



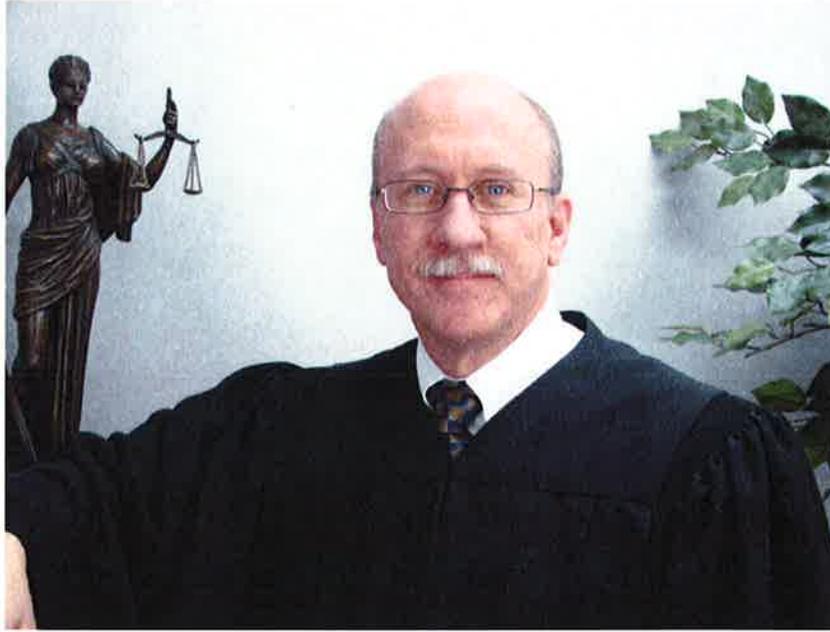
2011 Probate/Juvenile Court Annual Report

Washington County, Ohio

*Honorable Timothy A. Williams
Courthouse Annex, Marietta, Ohio 45750*

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I present to you the 2011 Annual Report of the Washington County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, for your information and use.

This report contains information on the Court's cases, services, and programs provided to the citizens of Washington County.

If you have any questions concerning any information contained in this report, please feel free to contact Rae Ward, Court Administrator.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Williams, Judge



WASHINGTON COUNTY PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT

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Judy McAteeDeputy Clerk/Juvenile
Melody ZimmermanProbation Officer
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Kristi MettlerProbation Officer
Justin GregoryProbation Officer
Matt TulliusProbation Officer

PROBATE COURT

Judge Timothy A. Williams serves as the Probate Judge for Washington County. The position is an elected, non-partisan office with a six-year term. He was first elected in February 1997.



Judge Williams is a 1984 graduate of Ohio Northern University law school. He served as an associate editor of the Ohio Northern University Law Review. After graduation, he entered private practice from 1984 through 1997. From 1989 to 1997 he also served as the Juvenile Court Magistrate for Washington County.

As Probate Judge he hears the following types of cases: estates, guardianships, trust, adoptions, mental commitments, wrongful death, minor settlements and name changes. The Court also issues all marriage licenses for Washington County.

While most Probate Court records are open to the public, Ohio law closes records pertaining to mental illness and adoptions.

The Court maintains the following records that are open to the public during business hours:

- Estates, Guardianships, Trusts, Misc. 1789 to present
- Marriage 1789 to present
- Birth and Death 1867 to 1908

The Judge and his staff are dedicated to serving the public in a professional manner. While the staff of the Probate Court is prevented from practicing law, all efforts are made to help the public within the constraints of the law.

The day-to-day operation of the Court, including supervision of all employees, is managed by the Court Administrator, Rae A. Ward. If you have questions or concerns about the operation of the Court, please contact Ms. Ward at (740)373-6623 Ext. 253.

PROBATE COURT CASES FILED

TYPE OF CASE	TOTAL
Adoption of Minor Child	16
Adoption of Adult	0
Miscellaneous Civil Proceedings	13
Admission of Will without Estate Filing	3
Full Estate Filings	197
Filing Will Only (no estate)	13
Summary Release of Estate	55
Release of Estate	59
Ohio Estate Tax Filings	57
Disinterment of Body	0
Conservatorship	0
Guardianship of Incompetent	34
Guardianship of Minor	1
Marriage Licenses Issued	406
Mental Illness	49
Minor's Settlement	6
Name Change	10
Registration of Birth/Correction of Birth Record	3
Transfer of Structured Settlements	2
Trusts	12
Wrongful Death Settlements	8
Search Warrants Issued	49
TOTAL FILINGS FOR 2011	993

JUVENILE COURT

Judge Timothy A. Williams as the Probate Judge also serves as the Judge of the Juvenile division for Washington County.



