



The Canton Municipal Court

2006 Annual Report

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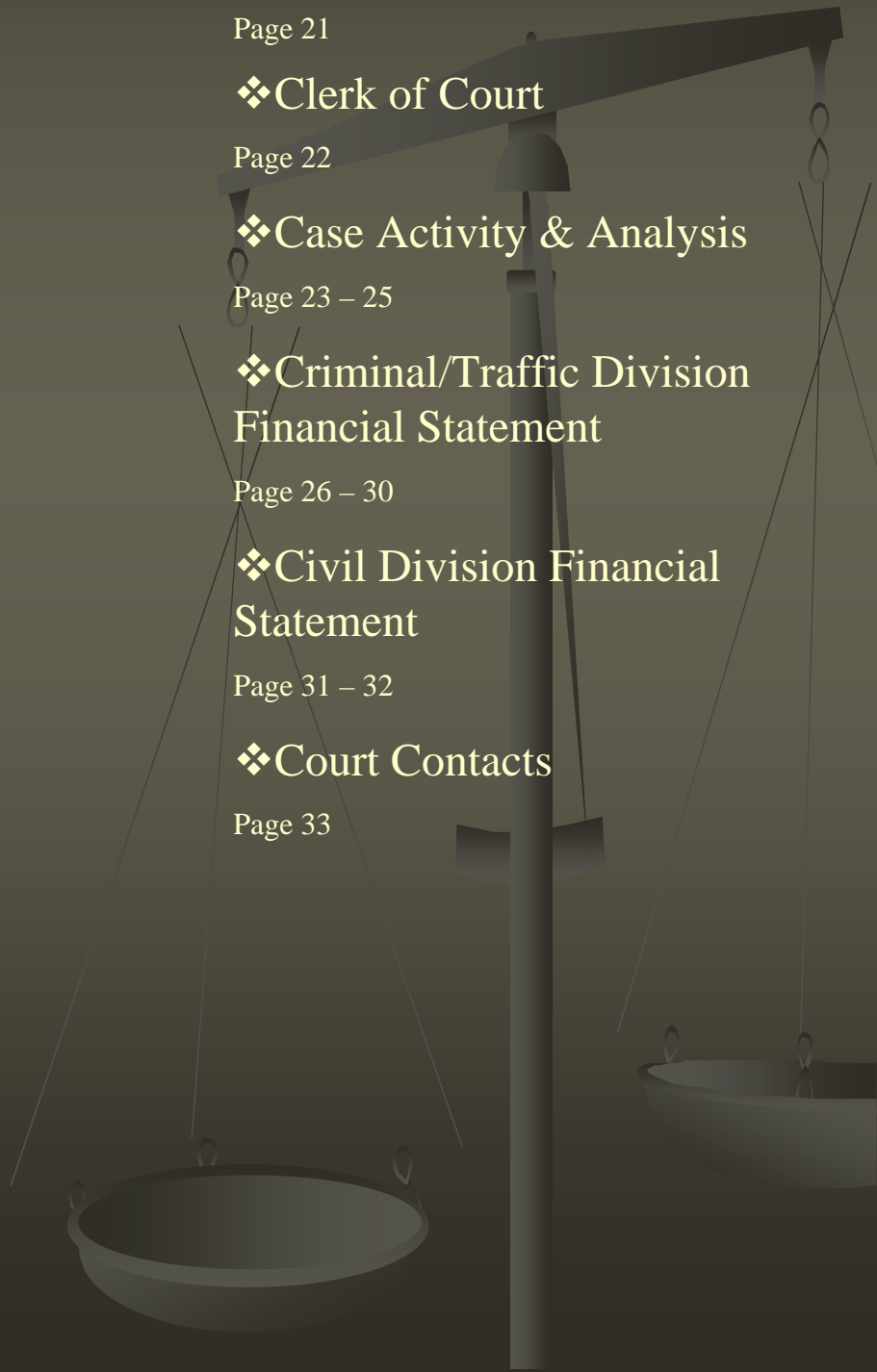
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The Canton Municipal Court

JUDGES

Honorable Mary A. Falvey
Honorable Richard J. Kubilus
Honorable John A. Poulos
Honorable Stephen F. Belden

MAGISTRATES

Taryn L. Heath
Jeremy J. Foltz

COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Michael E. Kochera

March 31, 2007

CANTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CANTON, OHIO

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
STARK COUNTY, OHIO

Dear Council President, Honorable Members, and Honorable Commissioners;

On behalf of 2006 Presiding & Administrative Judge Mary A. Falvey, Honorable Richard J. Kubilus, Honorable John A. Poulos, and Honorable Stephen F. Belden, I take this opportunity to present our Annual Report for 2006. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 1901.14(A)(4), the Court shall compile year-end reports demonstrating the number of cases heard, decided and settled, as well as data deemed necessary by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Therefore, enclosed you will find the report of all criminal and civil cases assigned, reactivated and terminated as well as all trial activity. In addition, enclosed is the Clerk of Court Financial Statement for the criminal, civil and traffic divisions for 2006.

In closing, on behalf of the Judges of the Canton Municipal Court, we would like to thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Kochera
Court Administrator

Jurisdiction & Organization

The Ohio Revised Code, Title 19, Chapter 1901 establishes and sets forth the authority and jurisdiction of the Canton Municipal Court. The Canton Municipal Court serves the Cities of Canton, North Canton and Louisville; the Townships of Canton, Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain and Sandy; and the Villages of East Canton, East Sparta, Greentown, Hartville, Magnolia, Meyers Lake, Middlebranch, North Industry, Uniontown and Waynesburg within Stark County.

The Canton Municipal Court is a limited jurisdiction court of record which has jurisdiction over any violation of City of Canton ordinance; any State of Ohio statutory misdemeanor or traffic violation; and jurisdiction to preside over preliminary hearings for felony cases committed within the geographic boundaries of the Court. Jurisdiction also includes civil matters where the amount in dispute is \$15,000 or less and for small claims cases when the claim is \$3,000 or less.

The four Judges of the Court are elected to staggered six year terms on a nonpartisan ballot. A person seeking election or appointment to the Municipal Court bench must be an attorney with at least six years of experience in the practice of law. The Governor of the State of Ohio makes appointments to fill vacancies on the Municipal Court bench that occur between elections.

The Canton Municipal Court district serves a population of better than 200,000 citizens of Central Stark County and hears more than 34,000 cases annually.

Uniontown Hartville LAKE Greentown	
North Canton PLAIN Middlebranch	NIMISHILLEN Louisville
Myers Lake CANTON City of Canton	East Canton OSNABURG
PIKE East Sparta	SANDY Magnolia

Judge Mary A. Falvey



Judge Mary A. Falvey, has served as a Canton Municipal Court Judge since January 1991. Prior to that, she was a law partner with the firm Schulman, Mestel, Falvey and Burick Co. L.P.A. in Canton, Ohio, a firm whose primary focus was civil litigation.

Judge Falvey graduated from Fairmont West High School in Kettering, Ohio. She earned her B.S.S.W. *cum laude* from the Ohio State University in 1973. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Akron in 1979.

Judge Falvey has been active in many civic and charitable organizations. She has served as a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Board from 1992 through 2000. She is a member of the Junior League of Canton, Community Advisory Board. Judge Falvey has been the district coordinator for the Ohio Mock Trial program since 1994.

Judge Falvey has served as a member of the University of Akron Law Alumni Association. She is also a member of the Stark County Community Corrections Planning Board and the Canton Municipal Court Domestic Violence Council. She is also a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Stark County Bar Association and the Municipal Court Judges Association.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, Judge Falvey worked as a social worker at Massillon State Hospital for six years.

Judge Richard J. Kubilus

Judge Richard J. Kubilus has served as a Canton Municipal Court Judge since January 1993. Prior to that time, he served as a law partner with Lesh, Casner & Miller Co. in private practice. In his private practice, he had fifteen years of trial experience involving commercial and civil litigation, real estate, business organization and family planning matters. He also served as a Plain Township Trustee from September 1990 through December 1992.

After graduating from Walsh Jesuit High School in Stow, Ohio, Judge Kubilus earned his BA *cum laude* from the University of Akron in 1974. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Dayton School of Law in 1978. He is married to his wife Linda, with one son Eric.

