

Media Release Cases

Future Court Action:

Case Number	Judge - Court Room	<u>Unit</u>	Agency		
	<u>Defendants</u>		<u>Primary Charges</u>		
596335-15-CR	Matia, David T. 17-D Diaz, Pedro J.	Child Victim Section	Cleveland Division of Police		
	Media Synopsis: Diaz, 68, of Cleveland, sexually assaulted multiple you three to 12 years old. Trial is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.	ng victims whose ages range from	Charges: 2905.01(A)(4): Kidnapping 2907.02(A)(1)(b): Rape 2907.05(A)(4): Gross Sexual Imposition 2907.07(A): Importuning 2907.21(A)(3)(a): Compelling Prostitution	(x6) (x4) (x2) (x1) (x3)	F1 F1 F3 F3 F3

Trial 11/2/2015

596253-15-CR

Gallagher, Shannon M.17-A

Child Victim Section

Westlake Police Department

Waters, Cheryl | Waters, William, III | Waters, Heather

Media Synopsis:

William Waters, 39, of Westlake, is accused of raping seven juvenile females between 1999 and 2014.

After one of victims reported the sexual assaults to the Westlake Police Department in June of 2014, William Waters fled to Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Cheryl Waters, 62, of Westlake, aided him in his flight from law enforcement and has pled guilty to one misdemeanor count of Obstructing Justice.

William Waters was apprehended in October of 2014 in Fort Smith, Arkansas by US Marshals with numerous electronic devices and items of child pornography in his possession.

Heather Waters, 33, of Westlake, was charged with Endangering Children.

The trial of William Waters and Heather Waters is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

Charges:						
2905.01(A)(4): Kidnapping	(x3)	F1				
2905.01(A)(4): Kidnapping	(x2)	F1				
2905.01(A)(4): Kidnapping	(x4)	F1				
2905.01(A)(4): Kidnapping	(x2)	F1				
2905.01(A)(4): Kidnapping	(x10)	F1				
2905.01(A)(4): Kidnapping	(x1)	F1				
2905.01(A)(4): Kidnapping	(x1)	F1				
2905.01(A)(4): Kidnapping	(x1)	F1				
2907.02(A)(1)(b): Rape	(x2)	F1				
2907.02(A)(1)(b): Rape	(x5)	F1				
2907.02(A)(2): Rape	(x1)	F1				
2907.02(A)(2): Rape	(x16)	F1				
2907.322(A)(1): Pandering Sexually-Oriented Matter Involving a Minor	(x2)	F2				
2907.323(A)(1): Illegal Use Of Minor In Nudity-Oriented Material Or Performance	(x3)	F2				
2923.02 / 2907.02(A)(1)(b): Attempted Rape	(x1)	F2				
2907.05(A)(4): Gross Sexual Imposition	(x5)	F3				
2907.05(A)(4): Gross Sexual Imposition	(x3)	F3				
2919.22(A): Endangering Children	(x1)	F3				
2921.32(A)(1): Obstructing Justice	(x1)	F3				
2907.05(A)(1): Gross Sexual Imposition	(x1)	F4				
2907.323(A)(3): Illegal Use Of Minor In Nudity-Oriented Material Or Performance	(x5)	F5				

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569856-12-CR

Russo, Joseph D. 22-D

Major Trial

Cleveland Division of Police

Wright, Johnny W.

Media Synopsis:

On November 29, 2012, Wright, then 24, gunned down a 16-year-old male victim in an apartment building on East 140th Street in Cleveland in front of a resident and her children. Wright attempted to shoot this witness as well but had no bullets remaining in his weapon. A neighbor saw Wright putting the gun into his pants as he was fleeing the scene, and subsequently called police.

On December 14, 2012, while at his 3D court appearance, Wright attempted to escape the courtroom and was caught by Sheriff's Deputies.

On October 16, Wright entered a plea of guilty to numerous counts relating to the homicide as well as the Attempted Murder against the apartment resident. As part of the plea agreement, Wright will be sentenced to prison for between 28 and 30 years.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 12 noon.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 11/3/2015

592809-15-CR

Russo, Michael J.17-C

Major Trial

Cleveland Division of Police

Kaim, Desirae D.

Media Synopsis:

On January 6, 2015, Kaim, then 21, of Newburgh Heights, killed a 62-year-old motorist on I-490 after speeding and driving recklessly.

On October 2, Kaim was found guilty by a jury of one misdemeanor count of Vehicular Homicide.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 11/3/2015

597302-15-CR

Friedland, Carolyn B. 20-D

General Felony

Cleveland Division of Police

McFarland, Leon | Garcia, Stephen | Hezam, Waleed A.

Media Synopsis:

While working for Flexicom, McFarland, 23, of Warrensville Heights and Garcia, 33, of Garfield Heights, devised a scheme to steal over \$100,000 worth of cell phones and tablets, and sold them to Hezam, 37, of Stow.

On September 3, 2015, Garcia entered a plea of guilty to one count of Grand Theft and was sentenced to one year probation.

On October 7, 2015, McFarland entered a plea of guilty to one count of Grand Theft. Sentencing for McFarland is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on November 4.

Hezam is scheduled to go on trial for Receiving Stolen Property on November 3 at 9 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 11/4/2015

Future Court Action:

Trial 11/3/2015

595472-15-CR

Villanueva, Jose A. 20-A

General Felony

Cleveland Division of Police

Midgette, James G.

Media Synopsis:

On November 2, 2014, Midgette, 59, of Cleveland, called 911 and told the operator that he had recently been to West Africa and had been exposed to the Ebola virus.

MetroHealth hospital doctors determined that Midgette was lying, and he later admitted that he hadn't traveled to West Africa.

The total cost of services from MetroHealth was more than \$8,000, which does not include additional costs of fire and police response. Because of the nature of Midgette's claim, the hospital was forced to shut down a section of the emergency room and follow proper protocol, which left the potential for real emergencies to go unattended.

On September 23, 2015, he entered a plea of guilty to one count of Inducing Panic. Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 11/4/2015