

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
ANNUAL REPORT
2007**

**HONORABLE PATRICK N. HARRIS
PRESIDING JUDGE**

**HONORABLE DAVID A. TRIMMER
JUDGE**

**SHERRY L. ECKMAN
CLERK OF COURT**

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SECTION I:

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March 30, 2008

As you will see in the attached report, 2007 was a busy year for the Court both in terms of caseload and projects. New filings continued to steadily increase for the fourth consecutive year, particularly in the Civil section. Cases terminated through trials/hearings by the judges increased over 2006, translating to more time on the bench for both judges. Cases terminated exceeded 25,000 for the second year in a row.

While issuing decisions and terminating cases are certainly desirable in the interest of caseflow, both Judge Trimmer and I are united in the belief that the role of the Court should be more than just a clearinghouse to issue decisions and determine consequences. We are both committed to a Court that delivers fair and just decisions presented in a manner that helps both plaintiffs and defendants understand the legal system, take responsibility for their respective actions and, ultimately, make better decisions in the future.

Specifically, Judge Trimmer and I have developed specialized docket programs with the ultimate goal of directing certain defendants whose drug, alcohol and mental health situations cause them to face frequent charges and court hearings to make better choices. In 2005, the Court implemented its Mental Health Court program, which continues to grow in numbers and success annually. New in 2007 was the Drug Court docket, over which Judge Trimmer presides. More in depth discussion of this specialized docket follows in this report. The existence of these specialized dockets means one afternoon per week set aside for each judge to meet with program participants and review their progress. We consider this time well spent, as these programs help to reduce jail overcrowding and recidivism, and contribute to an overall improvement in the lives of many probationers.

As our county continues to grow, so, too, does the rate of crime. Concentrated efforts to reduce recidivism and partnerships with other elected officials to use alternative methods of incarceration are two keys to keeping abreast of the trends affecting our county.

The Court wishes to express its gratitude to the Fairfield County Commissioners for their willingness in 2006 to embark on a new partnership with the Court. Increased funding by the Commissioners has allowed the Court to increase the use of Electronically Monitored House Arrest and Electronic Alcohol Monitoring Bracelets, which helps alleviate some of the jail overcrowding and in turn, reduces the potential cost of out-of-county prisoner housing.

Technology advancements undertaken with Court Special Projects and Computer Funds in 2006 continued to be carried out in 2007. Improvements such as website enhancements and the local intranet were well received by both the public and Court staff.

The Court initiated a new computer case management system for the Court in 2007. As with any new technology, there have been some hurdles associated with data transfer, training and tailoring system capabilities to specific needs. However, Court staff and the Clerk's office are working well together to ensure that the case management system works effectively.

The Court welcomed two new staff members in 2007. Halley Graham began working full-time in the Assignment Office in October and is a vital part of the efficient operation of this busy office. Jackie Long, former Administrator for Domestic Relations Court and Clerk for the Board of Commissioners, joined the team in December and is excited to be working with the Court's exceptional team of staff members.

We are privileged to have an outstanding team of professionals that work together to advance the mission of the Court. We are proud of the efficiency of our Court and look forward to another successful year in 2008!

Yours truly,

Patrick N. Harris
Presiding & Administrative Judge (2007)

Fairfield County Municipal Court Mediation Program – Annual Statistics

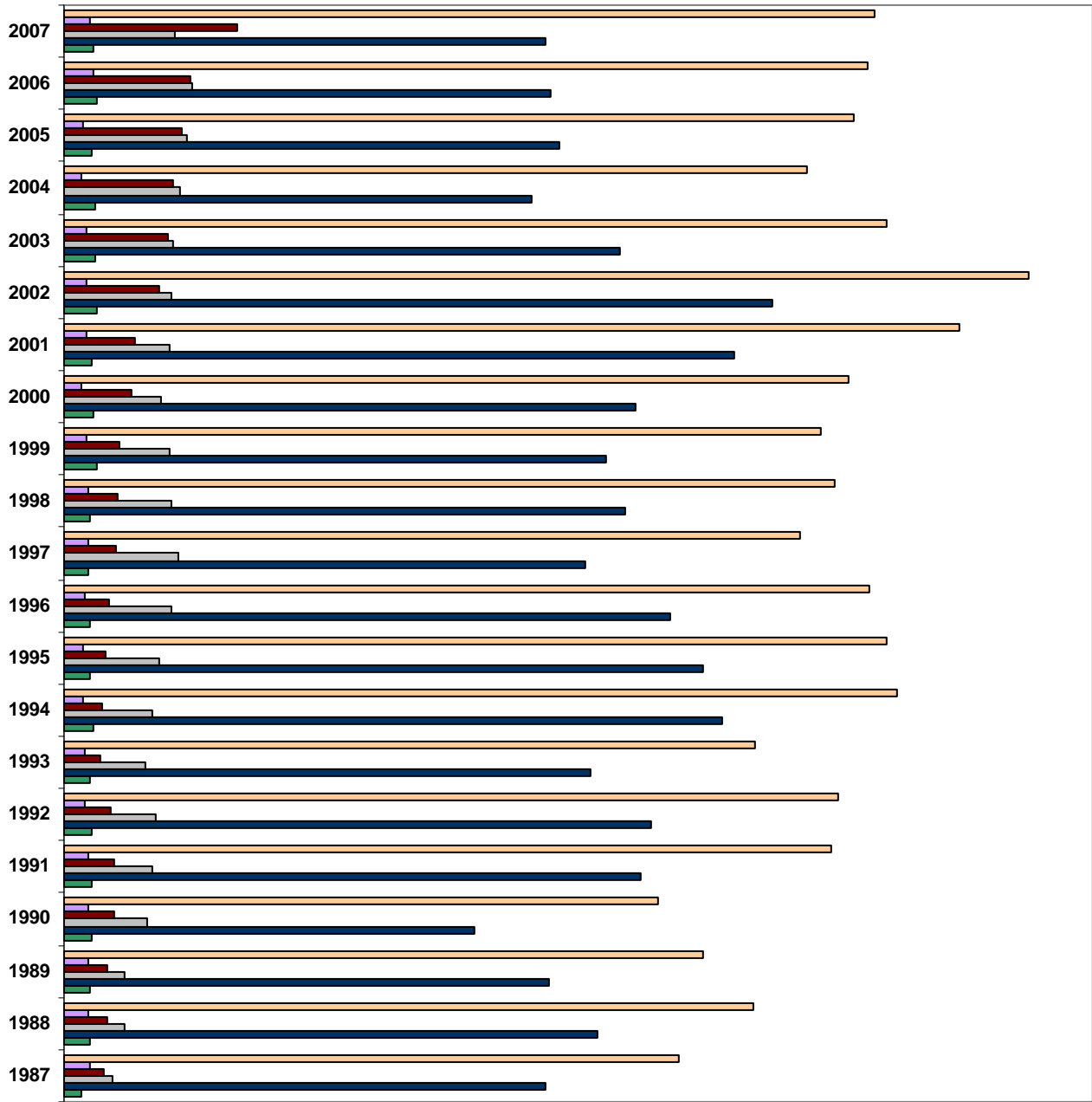
		TOTAL								
		94-'05	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Appearances	Complainant only	8725	1718	1554	1051	1657	1092	1292	1103	1266
	Respondent only	52	9	4	8	13	0	0	0	0
	Both	738	172	196	140	153	160	110	112	73
	Neither	1175	140	65	41	36	12	3	0	11
	Failure of service (Res.Address)	0	63	72	64	109	57	90	69	61
	TOTAL	10690	2102	1891	1304	1968	1321	1495	1284	1411
Settled	Prior to mediation	3971	624	602	386	479	350	449	494	624
	At	684	172	176	140	153	158	110	105	63
	Not	6035	1306	1113	778	1336	813	936	685	724
	TOTAL	10690	2102	1891	1304	1968	1321	1495	1284	1411
Rescheduled	Prior to mediation	240	2	15	2	2	26	0	1	0
	At	20	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	260	4	16	4	4	26	0	0	0
Type of case	A. Jailable offenses									0
	B. Assault	1		2						0
	C. Criminal damaging									0
	D. Menacing									0
	E. Disorderly conduct	2								0
	F. Domestic violence	2		1						0
	G. Neighborhood dispute	9	1		3					0
	H. Money due on account	3562	1021	1049	612	719	439	680	628	648
	I. Security deposit	10							3	0
	J. Damage to real property	24		3					8	0
	K. Faulty repair work	18	1	1						0
	L. Wages/salary/commission	11								0
	M. Personal injury	8								0
	N. Taxes/utilities	24								0
	O. Money lent	15								0
	P. Rent	18		1					12	9
	Q. Damage personal property	10								0
	R. Dishonored check	6602	1068	816	653	1247	875	803	633	753
	S. Damage to motor vehicle	17								0
	T. Faulty goods/service	16		1	10		2			0
U. Misrepresentation	11		1		1				0	
X. Other	330	11	16	26	1	5	12		1	
TOTAL	10690	2102	1891	1304	1968	1321	1495	1284	1411	
Results for: all cases	Percent settled at mediation		8.2	9.3	10.7	7.8	12.0	7.4	8.2	4.5
	Percent settled prior		29.7	31.8	29.6	24.3	23.4	30.0	38.5	44.2
	TOTAL		37.9	41.1	40.3	32.1	35.4	37.4	46.7	48.7
mediations	Percent of mediations resolved		100.0	89.8	100.0	100.0	98.8	100.0	93.8	86.3

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Material use summary – Fairfield County Municipal Court Mediation Program