Judge Kubilus is active in many community and charitable organizations. He has served as a Board Member of the Community Harvest, the North Canton Rotary Club and the Stark County Bar Association. He is a former group leader of the Boy Scouts Law Explorer Post, and has served as member of the Stark County Children Services Committee, the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Committee, the United Way Allocation Committee, St. Paul's Church and the Unique Club. Judge Kubilus is a graduate of Leadership Stark County and a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Municipal Court Judges Association.



Judge John A. Poulos

Canton Municipal Court Judge John A. Poulos grew up in the southeast section of Canton, Ohio. He graduated from Hartford Grade School and Canton McKinley High School.



After graduating from high school, Judge Poulos went to work in the factory at Diebold, Inc. on Mulberry Road Southeast. Judge Poulos was a former member of Boilermakers' Local 1191. He was also able to work his way through college at the University of Akron where he received both his undergraduate degree and Juris Doctorate.

Judge Poulos was elected to the Canton Municipal Court as Judge beginning January 1, 1994. Prior to that time, he was the Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Canton Municipal Court District and a partner in the law firm of Kaschak and Poulos Co. L.P.A. Judge Poulos successfully represented the cities of Canton, Louisville and North Canton and the Townships of Canton, Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain and Sandy in his thirteen year career as a Prosecuting Attorney. He now proudly serves as a judicial representative of the above districts.

Judge John A. Poulos is the Chairman of the Canton Municipal Court Domestic Violence Council, Chairman of the Stark County Community Corrections Planning Board, Subcommittee on Community Service and the Chairman of the Stark County Bar Association, Municipal Courts Committee. He also serves as a board member of the Downtown YMCA, Community Drop-in Center and the Canton Police Advisory Board.

Judge John A. Poulos is a member of St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, member of the Canton McKinley Alumni Association, a member of the YMCA Athletic Club and a member of the Canton Ex-Newsboys' Association.

Judge Poulos is married to the former Janine Sue Richardson, who is a licensed practical nurse and a graduate of Glenwood High School.

Judge Stephen F. Belden

Judge Stephen F. Belden has been a Judge of the Canton Municipal Court since January 3, 1997. Prior to his service with the Court, he was a partner with Vogelgesang, Howes, Lindamood & Brunn in Canton, specializing in civil litigation. From 1983 to 1987, Judge Belden was a partner with Belden, Fogel & Kauser in Charleston, South Carolina.

Judge Belden, a Canton native, received his BA *summa cum laude* from Marquette University in 1976 and his Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University in 1979. He retired as a Commander in the Judge Advocate General Corps in the U.S. Naval Reserve serving on active duty from 1979 to 1983, mostly as a trial counsel (prosecutor) at the Naval Legal Service Office in Charleston, South Carolina. Judge Belden is licensed to practice law in Ohio and South Carolina, and their respective U.S. District and Circuit Court of Appeals. He is married to the former Kathleen Kerr, and the father of two children.

Judge Belden is active in many civic and charitable organizations. He is presently the President of the Board of Catholic Charities of Stark County, the Vice Chairman of the African American Community Development Corporation, a past Chairman of the Mayor's Literacy Commission, and a Trustee of the Stark County Bluecoats, an organization that provides financial assistance to the families of law enforcement officers. He is also a member of the Canton Rotary Club, the Ohio Bar Association and the Stark County Bar Association.



Court Administration



Michael E. Kochera
Court Administrator

The Judges of the Court appoint one Court Administrator to manage and oversee the operations of the Court. The Court Administrator reports directly to the Judges of the Court and is responsible for the development and implementation of all court programs, policies and procedures and the general supervision of the Court Magistrates, Probation Department, Bailiff's Office, Community Service Department, Jury Coordinator, Assignment Coordinator and related clerical, support and contract staff.

Administrative functions of the Court Administrator include: preparation and management of the annual court budget, grant management, personnel and human resource administration, contractual services, coordination of technology, procurement of equipment and supplies, facility management, review and analysis of statistical reports and departmental performance as well as liaison with local, county and state government, courts and the public.

Mr. Kochera is an Executive Board member of the Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association, a member of the Ohio Association of Court Administration, The Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections, the American Probation & Parole Association and the Stark County Corrections Planning Board. Mr. Kochera also sits on the Courtroom Record Workgroup of the Ohio Supreme Court's Advisory Committee for Technology & the Courts. He is married to his wife Kory Halter Kochera with a daughter Mallory and son Leo.

Court Magistrates

The Canton Municipal Court employs the services of two part-time Court Magistrates to undertake specific judicial duties as prescribed by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Magistrates Taryn L. Heath and Jeremy J. Foltz preside over criminal and traffic minor misdemeanor cases Monday through Friday from 8:30 am till 12:00 noon; Night Court on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm; Small Claims Court each Wednesday at 1:00 pm as well as Probable Cause Hearings at the Stark County Jail every weekend. Magistrates also conduct wage garnishment hearings, forcible entry and detainer motions (first cause of action eviction hearings) and small claims complaints requesting judgment for no more than three-thousand dollars.

All of these proceedings are docketed by a written report of the Magistrate stating their findings of fact and conclusions of law. These reports are then reviewed by a Judge of the Court who finalizes a Judgment Entry with the Judge's approval and confirmation.



Magistrate
Taryn L. Heath



Magistrate
Jeremy J. Foltz

Magistrate's Statistics

Cases Heard	2006	2005
Criminal Minor Misdemeanors	177	124
Traffic Minor Misdemeanors	5453	4918
Forcible Entry & Detainers	2187	1931
Small Claims	747	847
Contracts	5	11
Other Civil Hearings, Bank/Wage Attachment Hearings, Damage Hearings	391	878
Total Cases Heard*	8,960	8,709

*Figure represents total cases heard, not total cases filed

The Canton Municipal Court

Mary A. Falvey, Judge
Dori Christ, Administrative Asst.
Beulah Wesley, Chief Deputy Bailiff

Richard J. Kubilus, Judge
Roxanne Musisca, Administrative Asst.
Brian Hoffman, Bailiff

John A. Poulos, Judge
Eileen Shetler, Administrative Asst.
Denise Fishel, Bailiff

Stephen F. Belden, Presiding & Administrative Judge
Beth Wensel, Administrative Asst.
Timothy C. Reichel, Bailiff

Michael E. Kochera, Court Administrator
Julie Greco, Administrative Asst.

Taryn L. Heath, Magistrate

Jeremy J. Foltz, Magistrate

Jack L. Jones
Deputy Court Administrator

Lindsay Trent
Community Service Director

Victoria Hess
Assignment Coordinator

Danielle Briggs
Jury Coordinator

Senior Probation Officer
Judith Lombardi

Probation Officers
Chris Kousagan
Gary Meredith
Lauren Greenwell
Stacy Mayle
Mike Bajornas

Administrative Asst.
Deb Reichel

Probation Secretary
Sandra Reo

Deputy Bailiffs
Gino Millin
Al Leno
Jeffrey Smith

Court Security Bailiffs
Bernard H. McLeroy
Donavan S. Davidson
Jamey Sanders

Bailiff Clerk
Pamela Purses
Vacant

Community Sanctions Officers
Agatha Johnson
Nathan Deikmann

Community Sanctions Supervisors
Darl Walton
Don Beadle

Issa Allegra
Legal Research

Good Will

In an effort to give back to the community where we live and work, the Court embarked on several charitable activities and good will programs during 2006. Those efforts are highlighted below.

AMNESTY PROGRAM

During March 2006, the Court, in conjunction with the faith-based community of Greater Canton offered an Amnesty period for defendants with outstanding, non-violent arrest warrants. The program gave eligible defendants the opportunity to appear in Court, without being arrested in order to make good on their prior court-ordered obligations such as payment of fines and costs, completion of Community Service and Probation.

Despite a lower than expected turn-out, the Program was viewed as a “win-win” for those who took advantage of it. It provided the defendant with an opportunity to turn themselves in, rather than being involved in a potentially confrontational arrest in the community in order to comply with the previous Orders of the Court; allowed the Court to close cases which otherwise would remain open; and generated revenue for the City of Canton.

Program Statistics

Defendants Applied for Amnesty	114
Defendants Granted Amnesty	108
Number of Cases Involved	231
Court Costs Collected	\$79,941
Number of Cases Closed	121

ADOPT A SOLDIER

In support of our Troops overseas and recognizing their sacrifices, the employees of the Court became involved with the *Adopt a Soldier* program via www.AdoptaPlatoon.org. The employees adopted “Nathaniel” and “Ashley” both from the State of Texas and serving in Iraq. The employees send multiple care packages each month based upon the Troops needs and typically consisting of items we all take for granted each day such as instant coffee, soup mix, gatorade, foot powder, nail clippers, Q-tips and similar items. Nathaniel and Ashley correspond with the Court regularly expressing their gratitude and sharing their experiences.