Attorney Mark Kerenyi serves as the full-time Magistrate for the Juvenile Court. He was appointed by Judge Williams on March 1, 2004, to help handle the caseload of the Court.

Magistrate Kerenyi is a 1990 graduate of Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He was in the private practice of law from 1996 to 1998. From 1998 to 2004, he served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Washington County prior to joining the Court.

Together, the Judge and Magistrate hear the following types of cases: abused, neglected, dependent, unruly and delinquent children, juvenile traffic offenders, custody, visitation, parentage, child support actions, and cases charging adults with failing to send children to school and contributing to the delinquency or unruliness of children.

To monitor the behavior of the children that the Judge and Magistrate place on probation, the Court has a juvenile probation staff consisting of five (5) full-time probation officers.

The Court also operates the Washington County Juvenile Center, a residential treatment and rehabilitation program for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, which lasts an average of six months. The Center can accommodate 25 children in the program.

The day-to-day operation of the Court and Juvenile Center, including supervision of all employees, is managed by Court Administrator, Rae A. Ward. If you have questions or concerns about the operation of the Court or the Center, please contact Ms. Ward at (740)373-6623 Ext. 253.

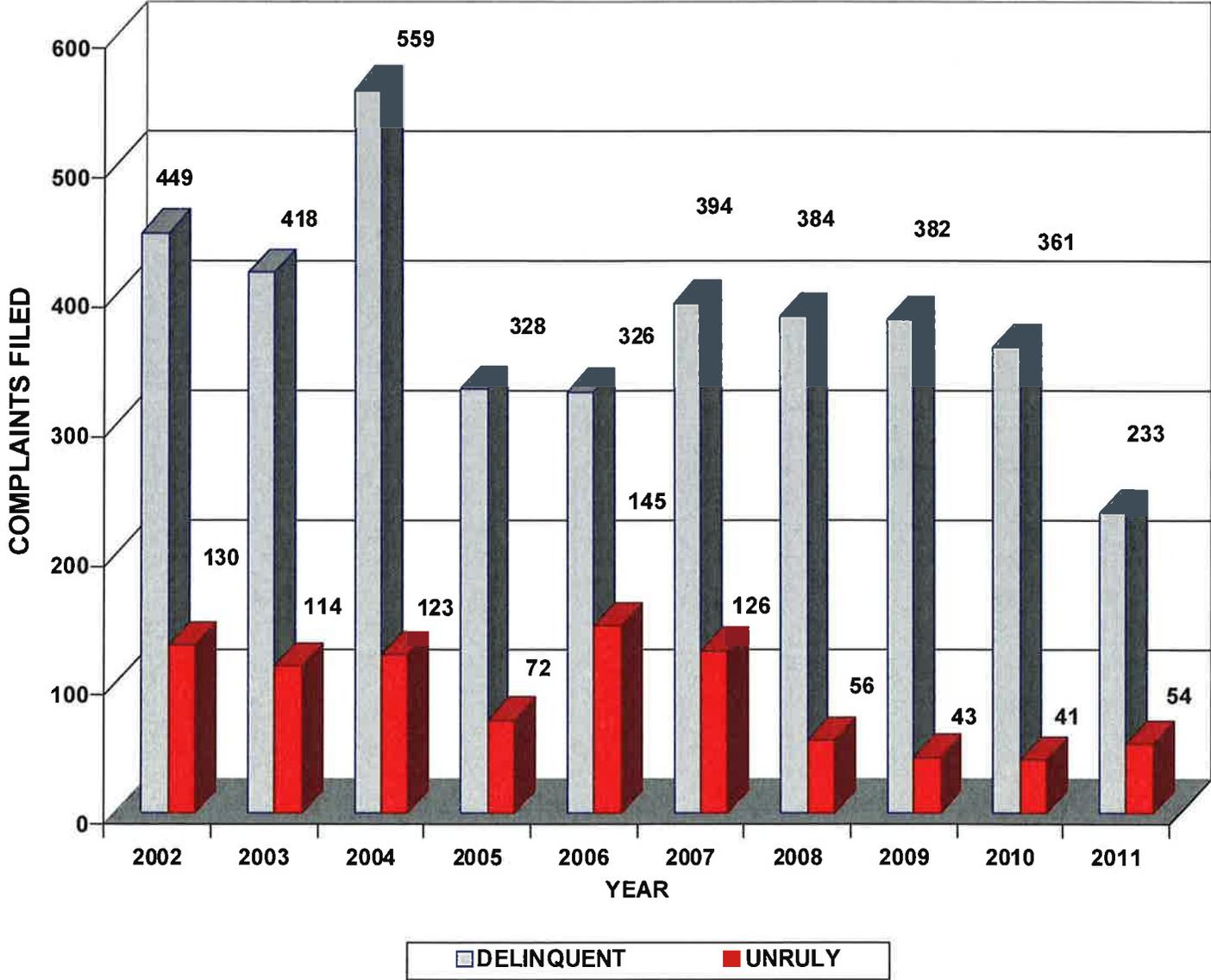
JUVENILE COMPLAINTS FILED

TYPE OF CASE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Delinquency (Juvenile Crimes – 208) (Truancy – 25)	186	47	233
Probation Violations	30	11	41
Unruly (School Truancy - 28) (Parental/School Unruly - 26)	22	32	54
Traffic	203	134	337
Tobacco Offenses	1	1	2
Abuse and Neglect	n/a	n/a	49
Custody	n/a	n/a	106
Permanent Custody	n/a	n/a	4
Paternity	n/a	n/a	4
Child Support Action	n/a	n/a	125
Juvenile Marriage	n/a	n/a	0
Complaints against Adults – Contributing	n/a	n/a	5
Complaint against Adults – Failure to Send Child to School	n/a	n/a	64
TOTAL COMPLAINTS FOR 2011			1024

Of the above cases, 6 delinquency and 6 unruly were handled informally.

An **informal complaint** is a complaint which is handled by the Court in an informal administrative hearing by a probation officer rather than a formal court hearing. These complaints generally involve children who are coming to the Court for the first time and involve less serious offenses.

10 YEAR HISTORY OF DELINQUENT AND UNRULY COMPLAINTS