Balance	Postage stamps			Envelopes			'What is'			Blank paper			Print Cartridges		
	Rec	Used	On Hand	Rec	Used	On Hand	Rec	Used	On Hand	Rec	Used	On Hand	Rec	Used	On Hand
		152			485			229			360			2	
27-Dec		24	128		24	461		20	209		6	354		0	2
3-Jan		30	98		30	431		26	183		11	343		0	2
8-Jan		14	84		14	417		14	169		0	343		0	2
10-Jan		27	57		27	390		24	145		7	336		0	2
17-Jan		2	55		2	388		2	143		4	332		0	2
19-Jan		2	53		2	386		2	141		4	328		0	2
24-Jan		89	-36		89	297		84	57		20	308		0	2
31-Jan	200	31	133		31	266	200	21	236		15	293		0	2
7-Feb		60	73		60	206		55	181		12	281		0	2
14-Feb		14	59		14	192		11	170		8	273		1	1
21-Feb		0	59		0	192		0	170	500	2	771		1	1
28-Feb		2	57		2	190		3	167		4	767		1	1
28-Feb		28	29		28	162		23	144		13	754		1	1
7-Mar		57	-28		57	105		53	91		10	744		1	1
14-Mar	200	13	159		13	92		11	80		7	737		1	1
21-Mar		25	134		25	67		23	57		11	726		1	1
26-Mar		23	111		23	44		23	34		11	715		1	1
4-Apr		11	100		11	33	200	8	226		6	709		1	1
11-Apr		58	42	500	58	475		54	172		8	701		1	1
25-Apr	200	20	222		20	455		19	153		10	691		1	1
2-May		18	204		18	437		17	136		9	682		1	1
9-May		33	171		33	404		26	110		11	671		1	1
16-May		48	123		48	356		46	64		8	663		1	1
23-May		27	96		27	329		24	40		6	657		1	1
30-May		16	80		16	313	200	14	226		8	649		1	1
6-Jun		15	65		15	298		11	215		7	642		1	1
13-Jun		23	42		23	275		20	195		6	636		1	1
27-Jun		31	11		31	244		25	170		8	628		1	1
4-Jul		13	-2		13	231		9	161		9	619		1	1
11-Jul	200	68	130		68	163		64	97		13	606		1	1
18-Jul		74	56		74	89		68	29		14	592		1	1
25-Jul		20	36		20	69	200	18	211		10	582		1	1
1-Aug		63	-27	150	63	156		60	151		10	572		1	1
8-Aug	200	0	173	500	0	656		0	151		1	571		1	1
15-Aug		29	144		29	627		24	127		9	562		1	1
22-Aug		40	104		40	587		38	89		8	554		1	1
29-Aug		31	73		31	556		27	62		8	546		1	1
5-Sep		51	22		51	505		49	13		8	538		1	1
12-Sep	200	13	209		13	492	200	10	203		9	529		1	1
19-Sep		48	161		48	444		45	158		10	519		1	1
26-Sep		48	113		48	396		43	115		9	510		1	1
3-Oct		0	113		0	396		0	115		0	510		1	1
10-Oct		54	59		54	342		52	63		18	492		1	0
17-Oct		23	36		23	319		20	43		10	482		1	0
24-Oct		72	-36		72	247	200	70	173	500	12	970	2	1	1
29-Oct		72	-108		72	175		70	103		10	960		1	1
31-Oct	200	42	50		42	133		38	65		9	951		1	1
7-Nov			50			133			65			951		1	1
14-Nov		58	-8		58	75		52	13		16	935		1	1
28-Nov	200	26	166	500	26	549	200	21	192		15	920		1	1
5-Dec		15	151		15	534		15	177		12	908		2	1
12-Dec		49	102		49	485		46	131		13	895		1	1
14-Dec		2	100		2	483		2	129		3	892		1	1
19-Dec		3	97		3	480		3	126		7	885		1	1
26-Dec		50	47		50	430		44	82		17	868		1	1
TOTAL	1600	1705		1650	1705		1400	1547		1000	492				

Fairfield County Municipal Court Annual Caseload Comparison



	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
■ TOTAL	14938	16741	15537	14447	18664	18801	16777	20233	19980	19578	17900	18742	18402	19072	21773	23460	19979	18073	19179	19535	19711
■ SMALL CLAIMS	634	585	589	574	588	503	514	469	472	521	589	601	536	426	530	554	555	436	460	715	645
■ CIVIL	984	1062	1045	1205	1212	121	878	930	1031	1100	1278	1288	1331	1648	1739	2304	2505	2666	2871	3073	4220
■ CRIMINAL	1179	1488	1466	2001	2160	2212	1971	2130	2307	2595	2767	2593	2581	2366	2548	2609	2647	2837	2997	3124	2680
■ TRAFFIC	11703	12964	11789	9981	14030	14272	12802	15982	15525	14719	12688	13631	13164	13898	16269	17213	13510	11378	12021	11825	11700
■ OVI	438	642	648	686	674	693	612	722	645	643	578	629	790	734	687	780	769	756	691	798	700

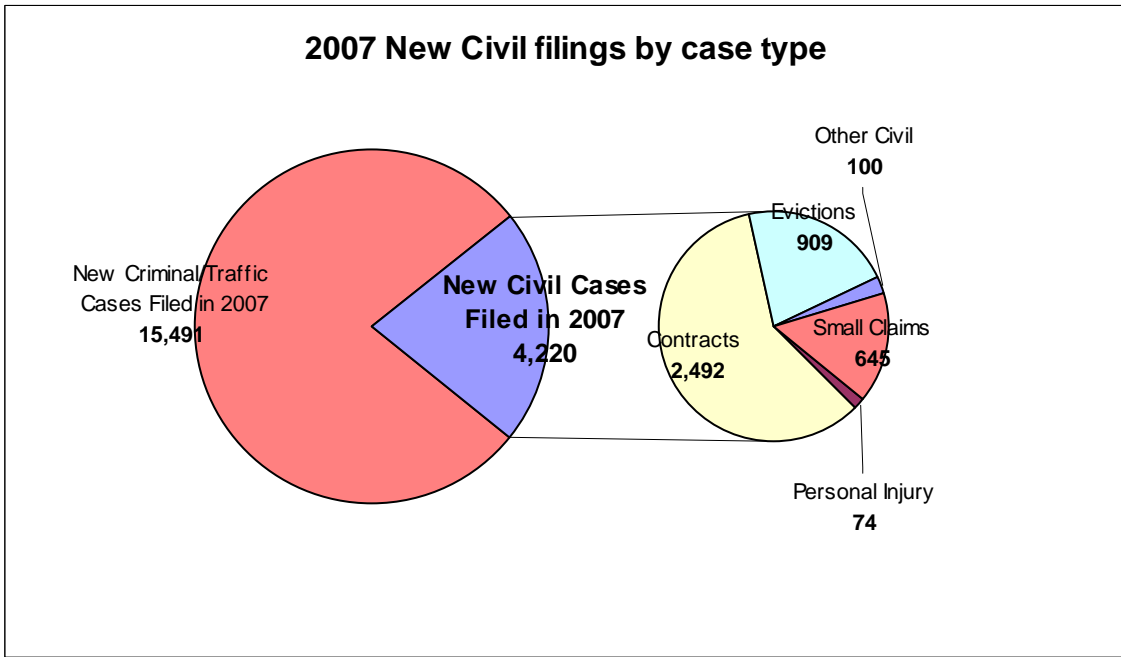
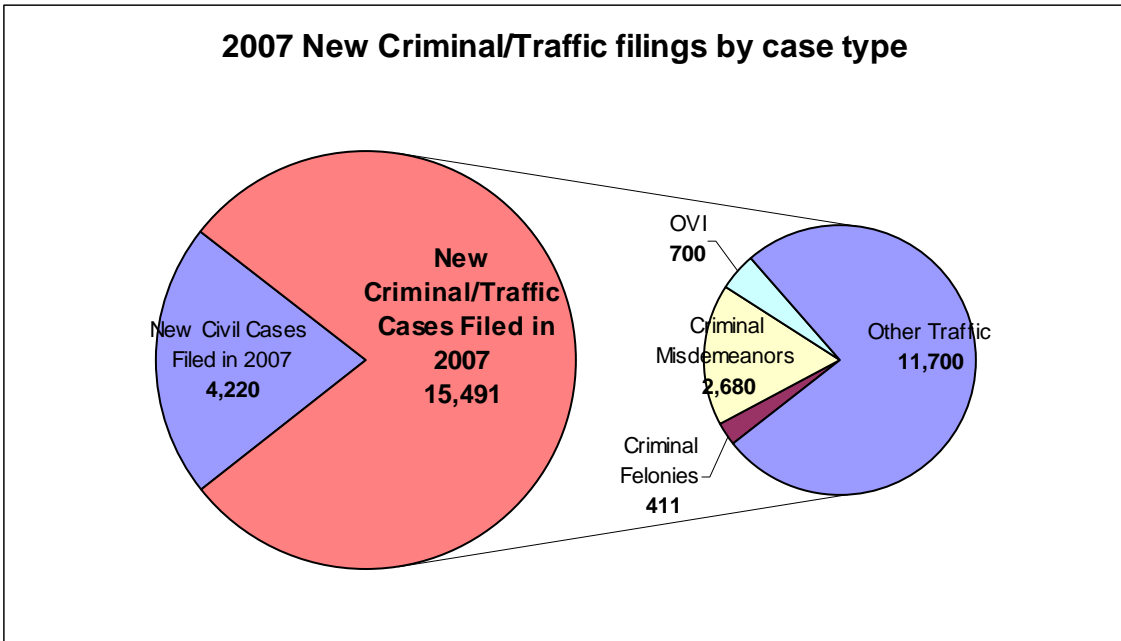
*Fairfield County Municipal Court
2007 Agency Caseload Comparison*

ABB.	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Felony</i>	<i>Misdemeanor</i>	<i>OVI</i>	<i>Traffic</i>	<i>Total</i>
BAL	<i>Baltimore Police</i>	2	33	10	201	246
BPD	<i>Bremen PD</i>	0	1	0	1	2
CPD	<i>* Carroll Police</i>	0	5	2	11	18
COLS	<i>Columbus Police</i>	3	0	0	0	3
D/W	<i>Div. of Watercraft</i>	0	17	0	0	17
DOW	<i>Div. of Wildlife</i>	0	71	0	0	71
F/W	<i>Foreign Warrants</i>	0	91	0	0	91
FCD	<i>Fairfield Dog Warden</i>	0	117	0	0	117
FCS	<i>Fairfield County Sheriff</i>	120	445	69	1257	1891
HSFC	<i>Humane Society</i>	0	4	0	0	4
LIP	<i>Lithopolis Police</i>	1	15	3	34	53
LIQ	<i>Dept of Liquor</i>	0	7	0	0	7
LPD	<i>Lancaster Police</i>	169	982	204	2160	3515
NAP	<i>Ohio Dept. of Natural Res.</i>	0	2	0	0	2
MIL	<i>Millersport Police</i>	0	0	1	25	26
OSP	<i>Ohio State Patrol</i>	16	91	360	7858	8325
P&R	<i>Parks & Recreation</i>	0	13	0	2	15
PC	<i>Private Complaints</i>	4	580	0	0	584
PCC	<i>Private Complaints - City</i>	0	101	0	0	101
PPD	<i>* Pickerington Police</i>	60	82	43	131	316
REY	<i>* Reynoldsburg Police</i>	35	15	5	2	57
SUG	<i>Sugar Grove Police</i>	1	8	3	18	30
TAX	<i>Ohio Dept of Tax</i>	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Total</i>	411	2680	700	11,700	15,491