Good Will

FOOD DONATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

During 2006 Judges of the Court initiated a program that permitted defendants to donate canned goods, non-perishable foods, diapers, cleaning supplies as well as pet foods in lieu of performing community service. Defendants were Ordered to purchase and deliver specified items as well as the store receipt and in turn were credited community service hours.

2,302 pounds of food items and diapers were collected and donated to the Harvest for Hunger and the Stark County Hunger Task Force as well as 6,806 pounds of pet food and cleaning supplies to the Stark County Humane Society.



ADOPT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

When the season of giving was upon us, employees of the Court stepped up and ensured that eight children in Stark County didn't wake up without gifts under the tree on Christmas morning. The Court adopted two families and gave generously in order to provide gifts to children whom otherwise would have went without. In addition to clothing and toys, the families were provided with gift certificates for area grocery stores.

CASUAL FRIDAYS

TGIF...Since Friday is typically the lightest day of the week in terms of the docket and in anticipation of the weekend, Court employees are permitted to dress in business casual attire rather than their customary shirt and ties or skirt suit in exchange for a monetary donation. The proceeds from Casual Fridays are in turn donated to a charitable or non-profit organization. During 2006 the employees donated \$916 to the Canton Domestic Violence Shelter and to the Stark County Humane Society.

Probation Department

Probation, pro-ba'-shen, n.. *The process or period in which a person's fitness, as for membership in society is tested.* American Collegiate Dictionary, 2001.

Probation supervision has evolved tremendously since 1841, when a Boston shoe cobbler named John Augustus convinced a Boston Police Magistrate to release a drunkard into his custody rather than send him to prison.

Although the primary role of the Canton Municipal Court Probation Department continues to be the community control supervision of offenders and the enforcement of court orders, there are a myriad of other vital functions the Probation Department performs. Probation Officers conduct field contacts with offenders at their homes, places of employment and at counseling and other appointments in addition to seeing offenders as frequently as weekly in the office. Probation Officers also perform random drug and alcohol testing on offenders, conduct pre-sentence investigations and expungement investigations, supervise curfew compliance and oversee the collection and payment of restitution to crime victims.

However, the role of the Probation Department is not simply enforcement. Probation Officers also serve as advocates for offenders under supervision. Probation Officers assist offenders in accessing services in the community such as counseling services, employment and vocational services, educational services, adequate housing and medical treatment services.

In an effort to further assist offenders recognize and change their poor decision-making skills, the Probation Department incorporated a cognitive behavioral curriculum known as *Thinking for a Change* for selected offenders during 2006. This curriculum is a research-based, best practice that addresses an offenders maladaptive decision making and offers pro-social alternatives and solutions and increases the offenders' awareness to them self and others.

The Probation Department, Court and Community as a whole has a vested interest in assisting offenders in the rehabilitation process in order to prevent them from becoming re-involved in the criminal justice system and consequently a further expense to the tax-paying public. Helping to provide offenders the tools necessary to become productive members of the community is the cornerstone of successful Probation supervision and intervention.

Probation Department

Restitution

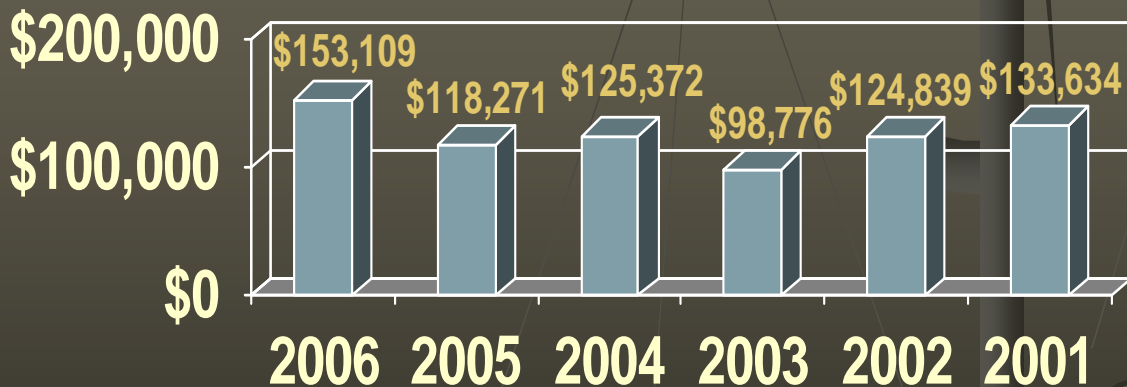


During 2006, the Municipal Court Probation Department collected a total of \$153,109 in restitution for victims of crime. This amount far exceeds amounts collected by probation departments of significantly larger jurisdictions and courts with staff designated for the collection of restitution.

Since 2001, the Municipal Probation Department has collected and distributed better than three-quarters of a million dollars (\$754,001) in restitution to victims of crime.

The Probation Department is to be commended for their continued efforts and dedication to victims of crimes.

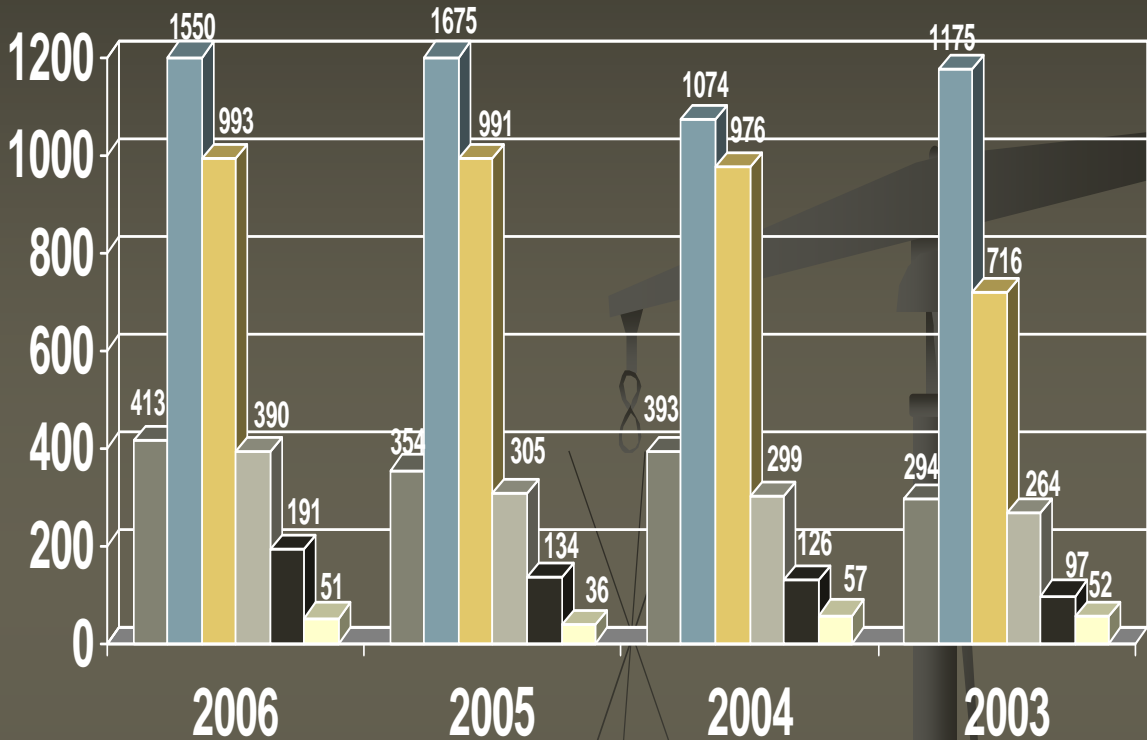
Front: Probation Officer Stacy Mayle,
Deputy Court Administrator Jack Jones,
Senior Probation Officer Judy Lombardi.
Back: Secretary Sandra Reo, Probation Officer Mike
Bajornas, Probation Officer Chris Kousagan,
Probation Officer Gary Meredith,
Probation Officer Lauren Greenwell,
Missing Administrative Assistant Deborah Reichel



