-14)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200	
Removed by Jury Commission:		17 (9%)
Returned by Post Office:		11 (5%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:		10 (5%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	8	
Medical Reasons	1	
Occupation	1	

JURORS AVAILABLE TO SERVE SECOND TERM: **162 (81%)**

THIRD TERM (9-1-14 through 12-31-14)

Number of Jurors Pulled by Jury Commission:	200	
Removed by Jury Commission:		16 (8%)
Returned by Post Office:		18 (9%)
Excused Based on Questionnaire Information:		28 (14%)
Moved out of Jurisdiction	15	
Medical Reasons	7	
Occupation	6	

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

TOTAL NUMBER OF JURORS DRAWN FOR 2014: **600**

TOTAL NUMBER OF JURORS AVAILABLE FOR 2014: **434 (72%)**

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, Mike Martz, Crystal Barton, James Vogel, and Lindsey Byers. Following are the departments with each of their statistics.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

TOTAL DEFENDANTS PLACED ON PROBATION IN 2014

Payment Plans	476
Reporting Probation	1,097
	1,573 total

72 – HOUR INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Successfully Completed	71
Unsuccessful Completion	19
Pending	36

DRUG/ALCOHOL OR MENTAL HEATH EVALUATIONS ORDERED	142
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PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED	241
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ALTERNATIVE SERVICE PROGRAM

Defendants completing program for Fines & Community Service	238
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IN HOUSE ALCOHOL/DRUG SCREENS

Tests Completed	287
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LICENSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Successful Completion	234
Unsuccessful Completion	100
Pending	74

BASIC SUPERVISION

EMHA

Successful Completions	12
Unsuccessful Completions	4
Active Probation	13

ANGER/RAGE PROGRAM

Successful Completions	26
Unsuccessful Completions	6
Active Probation	23

PARENTING CLASSES

Successful Completions	0
Unsuccessful Completions	0
Active Probation	1

OUT PATIENT COUNSELING

Successful Completions	31
Unsuccessful Completions	7
Active Probation	33

IN-PATIENT TREATMENT FACILITIES

Successful Completions	0
Unsuccessful Completions	0
Active Probation	0

GED

Successful Completions	2
Unsuccessful Completions	0
Active Probation	2

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Active Probation	6
Successful	2
Unsuccessful	3

CSB

Successful Completions	6
Unsuccessful Completions	3
Pending	2

ALCOHOL MONITOR

Successful Completions	22
Unsuccessful Completions	7
Pending	6

CCA GRANT PROGRAM

TOTAL DEFENDANTS PLACED ON "IN LIEU OF JAIL" PROGRAMS IN 2014

58

Males

Successful Completions	15
Unsuccessful Completions	12
Pending	15

Females

Successful Completions	5
Unsuccessful Completions	6
Pending	5

ANGER/RAGE CONTROL PROGRAM

Successful Completions	4
Unsuccessful Completions	1
Pending	4

PARENTING CLASSES

Successful Completions	0
Unsuccessful Completions	0
Pending	1

OUT-PATIENT COUNSELING

Successful Completions	10
Unsuccessful Completions	13
Pending	20

GED

Successful Completions	0
Unsuccessful Completions	1
Pending	1

ALCOHOL MONITOR

Successful Completions	2
Unsuccessful Completions	1
Pending	1

EMHA

Successful Completions	2
Unsuccessful Completions	1
Pending	0

BAILIFF DEPARTMENT

PAPERS SERVED

Subpoenas	511
Summons	420
Writs of Restitution from Evictions	18
Garnishments	12

PRISONERS TRANSPORTED TO/FROM JAIL

Females	230
Males	789
Total	1019

PROBATION WARRANTS (OUT OF COUNTY PRISONER PICKUPS)

36

VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT

Females	31
Males	47
Total	78