- *City or Village with a Mayor's Court*

2007 New Case Filings

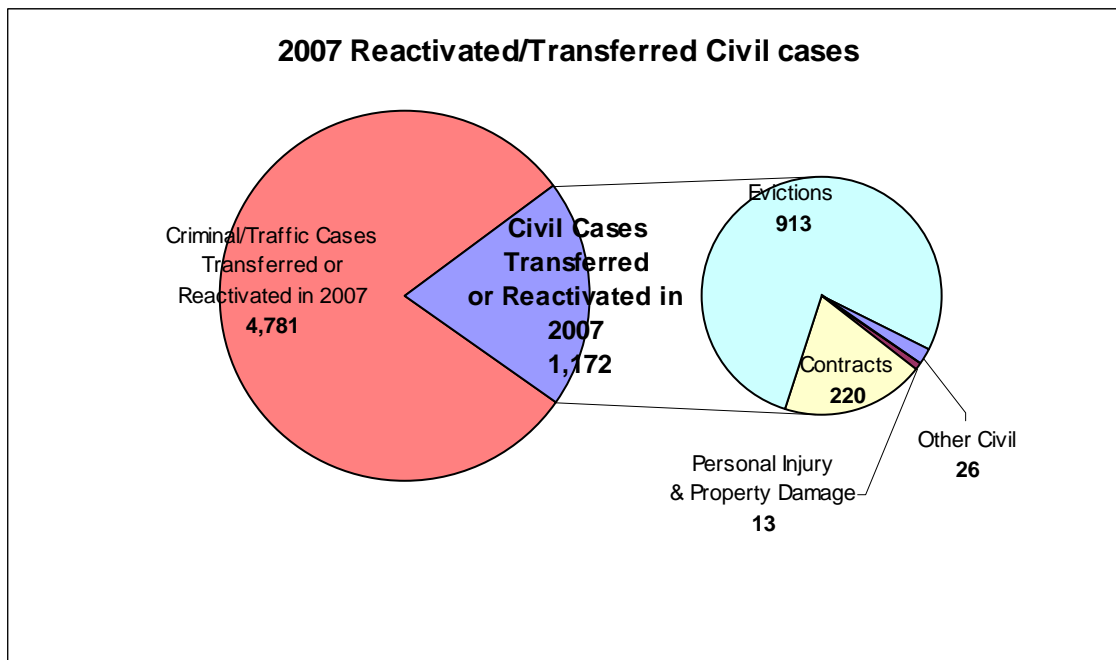
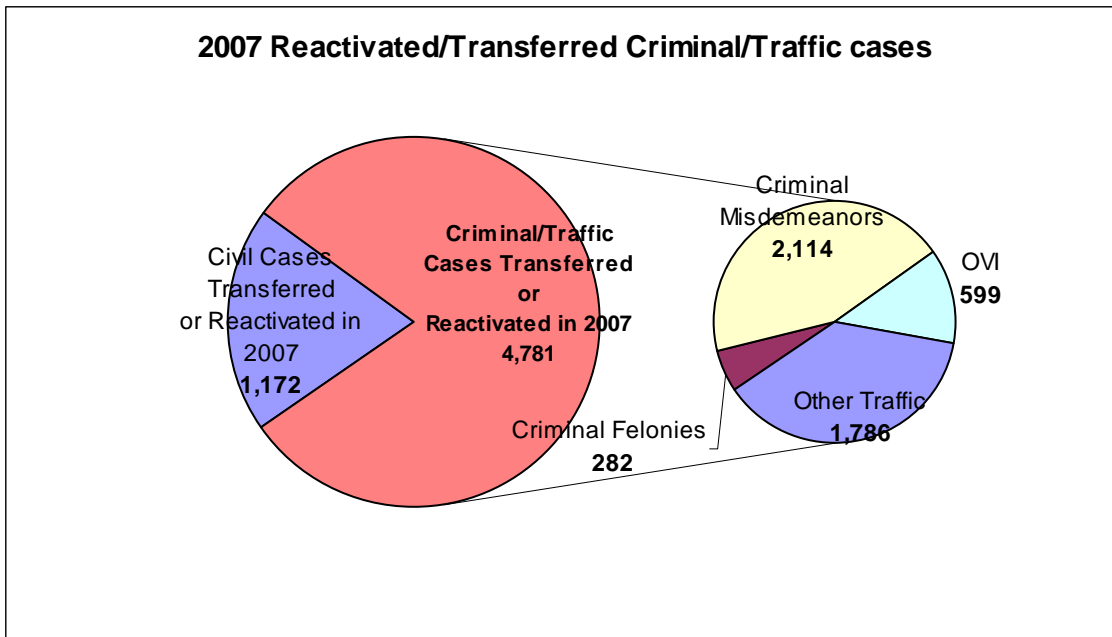
In addition to the new cases filed in various categories, the Court's caseload for 2007 also included 2,152 cases pending as of January 1, 2007.



2007 Reactivated / Transferred Cases

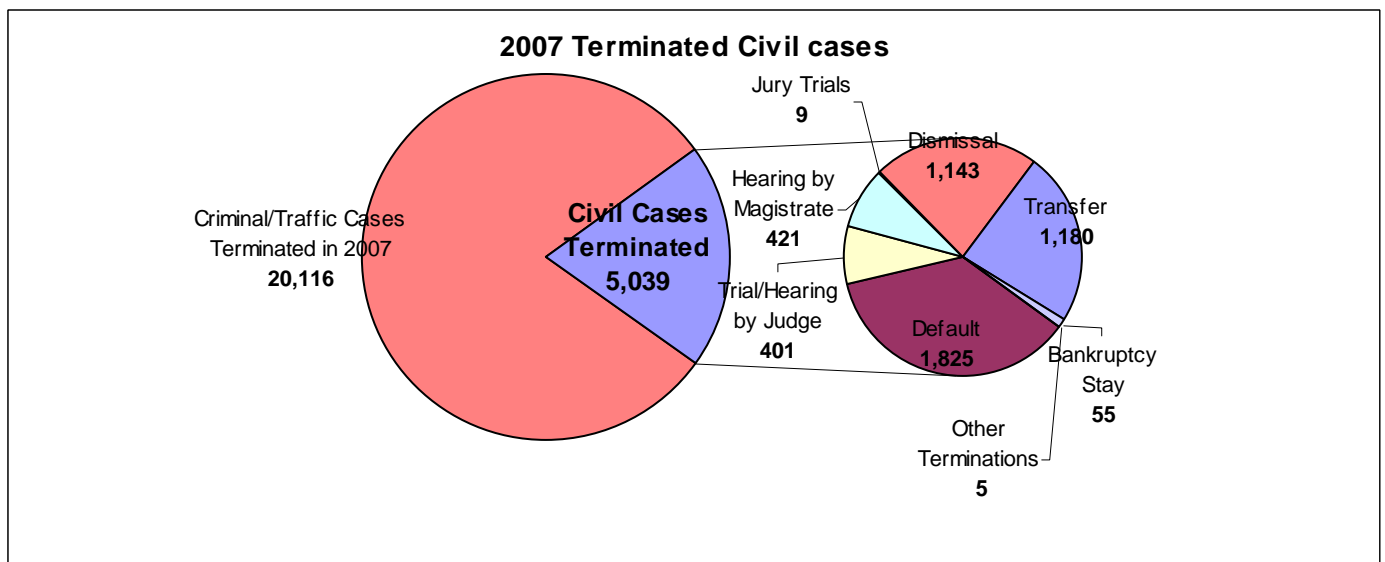
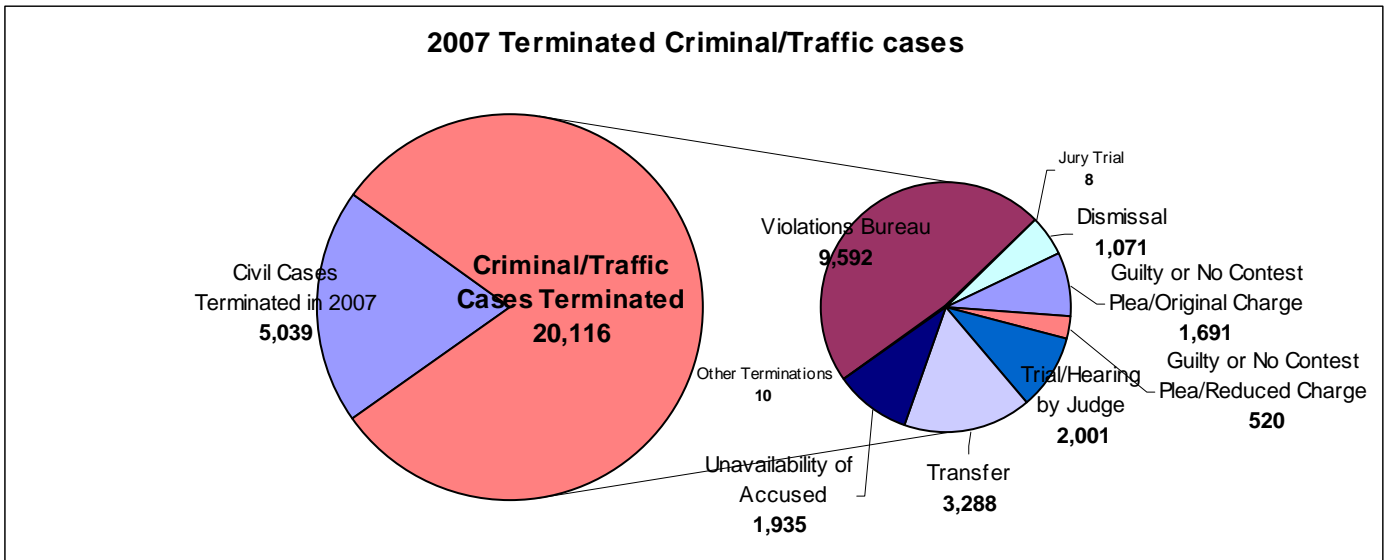
Reactivated results include: Bench warrant return, Release of forfeiture filed, etc.

Transferred results include: Plea of "not guilty" entered, guilty sentencing, grand jury indictment, etc.