■ Restitution Collected

Probation Department

Probation Case Activity by Year



- Community Control Supervision
- Monitored Cases (Court-Ordered Counseling)
- Restitution Investigations
- Supervised Restitution
- Expungement Investigations
- Pre-Sentence Investigations

Probation Department

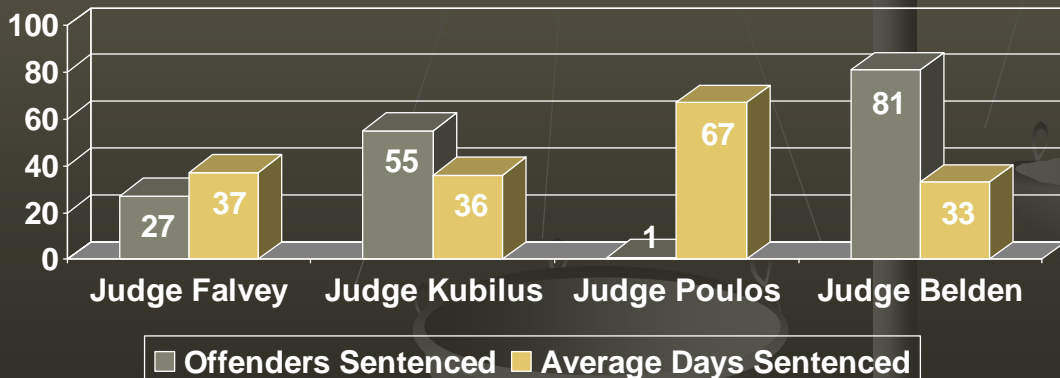
Electronically Monitored House Arrest

The Electronically Monitored House Arrest (EMHA) program utilizes an array of available technology to restrict an offender to the confines of his/her residence. The offender is outfitted with a tamper-proof transmitter, typically in the form of an ankle bracelet, which transmits on a designated frequency that monitors the offenders whereabouts. The House Arrest Officer receives up to the minute information on the offender and is able to adjust the offender's terms of confinement for counseling appointments, work privileges and other court approved obligations.

The Court also utilizes Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) monitoring. GPS monitoring allows the House Arrest Officer to have real time access to an offender's exact whereabouts via a network of global positioning satellites as opposed to simply knowing an offender is at their residence in the cases with conventional land-line House Arrest. This added technology is especially beneficial in cases of domestic violence and sex offenses where the House Arrest Officer can 'Geo-Map' areas where a victim resides and works in order to quickly detect and deter any potential contact between the offender and victim.

The EMHA program provides the Judges of the Court another valuable, community based alternative to a jail sentence, thus freeing up jail bed space for serious and repeat offenders.

During 2006, 164 offenders were sentenced to 5,686 days of house arrest and completed 5,565 days for a successful completion rate of 98%.



Community Service Department



Community Service Director

Lindsay Trent

With jail bed space a premium and reserved for serious and repeat offenders, the Community Service Department offers the Judges of the Court a community-based sanction alternative to a jail sentence for non-violent and first time offenders.

The Canton Municipal Court Community Service Department operates under the philosophy that offenders performing volunteer work service within their community not only serves to repay a wrong or debt to the community, but allows the offender to have a personal investment in the end product of a better community.

The Community Service Department has developed relationships and inter-agency agreements with several dozen charitable and non-profit organizations throughout Stark County as well as working relationships with various City Departments. The role of the Community Service Department is to screen and place offenders sentenced to community service into these sites to perform volunteer community work service. Offenders are supervised by Court Community Sanctions Supervisors or individual agency personnel or a combination of both while performing community work service.

The Community Service Department also operates its own Road Crew. Offenders sentenced to the Road Crew are directly supervised by the Community Sanctions Supervisors weekdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. While assigned to Road Crew, offenders perform litter control and other basic labor services as well as lawn maintenance and snow removal at various City properties and for the elderly and disabled within the Court's jurisdiction.



Community Sanctions Officers
Darl Walton & Don Beadle

Community Service Department



Community Sanctions Officer Agatha Johnson, Community Service Director Lindsay Trent and Community Sanctions Officer Nathan Diekmann

As cited, one of the intended purposes of the Community Work Service Program is to provide the Judges of the Court a community based sanction alternative to Jail, thus freeing up valuable jail bed space for serious and repeat offenders.

During calendar year 2006, 2,179 offenders were sentenced to 107,833 hours of supervised Community Work Service. If not for the Community Work Service Program and had those 2,179 offenders been sentenced to jail, they would have accounted for a total of 109,720 jail bed days. Those 109,720 jail bed days at the Sheriff's cost of \$80 per day, per bed translates to a potential savings of \$8,777,600.

Based on the number of community service hours completed by offenders, supervised by the Community Service Department in 2006, translated in terms of labor at minimum wage, represents a total of \$555,339.95 of labor services provided to these agencies.

Just Another Day at the Office for the Road Crew



The Road Crew and Community Service Workers deploy to the site and determine the equipment necessary to complete the job.

Following a house fire, City of Canton Fire Department and Code Enforcement call on the Community Service Road Crew at assist with the aftermath and clean up.



It's 9:30 a.m. and no shortage of work to be completed at this job site. Time to get busy.

Following three dump truck loads of debris and a lot of raking and sweeping, it's another job completed by the Community Service Road Crew.



Jury Management

Nearly half of the 34,000 cases the Court hears each year have the potential to be decided by a jury trial.

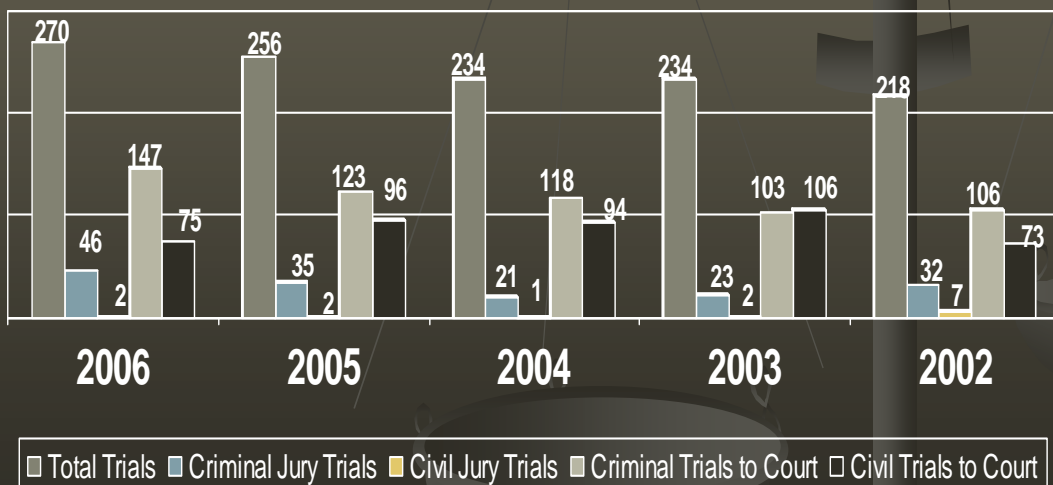
In preparation for that potential, the Jury Coordinator is charged with securing, scheduling and coordinating an ample jury pool. The Jury Coordinator obtains a random sample of registered voters that reside within the Court's jurisdiction from the Stark County Board of Elections each week in order to adequately schedule for Jury Duty. The Jury Coordinator then issues a Summons for the prospective juror to be "on-call" for one week. The prospective juror is instructed to call the automated Jury Line or check the courts website each night in order to determine if they need to appear.

The Court sincerely appreciates the jurors appearance for this civic obligation and without their commitment and participation in the process, the justice system as we know could not exist.



Danielle Briggs
Jury Coordinator

Trial Activity by Year



Administration Assistant



Julie Greco

Administrative Assistant

The Court Administrative Assistant is to the Court Administrator as the hand is to the glove, working together in nearly all aspects of the Courts work. The Court Administrative Assistant is responsible for the County and City payroll systems, serves as purchasing agent for the Court, maintains all service agreements and contracts for the Court, serves as liaison with the City and County Auditor's Offices and the Stark County Law Library, as well as assists the Court Administrator in all Human Resource matters.

Assignment Office

The Assignment Coordinator is responsible for scheduling, managing and monitoring the criminal, traffic, civil and small claims docket for the Judges and Magistrates of the Court. In addition, the Assignment Coordinator serves as Administrative Assistant to the Court Magistrates.



