2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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DATA - JAN. 1 - JULY 30, 2015

- Felony: 178 reports; 132 cases; 260 charges;
  - Circuit court: 775 scheduled events, 8 jury trials.
- Misdemeanor: 476 reports; 378 cases; 455 charges;
  - District court: 2,499 events scheduled, 2 jury trials, 229 felony hearings.
- Probate - 58 juvenile criminal petitions: 46 misdemeanor, 12 felony; 21 abuse/neglect cases.

2015 TRIAL SUMMARY

- 7 felony jury trials (Circuit Court) - 7 guilty verdicts.
- 2 serious misdemeanor trials - 2 guilty verdicts.
- 3 bench trials, 1 jury trial for probate court - child abuse and neglect - 4 successful outcomes.

FINANCIAL ESTIMATES OF RECENT JURY TRIALS

- Budget for trials - witnesses $4,500; maintenance $1,500; office supplies $2,000.
- Murder - $2,500;
- CSC against 12 year old - $2,000;
- Assault with attempted rape - $1,000.

UPCOMING JURY TRIALS

- 6 misdemeanor jury trials between August - November.
- 4 Felony trials between September - November.

ONGOING PRIORITIES

- Address substance abuse issues in our community;
- Victim rights and victim services;
- Staff development and continued education.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- Drug related cases: 182 charges, 137 cases (280 by year end). 2 felony jury trials. Up 20%.
- UPSET coordination and HST drug interdictions.
- SAVE council member and community awareness.
- Abuse and neglect - 46 children placed out of home.

ISSUES RELATED TO DRUGS

- Drugged driving
- Child abuse/neglect
- IV drug use
- Changing drugs: Heroin, buprenorphine, LSD, DMT, Ecstasy.
- Drug trafficking
- Medical marijuana

Victim Services

- Serious crimes against women and children: Murder, Aggravated indecent exposure, aggravated a&b; CSC.
- SAVE counsel and relationship with Tricounty Safe Harbor.
- Pro-active involvement
- Training opportunities and creative service.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- All attorneys have been attending specialized trainings and involved in community outreach.
  - Training: 1st year prosecutor boot camp; Visual Trial School; UP Prosecutor round table; State Prosecutor Conferences, DHS abuse and neglect.
  - Community Outreach: Task Force against substance abuse, Drug Awareness poster contest, Truancy task force, Delta Force.
- 3/4 support staff have also attended PAAM training.

CREATIVE SERVICES

CHARLES

1st Canine Advocate in the Upper Peninsula.

Canine Advocate Program (CAP)

www.capmich.org

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- Providing trainings - legal updates to law enforcement;
- Bay college intern/resource;
- Transition to more paperless systems;
- New jail outreach and development;
- Judicial reduction outreach.