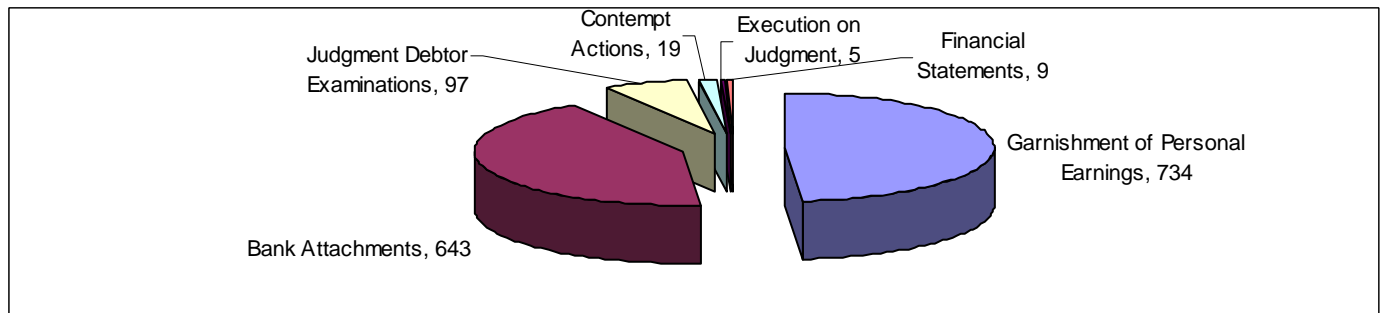


2007 Terminated Cases

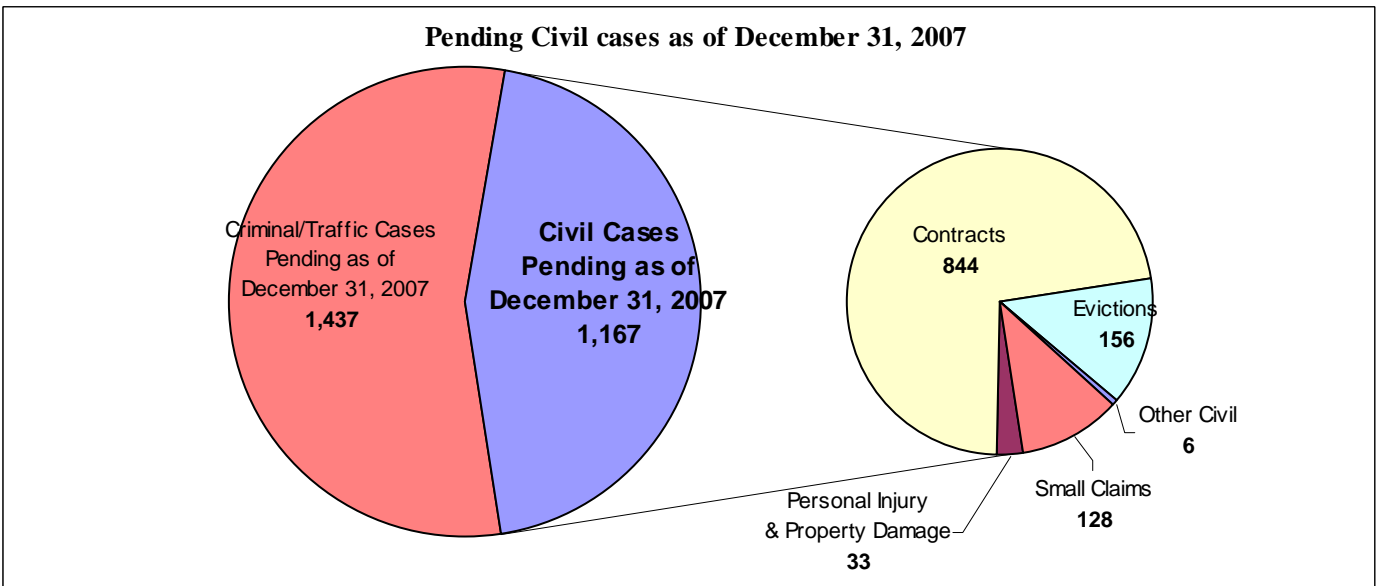
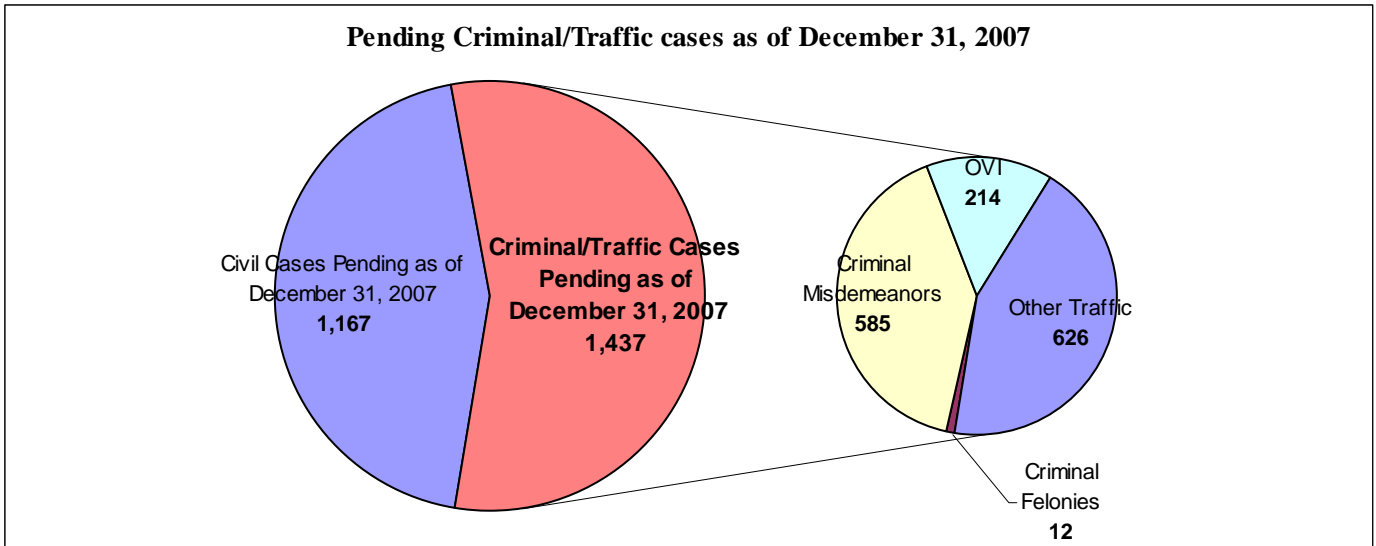
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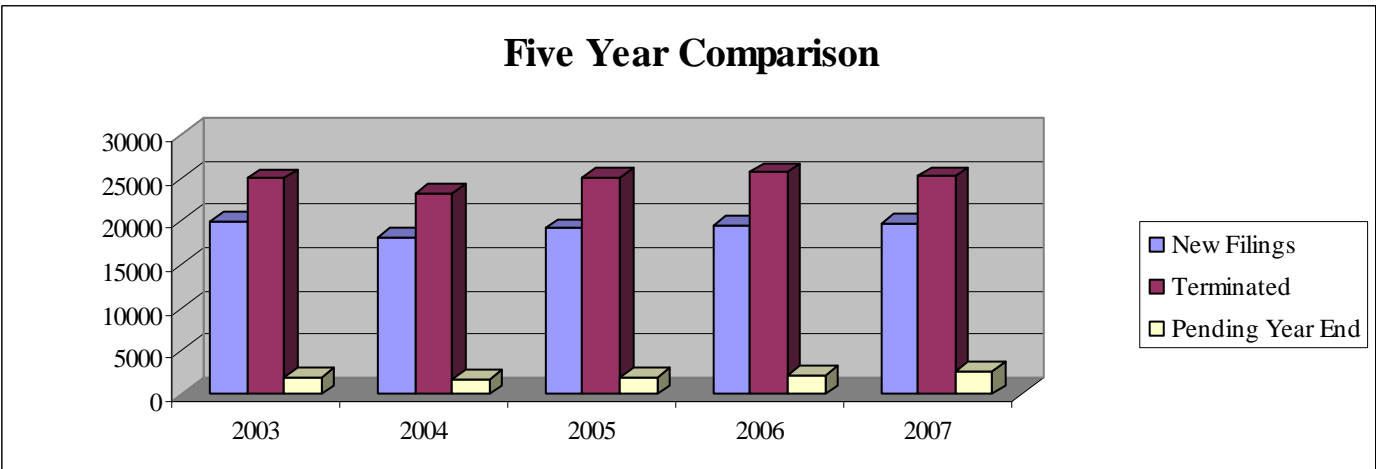
2007 Additional Cases Processed by the Court & Clerk's Civil Division