Victoria Hess

Assignment Coordinator

Court Information



Pamela Purses

Bailiff Clerk

Rarely is there a busier place in the Court than the Court Information Office. Besides directing the daily court traffic to their intended destinations, the Bailiff Clerk for Court Information serves as the interface between the Court and Bureau of Motor Vehicles and processes all applications for Occupational Driving Privileges for defendants with suspended drivers licenses. During 2006 the Bailiff Clerk processed 1,624 applications for Occupational Driving Privileges.

Bailiff's Office

The Bailiff's Office is composed of three separate divisions; Judicial Bailiff division, Service Bailiff division and Court Security division.

The Judicial Bailiffs serve as personal Bailiff to each of the Court's four Judges. The primary responsibilities of the Judicial Bailiffs includes maintaining security in the courtroom, the orderly flow of cases on the daily docket, completion of required case documentation and the operation of the court recording devices. In addition, during trials the Judicial Bailiffs swear in witnesses, handle and mark exhibits and record the proceedings.



Deputy Court Administrator
Jack L. Jones

Court Security

In addition to operating the X-ray screening device and magnetometer, the Court Security Bailiffs screen and search all visitors to the Court/City Hall, respond to security situations within the Court, assist in escorting prisoners and taking offenders into custody. The Court Security Bailiffs also assist the Court Magistrates in Traffic and Small Claims Court.

Each of the Court Security Bailiffs have completed the Bailiff Training Academy at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio and have been trained and certified in unarmed-self defense tactics, first-aid, CPR, use and deployment of oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray as well as emergency procedures and critical incident management.



Court Security Bailiffs Donovan Davidson, Bernard McLeroy, Jeffrey Smith and Jamey Sanders

Bailiff's Office

Court Deputy Bailiffs also provide vital and statutory services for the Court and the local criminal justice system. The Court utilizes two Deputy Bailiffs for the service of summons, subpoenas and other court papers to the general public. These official notices are served not only on behalf of the Court, but also for the City of Canton Law Department and Prosecutor's Office. During 2006, the Deputy Bailiffs served 16,115 papers and logged 33,136 accident-free miles.

Bailiff's Office Statistics		
Activity	2006	2005
Forcible Entry & Detainer	2842	2820
Judgment Debtor Exams	68	53
Show Cause, Summons, Fifteen Day Demands	948	812
Small Claims	45	34
Executions	14	10
Sales	12	5
Alias Writs	1000	905
Evictions	656	555
Subpoenas	7552	7394
Garnishments	2978	1238
Total Service	16,115	13,826



Deputy Bailiffs

Al Leno and Gino Millin

The Deputy Bailiffs are also responsible for the oversight and supervision of all evictions within the Court jurisdiction. Upon the conclusion of the court hearings and legal procedures during the eviction process, the Deputy Bailiffs serve as legal stewards to gain entry and take possession of the property on behalf of the property owners.

During 2006, the Deputy Bailiffs served 2,842 Forcible Detainers resulting in 1000 Alias Writs and 656 Evictions.

The Supporting Cast

Behind the courtroom scene, each Judge depends on their own highly trained personal staff to ensure that the events that transpire within Court, do so as efficiently and effectively as possible. These employees manage the daily docket for the Judge, prepare the necessary journal entries and orders, conduct legal research and maintain the orderly flow of cases.



Judge Falvey's Staff

Judicial Administrative Assistant Doris Christ
& Chief Deputy Bailiff Beulah Wesley



Judge Kubilus' Staff

Judicial Administrative Assistant Roxanne Musisca & Judicial Bailiff Brian Hoffman



Judge Poulos' Staff

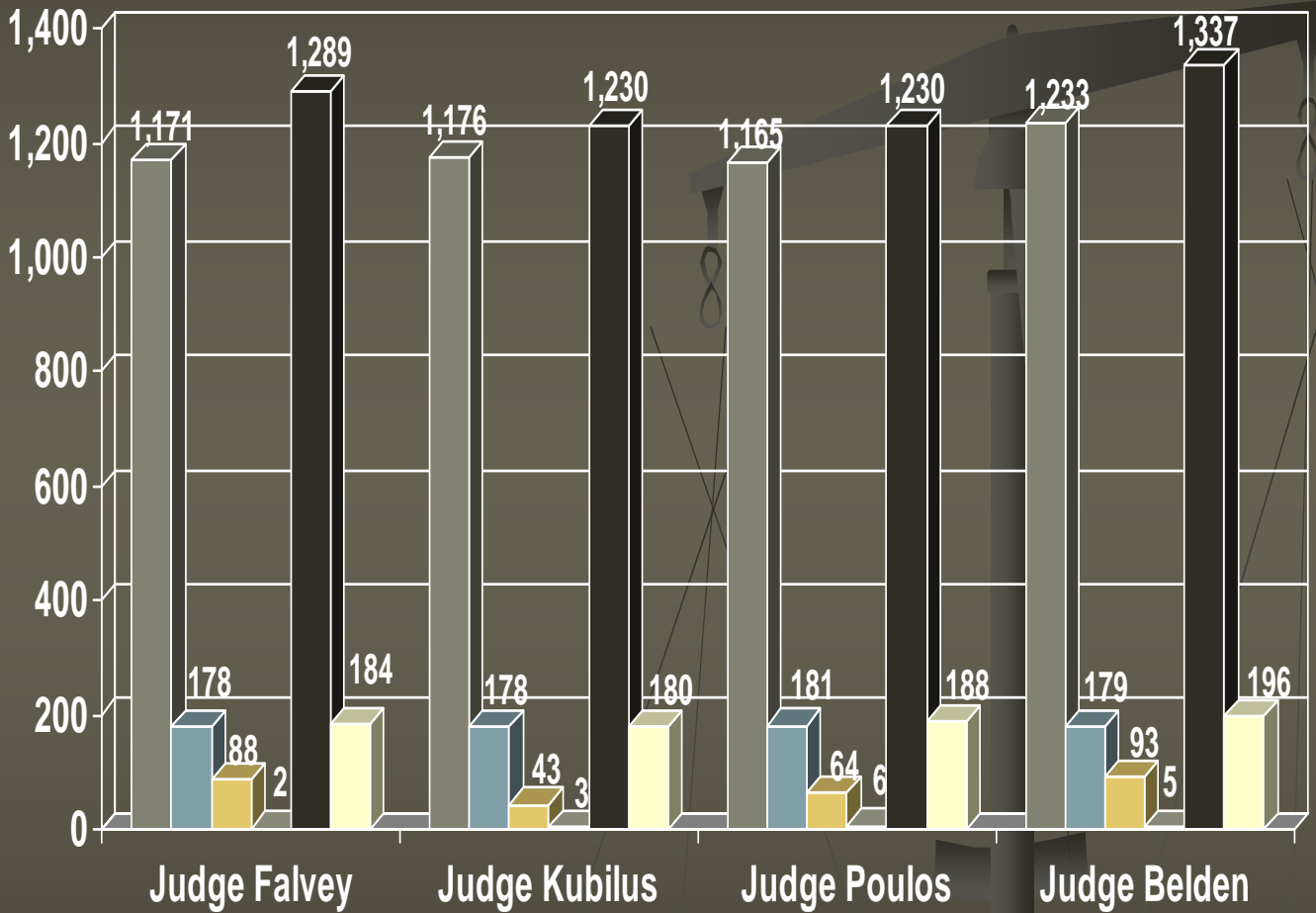
Judicial Administrative Assistant Eileen Shetler & Judicial Bailiff Denise Fishel



Judge Belden's Staff

Judicial Administrative Assistant Beth Wensel & Judicial Bailiff Tim Reichel

2006 Case Assignment & Terminations



■ Criminal Cases Assigned (4,745)

■ Civil Cases Assigned (716)

■ Criminal Cases Reactivated (288)

■ Civil Cases Reactivated (16)

■ Criminal Cases Terminated (5,086)