TOP 20 OFFENSES

Committed by Delinquent Children

NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	TOTAL COMMITTED
1	Underage Drinking	46
2	Delinquent by School Truancy	25
3	Theft	22
4	Assault	18
5	Drug Offenses	16
6	Criminal Damaging	13
7	Disorderly Conduct	11
tie	Domestic Violence	11
tie	Breaking and Entering	11
10	Vandalism	9
11	Obstruction of Official Business	8
12	Sex Related Offenses	6
tie	Criminal Mischief	6
14	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	5
tie	Weapons Violation	5
16	Safecracking	3
tie	Tampering with Coin Machine	3
18	Criminal Trespass	2
tie	Burglary	2
20	Attempted Murder	1

TOP 15 TRAFFIC OFFENSES

NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	TOTAL COMMITTED
1	Speed	120
2	Seat Belt	48
3	Failure to Control	41
4	No Operator's License / License Violation	27
5	Assured Clear Distance	22
6	Failure to Yield	18
7	Stop Sign / Red Light Violations	17
8	Left of Center/Lane Violations	9
9	Drunk Driving	7
10	Unsafe Vehicle	6
11	Failure to Display Plates	4
tie	Reckless Operation	4
tie	Improper Backing	4
14	Passing School Bus	1
15	Hit Skip	1

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Probation staff makes regular contact with the children, parents, schools, agencies and others involved with the children to assist them in making positive changes in their lives.

The Probation department monitors youth placed under Court supervision. The department's goal is to provide a community based corrections program with consistent sanctions geared toward altering behavior.

Probation officers see that probationers comply with Court orders by assisting the youth in accepting personal responsibility for their actions.

The Court has five probation officers. These five officers supervised a total of 258 children in 2011.

111 Youth were placed on probation during 2011

69 male: 62%

42 female: 38%

A total of 258 Youth were supervised on probation in 2011, including 147 from previous year

41 probation violations were filed in 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Program is a valuable and constructive dispositional option. The program has proven to be a positive way that juveniles can take responsibility for their actions. Youth are ordered by the Court to perform a specific number of community service work hours serving non-profit organizations in the community.

The Court monitors the progress of the children to ensure successful completion of court ordered community service hours.

In 2011, juvenile offenders provided a total of ***7,859 hours of volunteer work*** for various non-profit agencies in the community.