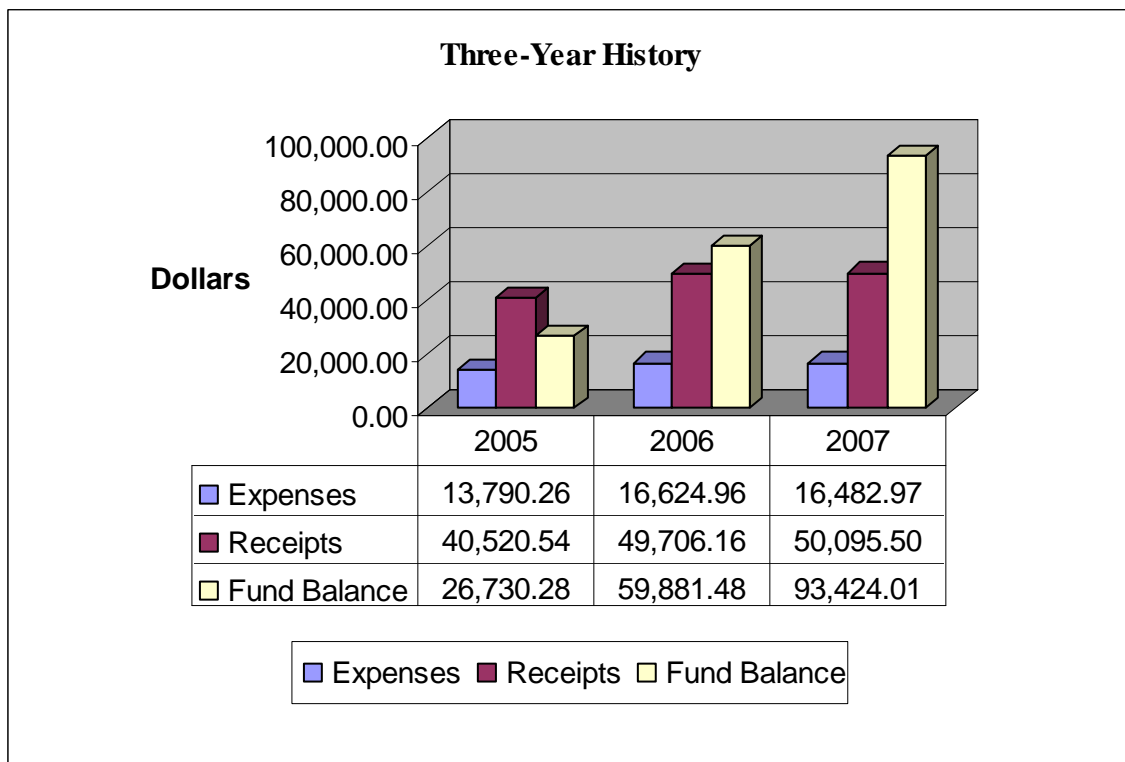
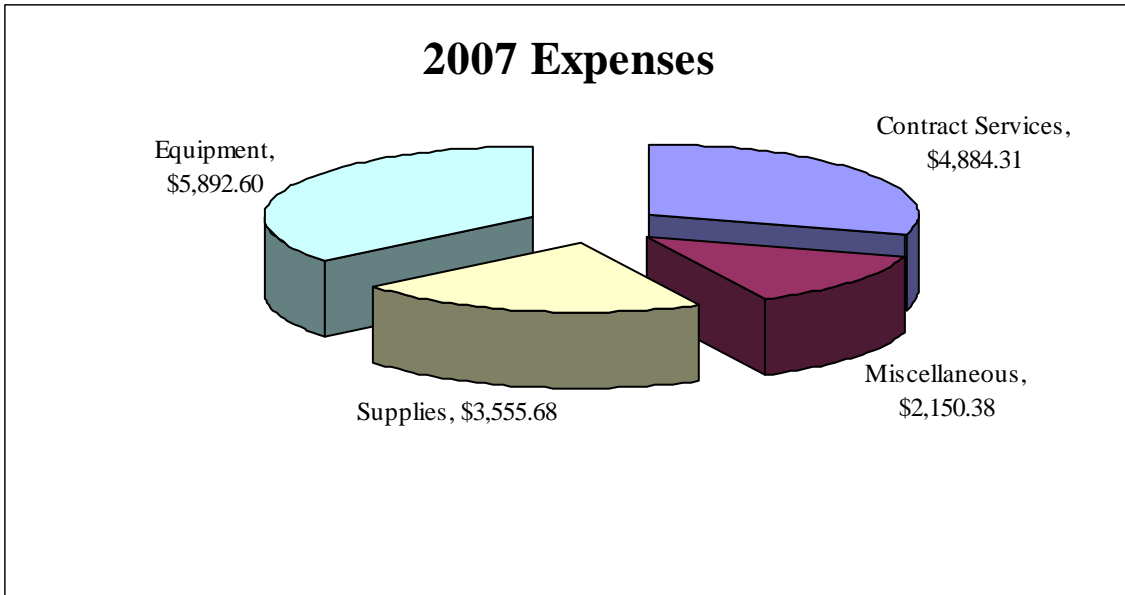
Cases Pending as of December 31, 2007



New Filings/Terminations/Pending Year-End

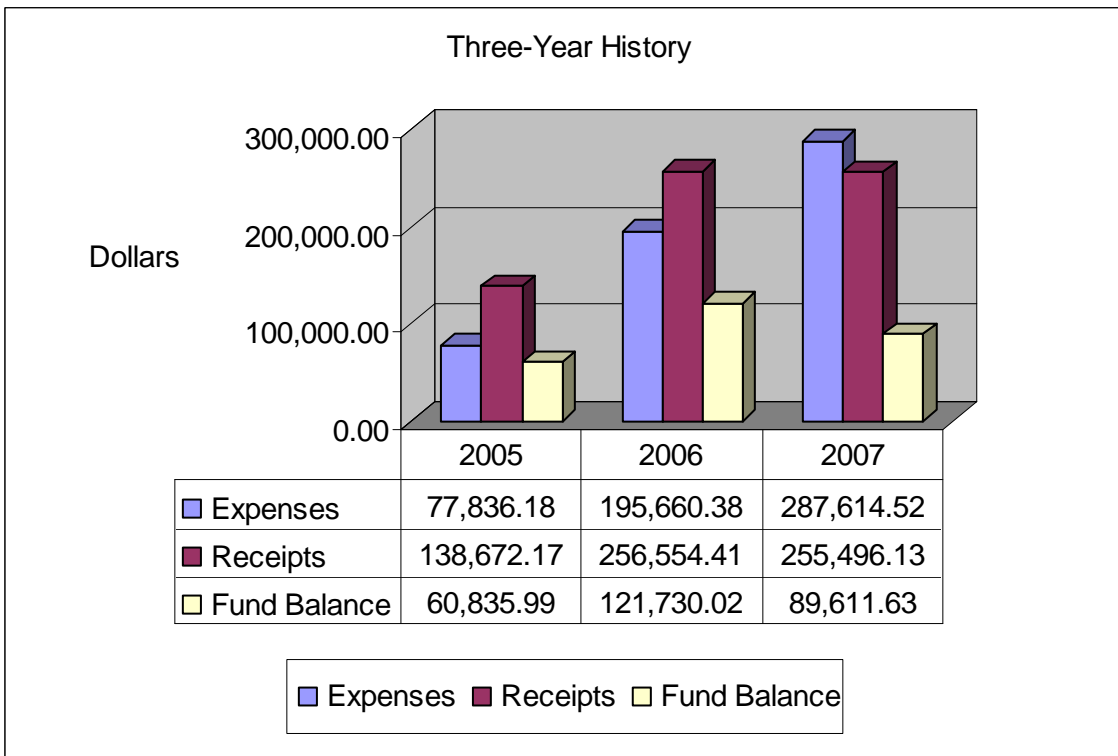
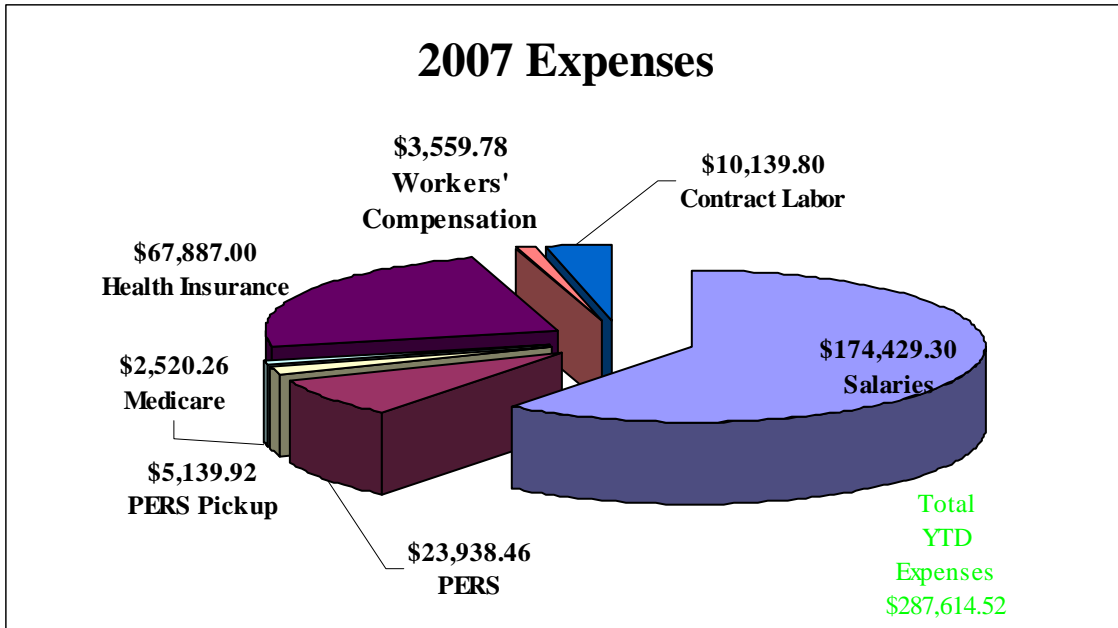


Court Computer Fund



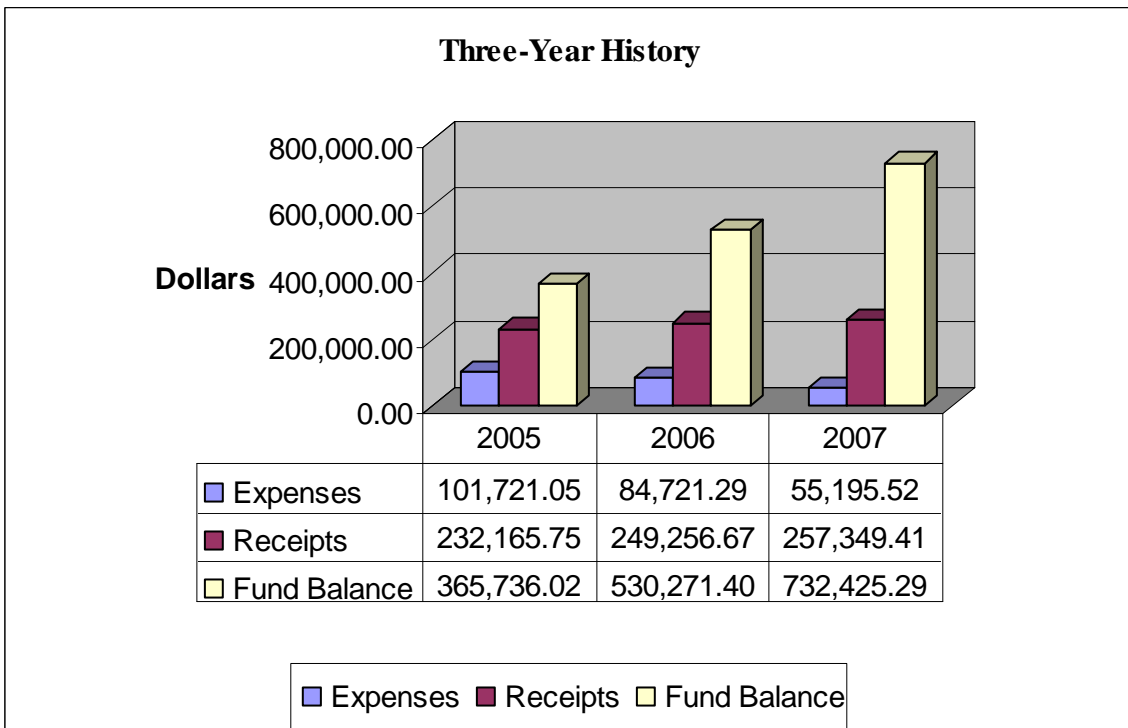
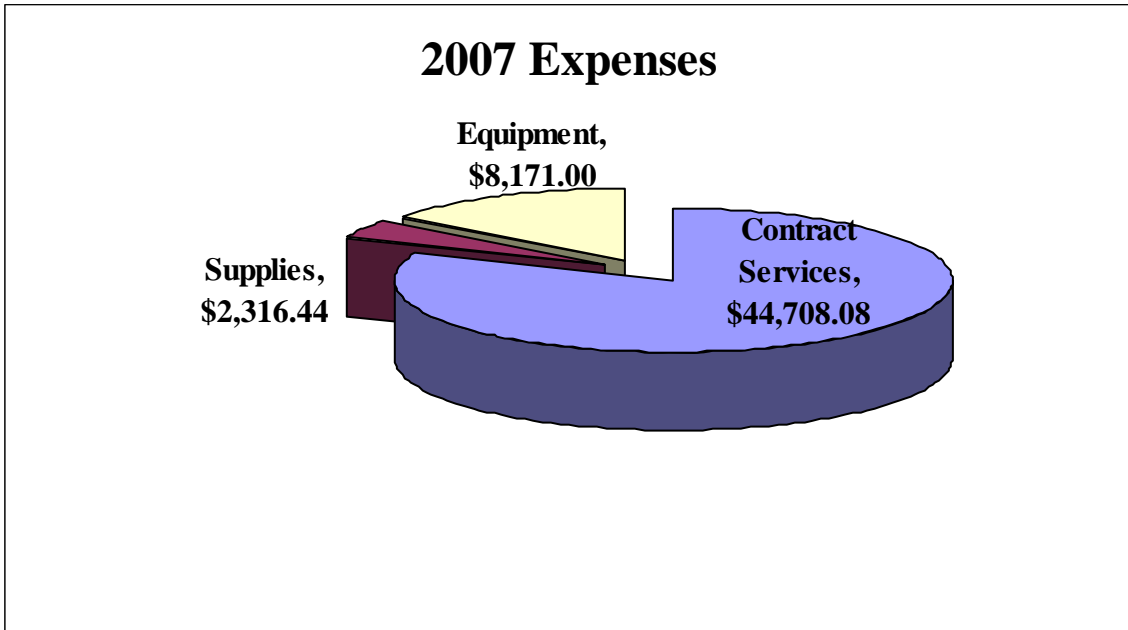
Note: The Court intends to declare a surplus in this fund under O.R.C. 1901.261 and utilize that surplus toward operation of the security equipment.