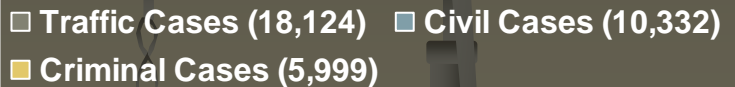
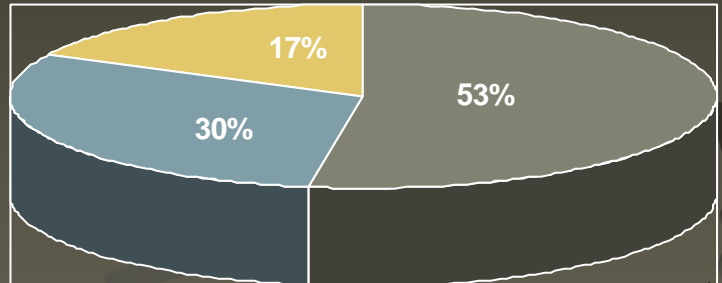
■ Civil Cases Terminated (748)

2006 Case Activity

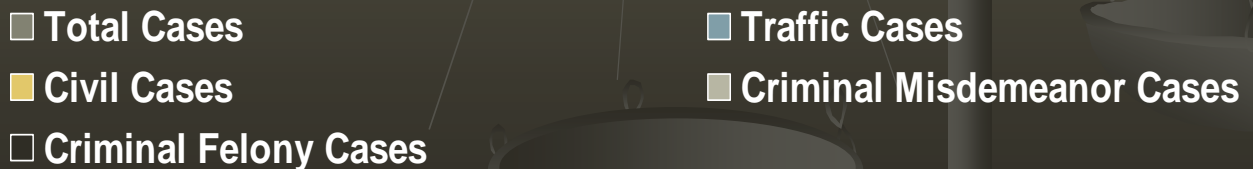
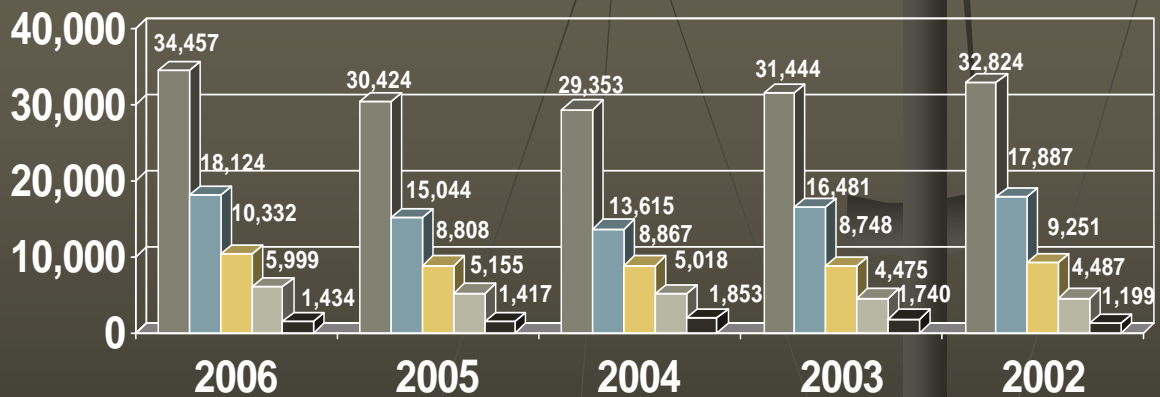
The Canton Municipal Court serves more than 200,000 residents of central Stark County. The following charts and graphs illustrate the types and numbers of cases filed in the Canton Municipal Court during 2006.

34,457 cases were filed during 2006.