Based on minimum wage, the ***community received \$58,156*** in donated labor and services from these offenders.

RESTITUTION PROGRAM

The Juvenile Court Restitution Program provides a dispositional option for youth committing personal property crimes where restitution is appropriate. The program's goal is to assure that responsibility for behavior rests with the youth. It is also intended to obtain compensation for the victim.

Juvenile offenders who can make monetary restitution to their victim are ordered to pay the victim under the supervision of the probation staff.

In 2011, juvenile offenders were ***ordered to pay a total of \$2,661.19*** to their victims. A total of ***\$890.96 was collected*** and paid out for past and present restitution.



WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

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Vacant	Superintendent
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Stephanie Galati	Senior Case Manager
Niccole Burkhart	Case Manager
Mary Summers	Medical Coordinator
Lorraine Rammage	Administrative Assistant
Peggy Shiflett	Bookkeeper
Sue Lane	Teacher
Erika Copley	Teacher
Kendra Whittekind	Teacher's Aide

WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

Mission

The Washington County Juvenile Center is a residential rehabilitation facility for youth committed by the Juvenile Judge. All young men and women in residence at the Center are between the ages of twelve and eighteen at the time of admission. The Center can accommodate 15 boys and 10 girls in the residential rehabilitation program.

The Center's mission is to provide a safe, structured environment where a delinquent youth receives professional help and support through a behavioral modification program to address the problems causing the negative behaviors. The Center challenges the residents to modify their behaviors by changing the way they think. The program emphasizes positive reinforcement and focuses on improving the child's behavior, academics, and emotional and mental well-being.

The Washington County Juvenile Center is operated under guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Center is inspected by the Department each year and meets all state requirements.

WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

Program Highlights

- *Rehabilitation plan prepared by child and family team consisting of child, parents, probation officer, case manager, counselor, and teacher.*
- *2 case managers and 13 youth specialists work with the youth helping them achieve their rehabilitation plan.*
- *2 certified teachers and 1 teacher's aide employed through Marietta City Schools provide individualized classroom instruction on site.*
- *Professional clinical counselor on staff provides individual mental health counseling to the youth.*
- *A licensed professional counselor provides family counseling.*
- *A licensed counselor provides individual drug and alcohol counseling.*
- *Mental health services provided by Tri County Mental Health.*
- *Weekly anger management and drug and alcohol group counseling provided by L & P Services.*
- *Court ordered parenting program.*
- *Tutors that help youth with problem academic areas.*
- *Community Service performed by youth for nonprofit entities.*
- *Voluntary running club.*
- *Voluntary non-denominational church service offered.*
- *Medical, dental, and optical care provided by local providers.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER 2011 Statistics

REHABILITATION PROGRAM

ADMISSIONS:
2011 Admissions: 22
Males 15
Females 7

2010 Admissions still in Program during 2011: 9
Males 5
Females 4

Total Served 2011: 31
Males 20
Females 11

RESIDENCE:
Washington County 31
Other counties 0

OFFENSES:
Delinquent Children 31
Felonies 7
Misdemeanors 24
Unruly Children 0

Average days to complete program 211

SELTHER CARE PROGRAM

ADMISSIONS: 29
Males 20
Females 9

RESIDENCE:
Washington County 28
Other Counties 1

OFFENSES:
Delinquent Children 29
Felonies 5
Misdemeanors 24
Unruly Children 0

MISCELLANEOUS:
Average length of stay 25 days

DETENTION PROGRAM

ADMISSIONS: 1
Males 1
Females 0

RESIDENCE:
Washington County 1
Other Counties 0

OFFENSES:
Delinquent Children 1
Felonies 0
Misdemeanors 1
Unruly Children 0
Traffic 0

MISCELLANEOUS:
Average length of stay 1 day

Community Service Hours Performed: 3,030

*Based on minimum wage,
the community received \$22,422
in donated labor and services from these probationers.*

PLACEMENT OF YOUTH OUTSIDE HOME

Department of Youth Services (Juvenile Prison System)

11 Boys
0 Girls

Hocking Valley Community Residential Center (Boys only facility located in Nelsonville, Ohio)

3 Boys

Washington County Juvenile Center (Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, Marietta, Ohio)

15 Boys
7 Girls

Detention Facilities in Fairfield and Jefferson Counties

21 Boys
3 Girls

Foster Care with Washington County Children Services

10 Delinquent and Unruly children
56 Abused, Neglected and Dependent children