Probation Fund



Note: The Court increased Probation Fees effective January, 2008, to better reflect the costs associated with the activities of the Probation Department.

Special Projects Fund



The Court is considering utilizing funds in the Special Projects Fund to assist in the funding of a new Courthouse facility.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT –JUDICIAL'S 2007 OPERATING EXPENSES

CITY OF LANCASTER	JUDICIAL EXPENDITURE	2007 BUDGET
Salaries	344,315.65	354,888.00
PERS	47,552.18	49,213.00
PERS Pick-up	7,448.24	7,449.00
Hospitalization	140,538.00	142,920.00
Medicare	4,935.37	5,153.00
Sick Leave Buyout	0.00	428.29
Telephone	3,619.76	4,000.00
Contract Services	25,183.27	30,000.00
Appointed Counsel	1,695.50	8,571.71
Maintenance of Equipment	105.00	1,000.00
Training/Seminars	2,440.00	4,000.00
Supplies and Incidentals	12,950.18	19,000.00
Copy Machine	2,135.64	4,000.00
Postage	1,999.74	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	1,000.00
Travel Expense	5,250.62	12,500.00
Association Dues	1,370.00	2,000.00
Employee Physicals/Medical	250.00	500.00
New Equipment	278.72	1,000.00
CITY TOTAL:	\$602,067.87	\$650,623.00

COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD	JUDICIAL EXPENDITURE	2007 BUDGET
Salaries	128,003.33	133,099.14
PERS	17,285.85	18,434.23
Health Insurance	17,150.40	17,150.40
Worker's Compensation	2,342.19	5,323.97
Medicare	1,619.34	1,929.94
Life Insurance	0.00	350.00
Contract Expenses	10,588.50	25,000.00
Travel Expense	4,259.54	7,000.00
Juror Expense	3,087.50	18,000.00
COUNTY TOTAL:	\$184,336.65	\$226,287.68
CITY AND COUNTY TOTAL:	\$786,404.52	\$876,910.68

STATEMENT

The statements are prepared for submission to the Lancaster City Council and the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code, 1901.14(A)(4).

Completed at Lancaster, Ohio, March 31, 2008.

Jackie Long
Court Administrator

SECTION II:

SPECIALIZED DOCKET:
MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM

Mental Health Court 2007 Highlights

The year 2007 was one of success and accomplishment for the Mental Health Court. We have continued to focus on our mission to improve the lives of the individuals that we touch, which in turn helps improve the community.

For the Mental Health Court, the graduations of individuals that had been in the program for the full two years continued and we celebrated three graduations this past year. While there were not a lot of graduations, the program as a whole experienced incredible growth. By the end of 2007, we had 42 participants in the program, an increase of 55% from the beginning of the year! One of the challenges that the program experienced was managing the high number of active participants along with the other referrals that were not admitted to the program.

The referral process for the Mental Health Court program has been tremendous, with 243 referrals and 167 people screened by the two employees of Mid-Ohio Psychological Services. These referrals and screenings are in addition to the case loads that they serve here at the Court.

They are an invaluable asset to the Mental Health Court program as well as the Court in general and we greatly appreciate their dedication to this vital program.

We began 2007 with 27 program participants and had three graduations, one dismissal and four suspensions. By the end of 2007, 15 new participants had been added, giving us a total of 42 active participants with several more waiting to be added to the program. The Mental Health Court program continues to be very active due to the increasing number of participants and referrals. We are investigating alternatives to the waiting list practice and evaluating each case on its own merits for placement into the Mental Health Court program.

Crisis Intervention Training for the Law Enforcement community continues for all of Fairfield County and after just two trainings there are already 40 people trained in this very valuable specialty. We were fortunate to have 19 officers from various departments throughout the county and one civilian from MR/DD for the first training. The second training held in the fall allowed us to have not only law enforcement officers but also two firefighter/EMTs from the Lancaster City Fire Department and two dispatchers from the Lancaster Police Department. The CIT Program in Fairfield County was also awarded a grant from the Fairfield Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 to continue and improve the training curriculum as well as purchase support materials for the officers.

The Mental Health Court was honored to be invited as presenters at the National GAINS Conference in March, 2008. We look forward to being able to share with a national audience what we are doing with our program.

Mental Health Court Statistics

- **As of January 1, 2007**
 - 27 participants
- **Graduations**
 - 3
- **Dismissal**
 - 1
- **Suspensions**
 - 4
- **Referrals**
 - 243
- **Screenings**
 - 167
- **New Admissions**
 - 15
- **As of December 31, 2007**
 - 42 participants

SECTION III:

**SPECIALIZED DOCKET:
FRESH START DRUG COURT PROGRAM**

THE “FRESH START” DRUG COURT PROGRAM

initiated by Judge David Trimmer

A Fresh Start ...

Fairfield County Municipal Court proudly introduced a new specialized docket program in 2007. Thanks to a grant awarded through the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board, the Fresh Start Drug Court Program held its first hearings on February 14, 2007.

With the ultimate goals of identifying and treating the addictions that are often the cause of the crime and recidivism of certain individuals, the Fresh Start Program maintains strict criteria addressing admittance and compliance. Potential participants can be referred by judges, coordinator, court staff, probation officers, assistant prosecuting attorneys, defense counsel or The Recovery Center staff. Referrals are then carefully screened by the Drug Court Coordinator and The Recovery Center for compliance with both legal and clinical criteria.

Defendants must comply with a rigorous three-phase program that includes counseling and treatment, meetings with the probation officer, random drug testing and sobriety, and gainful employment. The intensive three-phase program is followed by a 16-week Aftercare period. Failure to comply with the program standards results in “sanctions” ranging from community service work, increased drug testing or even jail time.

Drug Court participants are rewarded at various stages of the program with release from monitoring bracelets and decreased drug testing. A successful participant could complete the program in about one year with the tools and support to end the cycle of crime and addiction and to begin a productive life. Graduation from the program is uplifting for the judge, the court staff and fellow participants alike. Success in the program is a “win-win” for the community because it leads to reductions in crime, costs of incarceration and other services, and family dysfunctionality which can lead a whole new generation down the same ugly path.

The court is proud of the tireless efforts of Drug Court Coordinator Tamara Bartek and Probation Officer Duffy Arter, both of whom are committed to supporting and guiding these individuals toward success.

We Celebrate Success ...

Although just completing its first year, Drug Court has touched the lives of countless individuals in Lancaster and Fairfield County.

One individual, who is on track to graduate from the program this summer, was almost denied admission into the program because of a perceived history of violence. Upon entry into the program, he was ordered to stay at the homeless shelter since his rural home location would have made him unable to comply with the program requirements. His three daughters had been removed from the volatile household based on the cycle of alcoholism, drugs and violence between their parents as well as physical and mental abuse from their mother. Frequent incarceration made it impossible for him to visit his daughters in foster care for nearly two years.

While striving to comply with the program, this man was continually faced with tremendous heartache. A pending divorce, his daughters' diagnosis of fetal alcohol syndrome, and allegations of sexual abuse of his oldest daughter by another family member were just some of the challenges facing this man.

Through it all, thanks to his own perseverance and the support of his counselors and caring court staff, he maintained his sobriety and has for almost 11 months! Since his admission into the Drug Court Program, he has established a bond he never had with his daughters through weekly visits. He has recently moved into his own apartment where he pays his own rent, and visits with his daughters will be increasing steadily until he eventually regains custody of his three girls.

So many people from the community services agencies that have helped him get this far are anticipating his upcoming graduation and will be present. Fairhaven Shelter, Community Action, Job and Family Services, The Recovery Center, Vineyard Church and Attorney Jim Fields have all pulled together to assist our Municipal Court Drug Program with the recovery for not just this one individual, but for over 30 other recovering addicts as well.

... and focus on the future!

Fairfield County Municipal Court is pleased with the first year of progress for the Fresh Start program. As with any new program, there is still much to learn. Setbacks are often opportunities for improvement and successes are occasions for celebration and we look forward to celebrating continued success with the many partners who have committed to this outstanding program!

2007 Drug Court Statistics

- **Total Participants:**

30 males

16 females

- **Phase III:**

14

- **Phase II:**

8

- **Phase I:**

24

- **Terminations:**

12 (one deceased)

- **Graduations:**

First graduation anticipated May/June 2008

The Fresh Start Drug Court Program receives the majority of its funding from a grant administered through the Fairfield County ADAMH Board. Additionally, a generous donation of \$1,500.00 for supplies and incidentals was received from Fairfield County Prosecutor David Landefeld in 2007.

While the grant period is limited, the success and potential of the program are undeniably too promising to allow the program to end. The Court intends to work with city and county officials to identify funding sources that can be used to maintain this program, including Probation fees.

