
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.
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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.
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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.
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UPCOMING JURY TRIALS

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

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

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