Breakdown of Filings for 2006

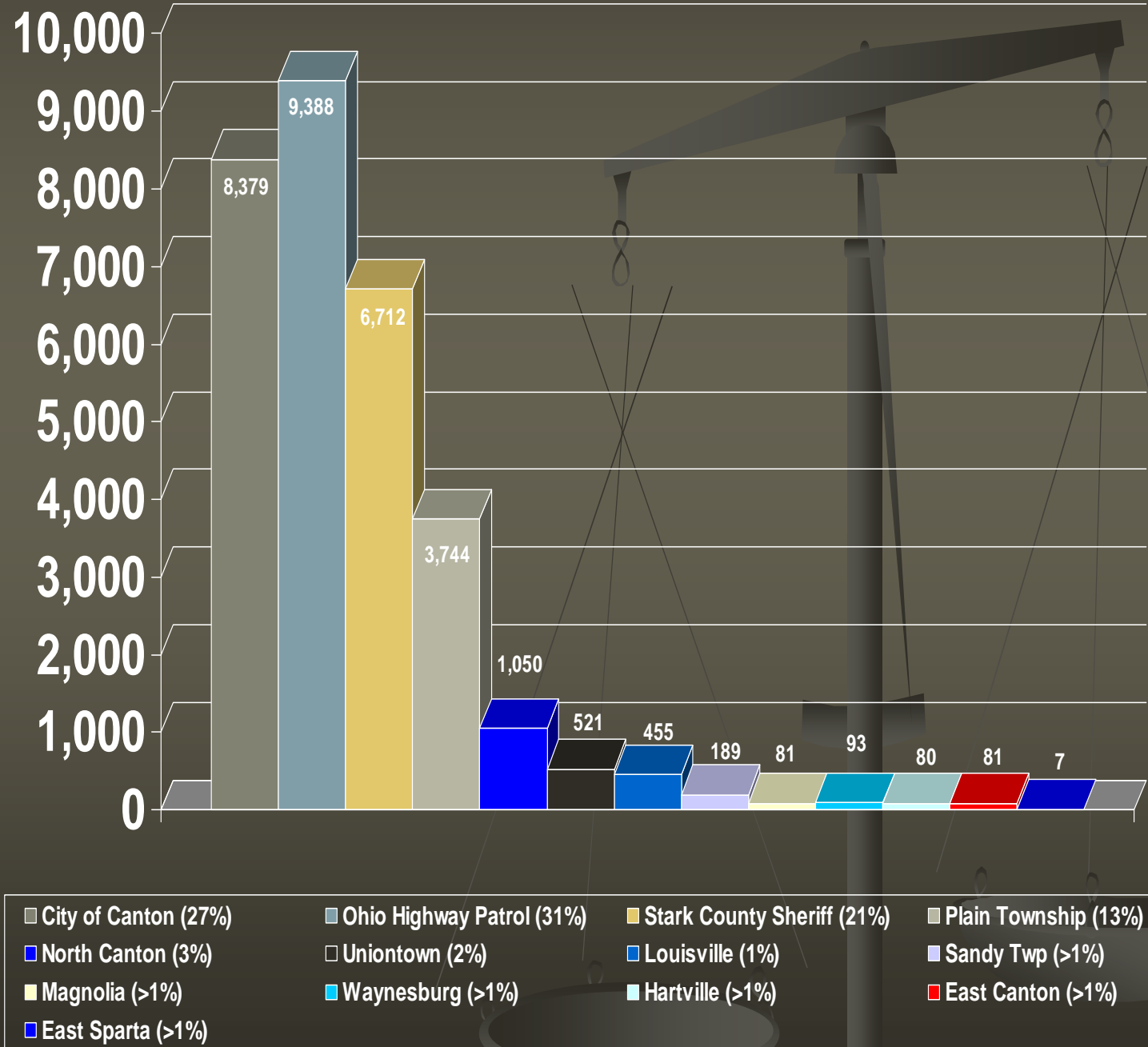


Case Comparison by Year



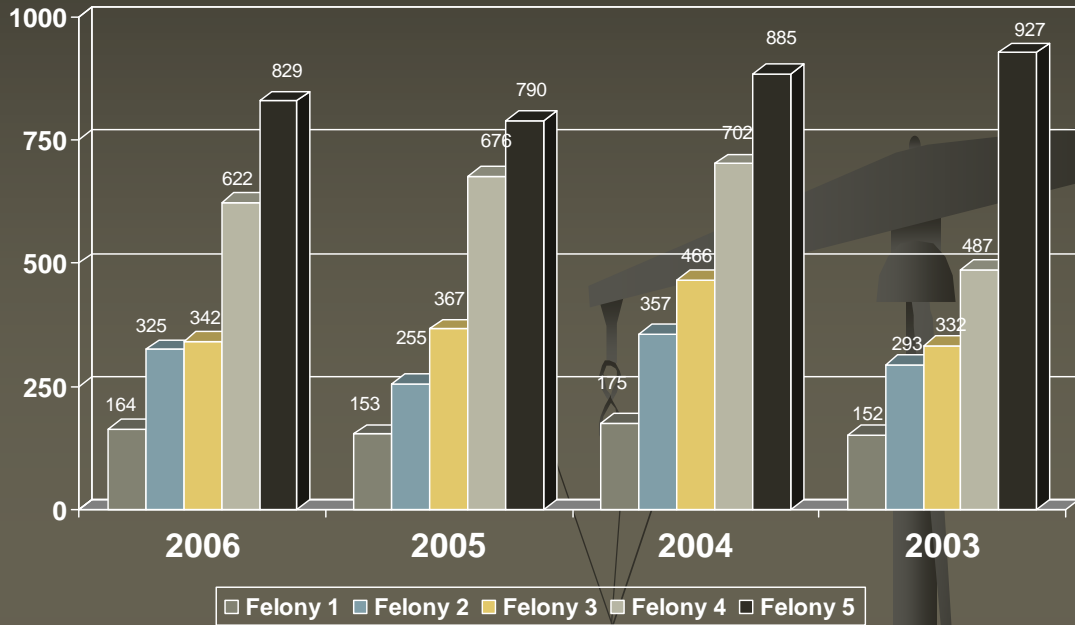
2006 Case Activity

2006 Filings by Jurisdiction

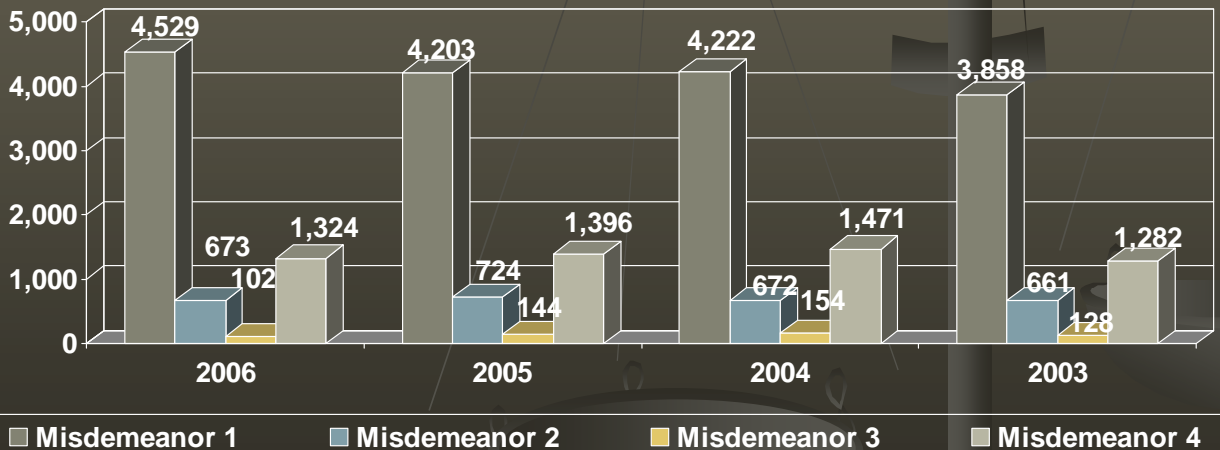


Case Comparisons

Felony Charges



Misdemeanor Charges



Clerk of Court

Tom Harmon is a lifetime resident of Stark County. He graduated from Canton Lincoln High School and immediately started a career in banking, while attending the University of Akron and later Walsh College. Tom was elected Clerk of the Canton Municipal Court in 1983 and has been re-elected four times. Tom Harmon is only the third elected Clerk since the mid 1920's.



Tom Harmon
Clerk of Court

The Clerk's Office and Court were comprised of bound books, registers and paper ledgers when Tom Harmon took office. Within a short time he completely automated the Dockets, Indexes and all financial aspects of the office. A few years later, Tom became one of the first Clerks in the State to open the Court to the public by going online with the creation of www.cantonscourt.org. Tom also participated in coordination with other elected Clerks of Stark County and joined the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). The Stark County CJIS is a combined database for the Court of Common Pleas along with the Municipal Court of Canton, Massillon, and Alliance, and is a model for the State of Ohio.

Through automation and accountability to the public, the Clerk's Office has fewer employees today than it did 20 years ago. Tom Harmon is certified by Kent State University in the Ohio Association of Municipal Court Clerks Professional Development Program. Tom resides in Stark County with his wife Carlene, is the father of one son, Lance and one grandson, Sean.

Criminal/Traffic Financial Statement

Receipts from January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Balance on Hand – 12/31/2005	47,300.95
Advance Deposits	3,344.00
Advanced Reparations & Defender Fund	34,671.00
Board of Health	2,943.00
BMV Fee	4,251.85
Capital Improvement/Special Projects Fund	143,952.35
Capital Recovery Systems	47,107.85
Capital Recovery Systems NSF	0.00
Cash Bonds	391,842.13
Child Restraint/Safety	1,414.00
City Cases – Costs	1,470,733.09
City Cases – Fines	123,005.99
City Cases – Forfeitures	550.00
Computer Fees	179,360.87
County Expungement	1,400.00
CP Costs – Stark County Clerk of Court	4,356.39
Department of Natural Resources	635.00
House Arrest and Detention	25,767.17
Indigent Fee	2,176.00
Legal Research	580.94
Liquor Law Violations	3,005.60

Mandatory Drug Violations	22,745.00
Mayor's Courts	2,097.20
Municipal Probation Services	181,271.12
NSF's Uncollectible	(5,993.80)
Overages	137.70
Probation Restitution	153,109.60
Public Defenders Fund	259,487.37
Refunds	5,760.84
Seatbelt Violations	73,593.57
Sheriff of Stark County – Sheriff Fees	5,864.65
Sheriff's Receiving/Discharge Fees	30,205.90
Stark County Treasurer – Commissioner Fund	-
State Cases – Costs	-
State Cases – Expungement	2,190.00
State Cases – Fines	483,295.96
State Cases – Forfeitures	71.00
State Highway Patrol – Fines	255,084.62
State Highway Patrol – Forfeitures	50,035.00
Telecomputer Business Service – Collections	20,566.80
Victims of Crime	157,385.84
Witness Fees	1,980.14
Total Receipts & Balance Forward	4,187,286.69

Criminal/Traffic Financial Statement

Disbursements From January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Treasurer, State of Ohio	
50% State Highway Patrol Fines	105,510.39
50% State Highway Patrol Forfeitures	25,017.50
½ Liquor Law Violations	1,502.80
Child Restraint/Safety	1,414.00
Expungement	2,190.00
Public Defenders Fund	259,487.37
Seatbelt Violations	73,593.57
Victims of Crime	157,385.84
Law Enforcement Education Fund HP	10,555.60
Highway Patrol Forfeiture-Law Enforcement Education	0.00
BMV Fee LF	4,251.85
SUBTOTAL	640,908.92

Treasurer, Stark County	
10% State Highway Patrol Fines	21,136.47
10% Forfeitures (M07)	5,003.50
½ Liquor Law Violations	1,502.80
Indigent Fund	450.00
OVI Prisoner Housing Fund HP	17,367.32
OVI Prisoner Housing Fund S1	16,975.08
OVI Prisoner Housing Fund C1	5,665.67
Expungement	1,400.00
House Arrest & Detention	25,767.17
State Cases – Fines	376,989.91
State Cases – Forfeitures	71.00
Witness Fees	1,980.14
SUBTOTAL	476,035.06

Criminal/Traffic Financial Statement

Disbursements From January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Treasurer, City of Canton	
40% State Highway Patrol Fines	84,717.84
40% Highway Forfeitures (M07)	20,014.00
Capital Improvement/Special Projects Fund	143,952.35
City Cases – Costs	1,464,432.76
City Cases – Fines	101,191.04
Less: Law Library	(8,437.00)
Total City Cases – Fines	92,754.04
City Cases – Forfeitures	550.00
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund S1	7,807.65
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund HP	9,313.00
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund C1	3,205.00
Interest Disbursed IN	
Law Enforcement Fund S1	
Law Enforcement Fund C1	
Municipal Probation Service Fund	181,271.12
Overage	137.70
City Park Fund	104.00
Computer Fees	179,360.87
Legal Research Fund	580.94
Prisoner Treatment Fund S1	2,153.20
Prisoner Treatment Fund HP	6,848.00
Prisoner Treatment Fund C1	1,390.00
SUBTOTAL	2,198,225.47

Mayor's Court Distribution	
Hartville	55.00
Louisville	353.00
North Canton	1,348.20
Waynesburg	75.00
East Canton	50.00
East Sparta	26.00
Magnolia	190.00
SUBTOTAL	2,097.20