SECTION IV:
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Fairfield County Municipal Court

Community Sanctions Department

2007 Annual Report

March 2008

Another year has past, and the Probation Department couldn't be more pleased to announce another exciting year for 2007 in the Probation Department. The year held a continuation of the positive strides for the Department.

~Probation Department Mission:

The Probation Department is committed to changing the lives of those who find themselves in need of some positive direction in their lives. Whether this direction is a link to services within the community that could give them a helping hand or services that could change the direction their lives are taking, the Probation Department is committed to making a difference. It is the belief of the Judges and the Probation Staff that positive direction will help the betterment of the community in general by showing the benefits of what being a positive, productive member of society can be.

~Team Probation and Who's Who:

The Probation Department prides itself in working as a Unit. The Probation Department is not made up of individual persons working in individual directions. The Unit is comprised of individuals working together toward a unified goal; to help those find a positive direction for their lives. We consider ourselves a tight-knit unit who always helps one another when a need arises; therefore, making our team strong, which not only helps the community but reinforces our unit as a whole.

Scott Beaver, Chief Probation Officer has been with the Department since May 2005 and is a tremendous asset to the Probation Department. Scott has tremendous leadership qualities and offers vital guidance for his staff. With Scott's background in the military and with law enforcement the Probation Department has a leader that is involved in every aspect of the department, and emphasizes *teamwork*. Scott handles daily administrative duties and is the Community Corrections Act Director.

Jeni Rhymer, Senior Probation Officer and Probation Department employee for 13 years handles non-reporting probationers for Judge Harris. Jeni continues to assist Scott in various aspects of the probation office. Jeni has a huge heart and is eager to utilize her genuine passion to help improve those lives that she comes into contact with on a daily basis. Jeni does a great job at managing a case load of more than 2,500 people and assisting our **TEAM** in anyway she can.

Matt Schein, ISP Officer since August 2004, works with the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit for Judge Trimmer. Matt also assists Joel Carter with the Mental Health Court when needed. Matt handles a case load of more than 150 people that require, in some cases, daily contact. This position also requires Matt to conduct house checks as appropriate. Another aspect of this position is to conduct bar checks on occasion. Matt has a great sense of humor that keeps the **TEAM** and those he comes into contact with smiling.

Nakia Dillard, ISP Officer since December 2004, works with the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit for Judge Harris. Like Matt, Nakia handles a case load of more than 150 people that require, in some cases, daily contact. Nakia works closely with the Fairfield County Major Crimes Unit in coordinating house checks also required with this position. Nakia is an extremely hard worker that readily goes out of her way to assist co-workers and fill in where needed. When it comes to our units **TEAM** concept, Nakia is the first to lead the way.

Elizabeth George, Non-Reporting Officer since March 2005 works for Judge Trimmer and assist the Court with her Spanish-speaking skills. Elizabeth also supervises all Domestic Violence cases. Like Jeni, Elizabeth handles a case load of more than 2,500 people. Elizabeth works very hard at changing the lives of those who she comes into contact with and takes pride in her ability to do so. Elizabeth also goes out of her way to not only assist our department, but is always eager to help others in need, clearly exemplifying herself as a **TEAM** player.

Cherie Sandbrink, Probation Administrative Assistant since August 2005, offers tremendous support for the Department in answering all incoming calls and assisting the public as they first enter the Department. Cherie offers support to the Probation Officers in giving the Probationers their intake packets to complete prior to meeting with the assigned Probation Officer. Cherie also performs the duties of the TAC (Terminal Agency Coordinator) for the LEADS terminal. Cherie helps to track the Community Service hours performed by the Saturday Community Service Program as well as handling the persons reporting for daily breath tests. Cherie is a vital link within our **TEAM** and never hesitates to go over and beyond her duties.

Joel Carter, Mental Health Probation Officer/Special Program Manager since December 2005, works for Judge Harris and the Mental Health Court. Joel further leads and coordinates the meetings with the Mental Health Treatment Team and C.I.T. In this capacity Joel works with the Mental Health Court Advisory Committee which meets quarterly. Joel demonstrates the ability and desire to work closely with a population that requires patience, understanding and a gentle heart. Joel does an outstanding job in using alternate methods to help them achieve their goals and stability within the community. Joel is an integral part of the probation **TEAM**.

Mindy Conrad, Pre-Trial/Reporting Officer since September 2006, supervises any cases referred for reporting on a Pre-Trial basis as well as those probationers sentenced and ordered to report on a regular basis. Mindy's caseload consists of those probationers who may require closer supervision than the non-reporting caseload. Mindy also supervises those who have completed the Intensive Supervision Probation Program prior

to them transitioning into non-reporting probation. Mindy handles a case load of more than 950 cases between Reporting and Pre-Trial. Mindy has demonstrated the ability to quickly learn and take command of the tasks at hand. Mindy has shown excellent communication skills and a passion to change the lives of those she comes into contact with, and complimenting our **TEAM**.

Duffy Arter, Drug Court Probation Officer since January 2007, works for Judge Trimmer and the “Fresh Start” Drug Court Program. Duffy has exceeded expectations in his ability to work closely with Drug Court participants, and ensuring the participants that he is available for them 24/7. With Duffy’s hard work and dedication to the needs of the participants, court, treatment providers and anyone else he comes into contact with, the first year is anticipated as being very exciting and successful. Duffy has shown that he is willing and able to complete our **TEAM** concept.

The Probation Department staff offers over 60 years experience as a TEAM.

~Community Corrections Act Grant:

The Probation Department is proud to announce the renewal of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Community Corrections Grant. This grant helps to fund the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit and is vital to the workings of this unit. It is my pleasure to announce after the State performed their annual audit of the Community Corrections Act Program; the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit earned an **excellent** approval rating! This is a tremendous reflection on the hard work and dedication of the Intensive Supervision Probation Officers.

We are also pleased to announce a \$4,000 increase in benefits awarded from the state for this program. In addition we received \$10, 000.00 to be used for an Emergency Jail Reduction Program to assist in the overcrowding issue at the Fairfield County Jail. The State study revealed that the jail is 127% overpopulated and these funds will help pay for Active Real-time GPS bracelets to monitor defendants at their homes 24/7.

~Services:

Faced with an over-crowding issue with the jail, the Court has continued to use the services of Fairfield Information Services. Fairfield Information Services supplies electronic house arrest monitoring equipment and monitoring services, which allows defendants who would normally remain in jail to be monitored at home. This, in turn, assists the community in several ways. The defendant has the ability to remain employed, thus caring for his/her family as well as affording the defendant the ability to obtain counseling as deemed appropriate. Fairfield Information Services advises the Probation Department of any violations that have occurred, which in turn are addressed with the Court as appropriate.

Fairfield Information Services offers several types of services, Electronic Monitoring House Arrest Units: Real- Time GPS monitoring, S.C.R.A.M.: An alcohol monitoring bracelet, and S.A.M.

Fairfield Information Services also offers drug testing services through the S.A.M. Program or the Substance Abuse Monitoring Program. This is a random selection program that requires defendants to call on a daily basis to see if they have been selected for drug testing. This helps to keep the defendants accountable and assists the Probation Department greatly to monitor drug abuse in a way that has never been afforded to the Probation Department due to time constraints. Results of testing are made available to the Judges and the Probation Department through a secure website that is available at any time.

This positive relationship with Fairfield Information Services has afforded the Probation Department the ability to improve our case follow-up and management system. As a result of this program the Probation department reduced the number of drug screens to 719 in 2007.

~Community Service Program:

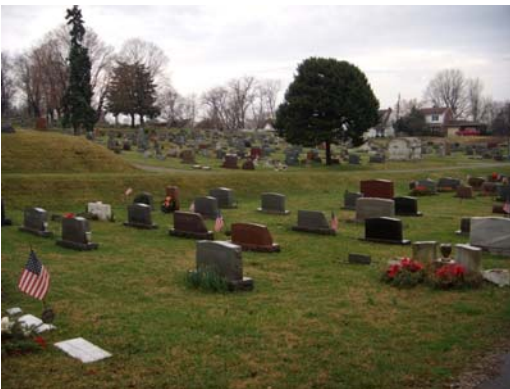
The Probation Department has continued to supervise defendants working community service throughout Fairfield County. Defendants have worked more than approximately 3600 hours of community service at different locations such as The Recycling Station, Salvation Army, Dog Shelter, etc. The Probation Department has also supervised and worked closely with defendants during our Saturday Community Service Program since it's inception in 2005. This program focuses on assisting non-profit organizations or City Departments within Fairfield County that have a need for completing tasks that may have been left undone due to low manpower or funding issues.

The following is a breakdown of the Departments or Agencies that received assistance through the Saturday program:

- Liberty Union
- Courthouse
- Cemetery
- Pickerington PD
- Transportation
- Town Hall (Bremen)
- Humane Society
- Lancaster Parks & Recreation
- Carroll Civic Center



Community Service work at the Humane Society



Community Service completed at the cemetery

~Daily Breath Tests:

In order to assist certain probationers with maintaining their sobriety, the Court has a number of individuals reporting for daily breath tests. This works to help them maintain accountability as well as assist them with their plan to keep their employment. There were 1,785 breath test administered by the probation department in 2007 which is 588 fewer than in 2006 thanks to the assistance of the S.C.R.A.M. unit.

~In closing - A Message from Chief Probation Officer Scott Beaver:

We look forward to another busy and bright year in 2008. I would like to thank the entire Probation Staff for all their hard work, dedication and passion to change lives and make a difference in our community, and the lives you touch on a daily basis. ***“Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a TEAM work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”*** I want to thank the Judges, Court Administrator, Bailiffs and all those that support our department.

