



Media Release Cases

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Judge - Court Room</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Agency</u>
<u>Defendants</u>			<u>Primary Charges</u>
588482-14-CR	Collier-Williams, Cassandra 23-A	Child Victim Section	Cleveland Heights Police Department
Sylvester, Travis			
Media Synopsis: Travis, 25, of Cleveland Heights, sexually assaulted two young girls ages 7 and 9 over an eight-month period. Trial is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.			Charges: 2907.02(A)(1)(b): Rape (x6) UF 2905.01(A)(4): Kidnapping (x2) F1 2907.05(A)(4): Gross Sexual Imposition (x7) F3
Future Court Action:		Trial 10/26/2015	
593970-15-CR	O'Donnell, John P. 18-D	CODIS	Cleveland Division of Police
Brown, Joe			
Media Synopsis: Brown, 39, of Cleveland, preyed on women between 2003 and 2008 on Cleveland's West Side – often approaching his victims while riding a bicycle. The indictment charged Brown with the November 11, 2003, rape of a 17-year-old victim near West 73rd Street and Lorain Avenue; with the June 18, 2008, rape of a 23-year-old near West 92nd Street and Detroit; and with the October 6, 2008, rape of a 20-year-old near West 46th Street and Detroit. Rape kits were taken following each attack and were tested by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation as part of Attorney General Mike DeWine's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative. DNA profiles obtained from those kits matched Brown's profile in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). His indictment followed an investigation by the Cuyahoga County Sexual Assault Kit Task Force. At the time of his indictment in March of 2015, Brown was serving a four-year sentence for Felonious Assault. In that case, he attacked a 15-year-old girl in the area of West 76th Street and Detroit Avenue in 2003. On September 10, 2015, Brown entered a plea of guilty to three counts of Rape. Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.			
Future Court Action:		Sentencing 10/27/2015	

594862-15-CR

Jackson, Michael E15-D

Major Trial

Cleveland Division of Police

Akins-Daniel, Anthony A.

Media Synopsis:

On March 24, 2015, Akins-Daniels, 18, of Cleveland and Joseph Eason, 19, of Cleveland, (who was armed with a firearm), broke into a home on Walden Avenue. The homeowner fatally shot Eason during the intrusion.

On September 28, 2015, Akins-Daniels entered a plea of guilty to one count each of Involuntary Manslaughter and Aggravated Burglary.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 10/27/2015

591289-14-CR

Collier-Williams, Cassandra 23-A

General Felony

Cleveland Division of Police

Edwards, Maseru

Media Synopsis:

Edwards, 21, of Cleveland, is a founding member of the BBE/900 gang based on the west side of Cleveland. Edwards tweeted photos of himself with a handgun and making threats to the federal agents who arrested his fellow gang members.

On the day of the 2014 Cleveland Cavaliers' home opener, Edwards tweeted that he was coming downtown with his gun. Federal agents were able to track, and ultimately arrest him.

On October 6, 2015, Edwards entered a plea of guilty to one count each of Attempted Participating In A Criminal Gang and Aggravated Menacing.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 10/27/2015

598195-15-CR Friedland, Carolyn B. 20-D

Major Trial

Shaker Heights Police Department

Ward, Derek

Media Synopsis:

On January 24, 2015, Ward, 45, of Cleveland, fatally struck the victim with his vehicle in Shaker Heights and fled the scene.

On September 21, 2015, Ward entered a plea of guilty to one count each of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Failure to Stop After Accident and Failure to Comply.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 10/28/2015