Township Distribution	
Lake	4,883.70
Plain	26,409.73
Sandy	2,503.50
Pike	1,875.00
Stark County Law Library	35,671.22
SUBTOTAL	71,342.45

Criminal/Traffic Financial Statement

Disbursements From January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Mandatory Drug Violation Distribution

Canton Police Department	5,627.50
City of Louisville	450.00
Ohio Board of Pharmacy	7,616.30
Ohio State Highway Patrol	3,638.00
Sheriff of Stark County – Plain	1,819.20
Uniontown (Lake)	953.00
City of North Canton	1,141.00
Village of East Canton	250.00
Village of Magnolia (Sandy & East Sparta)	650.00
Village of Waynesburg	600.00
SUBTOTAL	22,745.00

Law Enforcement Education Fund Distribution

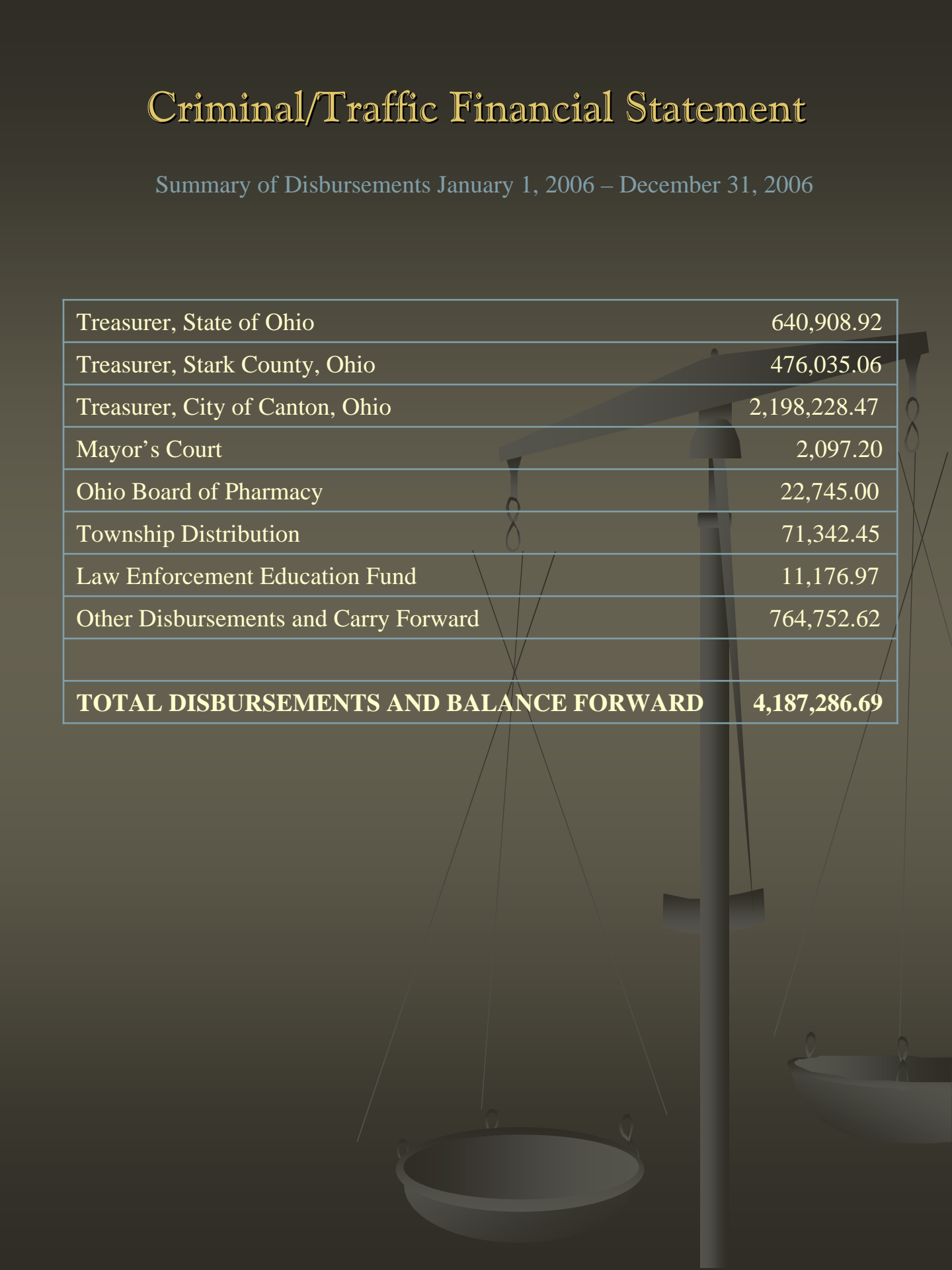
Magnolia Police Department (Sandy & East Sparta)	530.00
Canton Police Department	3,769.47
East Canton Police Department	120.00
Waynesburg Police Department	476.10
Hartville Police Department	110.00
Louisville Police Department	1,548.00
North Canton Police Department	1,577.00
Uniontown Police Department (Lake)	455.00
Stark County Sheriff (Plain)	2,523.40
SUBTOTAL	11,176.97

Other Disbursements and Balance Forward

Advanced Deposits	3,570.00
Advanced Reparations & Defender Fund	34,628.00
Board of Health – City	2,012.00
Board of Health – County	931.00
CP Costs – Stark County Clerk of Courts	4,356.39
Cash Bonds	394,503.13
Capital Recovery Systems	47,107.85
Department of Natural Resources	635.00
Probation/Restitution	152,199.55
Sheriff's Receiving/Discharge Fee	30,205.90
Refunds	5,760.84
Sheriff's Fees	5,864.65
Stark County Law Library	17,044.51
Telecomputer Business Services	20,566.80
SUBTOTAL	719,385.62
Balance on Hand 12/31/2006	45,367.00
Balance on Hand – Interest 12/31/2006	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & BALANCE FORWARD	764,752.69

Criminal/Traffic Financial Statement

Summary of Disbursements January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006



Treasurer, State of Ohio	640,908.92
Treasurer, Stark County, Ohio	476,035.06
Treasurer, City of Canton, Ohio	2,198,228.47
Mayor's Court	2,097.20
Ohio Board of Pharmacy	22,745.00
Township Distribution	71,342.45
Law Enforcement Education Fund	11,176.97
Other Disbursements and Carry Forward	764,752.62
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE FORWARD	4,187,286.69

Civil Division Financial Statement

Receipts From January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Previous Balance on Hand 12/31/2005	8,619.09	Judgments	2,307,057.06
		Jury Demand	4,200.00
		Legal Aid	237,372.96
Advanced Court Costs	1,604.00	Marriage Fees	2,300.00
Advertising	-	Money Released to Defendant	50,486.43
Agency Report	310.00	Motions	7,726.23
Appraisers	-	Overage	0.00
Bonds	1,900.00	Prepaid	655.55
Capital Improvement/Special Projects Fund	114,460.48	Rental Escrow	19,528.96
Computer Fees	114,603.00	Sheriff Fees	458.27
Court Fees	748,472.45	Towing & Storage	0.00
Excess Costs	3,303.39	Witness Fees	6.00
Full Claim	9,925.62	Unreconciled Amount	20.00
Garnishment Fees	1,219.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE FORWARD	3,634,283.49
Eviction Deposit	25.00		

Civil Division Financial Statement

Disbursements From January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Previous Balance on Hand 12/31/2005	30,861.90
Advanced Court Costs	1,677.50
Advertising	144.39
Agency Report	320.00
Appraisers	270.00
Bonds	13,984.34
Capital Improvement/Special Projects Fund	114,564.96
Computer Fees	102,595.77
Court Fees	747,970.33
Excess Costs	4,444.39
Full Claim	9,854.90
Garnishment Fees	1,276.00

Judgments	2,258,879.13
Jury Demand	6,000.00
Legal Aid	235,010.12
Legal Aid (1%)	2,373.84
Marriage Fees	2,300.00
Money Released to Defendant	88,624.73
Motions	922.96
Overage	0.00
Prepaid	-
Rental Escrow	11,643.96
Sheriff Fees	558.27
Towing & Storage	-
Witness Fees	6.00
TOTAL DISBURSMENT AND BALANCE FORWARD	3,634,283.49
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT PAID TO THE TREASURER, CITY OF CANTON	970,124.90

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