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**Media Release Cases**

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<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Judge - Court Room</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Agency</u>
	<u>Defendants</u>		<u>Primary Charges</u>
578696-13-CR	Corrigan, Brian J.22-A Varner, Willie	Child Victim Section	East Cleveland Police Department
<b>Media Synopsis:</b> On September 25, 2013, Varner, 18, of Cleveland, and the victim arranged to fight each other. During the fight, the victim started to get the best of the Varner. Varner stabbed the victim, who died from the stab wound to his torso. Varner entered a plea of guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter (F1), Felonious Assault (F2) and Carrying a Concealed Weapon (M1). Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m.			
<b>Future Court Action:</b>		Sentencing 1/5/2015	
582895-14-CR	McDonnell, Nancy R.17-B Starr, William V., III	General Felony	Garfield Heights Police Department
<b>Media Synopsis:</b> On February 15, 2014, Starr, 37 of Garfield Heights, sexually assaulted the female victim. The victim met Starr through an online dating site and after meeting in person, engaged in consensual sexual activity with him. When the victim attempted to leave, Starr allegedly forced the victim to engage in non-consensual sexual activity. On November 13, Starr entered a plea of guilty to Gross Sexual Imposition (F4) and Abduction (F3). Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.			
<b>Future Court Action:</b>		Sentencing 1/5/2015	
588753-14-CR	McCormick, Timothy 20-C Purcell, Kevin	Economic Crime	CCPO - Economic Crime Investigation
<b>Media Synopsis:</b> The Cuyahoga County Grand Jury indicted a Rocky River attorney, Kevin Purcell, 61, with three third-degree felonies. The charges include two counts of Aggravated Theft in an amount greater than \$150,000, and one count of Tampering with Government Records. The charges stem from Purcell's work as a guardian, and			

later as an estate administrator, for a deceased veteran. Because the veteran had suffered from a disability, Purcell originally served as a guardian through the Cuyahoga County Probate Court. Purcell filed a false accounting with the Probate Court that concealed the fact that Purcell had taken \$262,920.24 of the deceased veteran's money for his own personal use.

After the veteran's death, his sister learned of Purcell's crimes when he failed to pay the veteran's funeral bill. Purcell told the veteran's sister that he took nearly all of the money in the deceased veteran's accounts because Purcell's business and marriage were failing, and he had a drinking problem. Purcell, 61, has been an attorney in Ohio since 1981.

On December 2, he entered a plea of guilty to Aggravated Theft (F4) and agreed to pay \$14,500 in restitution to the victim's estate and to resign from the law practice. The restitution amount represents the 10% fee that the victim's estate was charged by the bonding company, which covered the loss from Purcell's thefts.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

**Future Court Action:** Sentencing 1/5/2015

577847-13-CR

Corrigan, Brian J.22-A

Economic Crime

U.S. Postal Service - USPIS

Gordon, Artrice | Gordon, Wanda Sanchez | A.W. Consulting Group | Foreclosure Home Assistance | Global Home Rescuers | Ohio Home Relief | Home Savers

**Media Synopsis:**

Artrice Gordon, 46, and his wife Wanda Sanchez Gordon, 47, operated a scam in which they mailed postcards advertising foreclosure assistance for a fee. The Gordons would require a payment of \$1,500 for assisting homeowners, but did not provide any assistance. Investigators found that the couple stole more than \$400,000 from 300 victims; most lost not only the fee they paid, but also their homes.

On December 9, Artrice Gordon entered a plea of guilty to Engaging in A Pattern of Corrupt Activity (F1), Petty Theft (M1), Tampering with Records (F3), Telecommunications Fraud (F5) and Money Laundering. Sentencing for A. Gordon is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on January 5.

On December 22, Wanda Sanchez Gordon entered a plea of guilty to Conspiracy (F2), Petty Theft (M1), Tampering with Records (F3), Telecommunications Fraud (F5) and Money Laundering (F3). Sentencing for W. Gordon is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on January 14.

**Future Court Action:** Sentencing 1/5/2015

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583175-14-CR	Villanueva, Jose A. 20-A Rudd, Terrence, Jr.	Vertical Prosecution	Cleveland Division of Police
<b>Media Synopsis:</b> On October 29, 2013, in the vicinity of E. 71st Street and Chambers Avenue, Rudd, then 16, of Cleveland, fatally wounded the victim with a single gunshot to the left chest. Trial is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.		<b>Charges:</b> 2903.01(A): Aggravated Murder (x1) UF 2903.02(B): Murder (x1) UF 2903.11(A)(1): Felonious Assault (x1) F2 2903.11(A)(2): Felonious Assault (x1) F2	
<b>Future Court Action:</b>		Trial 1/6/2015	

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586586-14-CR	Gall, Steven 23-A Cooper, Patricia   Cooper, AC   Cooper, Joe	General Felony	Cleveland Division of Police
<b>Media Synopsis:</b> On May 8, 2014, members of the Environmental Crimes Task Force and other agencies executed a search warrant at 6401 Grand Avenue after receiving complaints about scrap tires, rodents and illegal dumping. Results of the search warrant revealed solid waste including scrap tires and other debris, stolen vehicles, potential air quality violations, as well as 2 malnourished dogs and 2 malnourished horses. The illegal facility was operated by AC Cooper, 64, Joe Cooper, 64, and Patricia Cooper, 60, all of Cleveland.  Trial is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.		<b>Charges:</b> 3734.03(-): Open Dumping (x5) UF 3734.05(A): Licenses and permits for solid waste facility (x1) UF 3734.81(A): Operating a scrap tire facility without a license (x1) UF 6111.04(A)(1): Acts of pollution prohibited (x1) UF 2923.13(A)(2): Having Weapons Under Disability (x1) F3 2913.51(A): Receiving stolen property (x2) F4 2913.51(A): Receiving stolen property (x1) F4 2911.13(B): Breaking And Entering (x5) F5 0959.13(A)(1): Cruelty to Animals (x6) M2	
<b>Future Court Action:</b>		Trial 1/9/2015	