SECTION V:
CLERK OF COURT

City of Lancaster Fund(s) 2007 Receipts												
Fund Number:	232,000.4501	233,000.4501	897,000.4501	236,000.4500	237,000.4500	238,000.4421	234,000.4500	235,000.4506	101,000.4902			
Month	Amount	(+) IDA	(+) Law Enf Educ Fund	(+) Law Library	(+) Clerk Comp Fund	(+) Spec Proj Fund	(+) Family Violence Fund	(-) Court Comp Fund	(+) Probation Services Fund	(-) Unclaimed Checks	Net General Fund	YTD Gen Fund Net
January	136323.11	982.87	273.00	3634.18	15587.50	20769.20	9507.37	3963.00	20648.54	0.00	61057.45	61057.45
February	122808.63	1152.26	440.00	3267.65	13207.50	17685.91	8300.30	3396.00	21810.55	0.00	53548.46	114605.91
March	146834.40	1427.24	452.00	4069.31	16415.00	21719.50	9915.94	4179.50	22671.50	0.00	65984.41	180590.32
1st Quarter	405966.14	3562.37	1165.00	10871.14	45210.00	60174.61	27723.61	11538.50	65130.59	0.00	180590.32	
April	139205.41	1065.00	215.00	3994.61	16049.50	21042.30	9258.60	4014.00	20906.83	0.00	62659.57	243249.89
May	141368.17	882.00	258.00	3861.12	15870.46	21813.50	8864.50	4029.00	19719.06	0.00	66070.53	309320.42
June	145857.83	702.00	537.50	4652.48	18305.04	22299.95	10280.50	4746.00	14391.88	0.00	70479.98	379800.40
2nd Quarter	426431.41	2649.00	473.00	12508.21	50225.00	65155.75	28403.60	12789.00	55017.77	0.00	199210.08	
Sub-Total	832397.55	6211.37	1638.00	23379.35	95435.00	125330.36	56127.21	24327.50	120148.36	0.00	379800.40	
July	141705.17	600.50	144.00	4200.61	18203.05	24284.30	9811.93	4593.00	14812.21	0.00	65055.57	444855.97
August	138529.59	822.50	120.50	3605.07	17296.70	21870.45	9616.88	4335.00	15778.11	0.00	65084.38	509940.35
September	114945.34	674.50	290.00	3581.73	16211.00	20888.45	8861.12	4087.00	14465.62	0.00	45885.92	555826.27
8/8/07 (IDF Reynoldsburg)		25.00										
9/13/07 (Ohio Dept of Alco & Drug)		11687.29										
3rd Quarter	395180.10	13809.79	554.50	11387.41	51710.75	67043.20	28289.93	13015.00	45055.94	0.00	176025.87	
Sub-Total	1227577.65	20021.16	2192.50	34766.76	147145.75	192373.56	84417.14	37342.50	165204.30	0.00	555826.27	

TABLE OF DISTRIBUTION FOR FINES AND COSTS

FINES: Pursuant to state statute, any fines collected by this court, for criminal and traffic offenses, are distributed as follows:

AGENCY/PERSON FILING THE CHARGE	CHARGE BROUGHT UNDER AN ORDINANCE OR THE OHIO REVISED CODE	RECIPIENT
Lancaster Police Department	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to City of Lancaster 100% to Fairfield County
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Ohio Revised Code	40% to City of Lancaster (1) 50% to State of Ohio and 10% to Fairfield County
Fairfield County Sheriff	Ohio Revised Code	100% to Fairfield County
Village/City Police Departments in court's jurisdiction of Fairfield County	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to that village/City 100% to Fairfield County
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	Ohio Revised Code	100% to Fairfield County
Division of Wildlife Division of Watercraft	Ohio Revised Code	100% to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Any agency or person filing a narcotics charge	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to city/vil where offense occurred 50% to Ohio Board of Pharmacy & 50% to law enforcement agency (2)
Any agency or person filing a liquor charge	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to city/vil where offense occurred 50% to State of Ohio and 50% to Fairfield County
Any agency or person filing any other type of charge	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to city/vil where offense occurred 100% to Fairfield County

COURT COSTS Pursuant to state statute, all court costs go to the City of Lancaster, *except*:

(a) \$9.00 per conviction or bond forfeiture goes to the State of Ohio Reparations Rotary Fund (for victims of crime); (b) \$15.00 per conviction or bond forfeiture goes to the State of Ohio General Revenue Fund (for public defenders). See ORC 2743.70 and 2949.091.

(1) One-half of 40% to the City of Lancaster General Fund and one-half of 40% to Fairfield County Law Library

(2) Except charges filed under ORC 2925.03; 100% of fine money to law enforcement agency per entry of the court

Note: For OVI and driving Under OVI suspension, under ORC, portions of the fine go to various agencies other than listed on the Table of Distribution for Fines

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
CRIMINAL DIVISION RECEIPTS FOR 2007**

Bond Balance-December 31, 2006	\$ 44,445.87
Bond Receipts	\$ 334,193.25
City Fines & Costs	\$ 628,823.71
Computer Fund-Clerk	\$ 128,115.75
Computer Fund-Judges	\$ 37,228.50
Special Projects - Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 138,584.16
Family Violence Fund	\$ 71,364.50
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund	\$ 10,973.32
Ohio State Highway Patrol Fines & Trauma Fund (SPTF)	\$ 113,648.62
County Fines & Costs	\$ 187,805.70
Seatbelt Fines	\$ 47,532.25
Child Restraint Fines	\$ 667.00
Division of Wildlife Fines	\$ 1,735.00
Division of Watercraft Fines	\$ 675.00
Board of Pharmacy Fines	\$ 5,340.00
Village Ordinance Fines	\$ 6,979.99
Liquor Violation Fines	\$ 1,985.49
Fairfield County Sheriff Costs	\$ 20,499.23
Other Sheriff Costs	\$ 4,191.42
State of Ohio Reparations Fund (SVCF)	\$ 96,994.18
State of Ohio Public Defender's Fund (GF)	\$ 162,070.78
Expungements	\$ 800.00
Drug Enforcement Fund - Lancaster Police Department	\$ 775.00
Drug Enforcement Fund - All others	\$ 2,184.00
Lancaster Police Department Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 3,499.50
Ohio State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 6,120.54
Fairfield County Sheriff Department Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 1,472.39
Pickerington Police Department Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 960.10
All other Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 405.00
Fairfield County Jail - OVI Housing Authority	\$ 25,553.74
Bureau of Motor Vehicles Reinstatement Costs for Electronic Release	\$ 1,019.82
Overpayments	\$ 3,878.30
Misc. Receipts	\$ -
Department of Taxation-Criminal Enforcement	\$ 100.00
Capital Recovery Services	\$ 72,702.33
Natural Areas and Preserves	\$ 50.00
Affidavit of Indigency Filing Fee	\$ 4,087.75
Probation Services Fund	\$ 218,652.26
Unclaimed Funds	\$ -
Total Criminal Division Receipts-2007	\$ 2,386,114.45

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
CRIMINAL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2007**

CITY TREASURER	
General Fund	\$ 583,418.77
Lancaster Police - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 3,499.50
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund	\$ 10,973.32
Law Library	\$ 45,910.61
Computer Fund-Clerk	\$ 128,115.75
Computer Fund-Judges	\$ 37,228.50
Special Projects Fund	\$ 138,584.16
Family Violence Fund	\$ 71,364.50
Probation Services Fund	\$ 218,652.26
COUNTY TREASURER	
General Fund	\$ 180,724.70
County Sheriff - Law Enforcement & Education	\$ 1,472.39
County Jail - OVI Housing Authority	\$ 25,553.74
Parks & Recreation - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 25.00
Affidavit of Indigency Filing Fee	\$ 4,087.75
STATE TREASURER	
50% Ohio State Highway Patrol Fines & Trauma Fund	\$ 113,648.62
Seatbelt Fines	\$ 47,532.25
Child Restraint Fines	\$ 667.00
Division of Wildlife Fines	\$ 1,735.00
Division of Watercraft Fines	\$ 675.00
Board of Pharmacy	\$ 5,340.00
(SVCF) Reparations Fund	\$ 96,994.18
(GF) Public Defender's Fund	\$ 162,070.78
Highway Patrol - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 6,120.54
Highway Patrol - Drug Enforcement Fund	\$ 699.00
Liquor Fines	\$ 1,985.49
Expungements	\$ 800.00
DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND	
Lancaster Police Department	\$ 775.00
Fairfield County Sheriff	\$ 1,185.00
Division of Watercraft	\$ 100.00
Division of Wildlife	\$ 200.00
CITY/VILLAGE TREASURER	
Pickerington - Ordinance Fines	\$ 1,124.99
Pickerington Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 960.10
Baltimore - Ordinance Fines	\$ 4,810.00
Baltimore - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 85.00
Lithopolis - Ordinance Fines	\$ 400.00
Lithopolis - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 50.00
Millersport - Ordinance Fines	\$ 170.00
Millersport - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 25.00
Carroll - Ordinance Fines	\$ 400.00
Carroll - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 75.00
Reynoldsburg - Ordinance Fines	\$ 50.00
Reynoldsburg - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 85.00
Sugar Grove - Ordinance Fines	\$ 25.00
Sugar Grove - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 60.00

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
CRIMINAL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2007 (CONTINUED)**

FAIRFIELD COUNTY LAW LIBRARY	\$ 7,000.00
FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF - COSTS	\$ 20,499.23
OTHER COUNTY SHERIFF COSTS	\$ 4,191.42
REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS	\$ 3,878.30
OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$ 1,019.82
HUMANE SOCIETY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY	\$ 81.00
CAPITAL RECOVERY SERVICES	\$ 72,702.33
BOND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 313,960.68
MISC. POLICE DEPARTMENT FEES	\$ -
MISC. DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -
DEPT OF TAXATION - CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT	\$ 100.00
NATURAL AREAS AND PRESERVES	\$ 50.00
UNCLAIMED FUNDS	\$ -
BOND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2007	\$ 64,172.77
TOTAL 2007 CRIMINAL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,386,114.45

FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

CIVIL DIVISION RECEIPTS - 2007

Balance December 31, 2006-----	101,134.02
Court Costs -----	156,464.54
Deposits Received -----	9,983.35
Judgment Collections-----	1,178,888.02
Landlord/Tenant Deposits -----	0.00
Trusteeship Debtor Deposits -----	0.00
Computer Fund (Clerk) -----	67,735.22
Computer Fund (Judges)-----	12,576.00
Special Projects Fund-----	117,147.70
State Costs Collected -----	69,642.54
Civil Account Interest Income -----	456.23
Family Violence Fund-----	42,277.30
Unclaimed Funds -----	0.00
TOTAL 2007 CIVIL DIVISION RECEIPTS:-----	\$1,756,213.79

CIVIL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS - 2007

City Treasurer, General Fund -----	129,831.18
Computer Fund (Clerk) -----	67,735.22
Computer Fund (Judges)-----	12,576.00
Special Projects Fund-----	117,147.70
Deposits Disbursed -----	7,775.35
Judgments to Plaintiffs -----	1,175,724.60
Landlord/Tenant Rental Disbursements -----	0.00
Trusteeship Disbursements to Creditors -----	0.00
State Treasurer Costs -----	96,734.83
Family Violence Fund-----	42,277.30
Balance December 31, 2007-----	106,411.61
TOTAL 2007 CIVIL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS:-----	\$1,756,213.79

FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT –CLERK'S 2007 OPERATING EXPENSES

CITY OF LANCASTER	CLERK'S EXPENDITURE	2007 BUDGET
Salaries	490,959.86	495,568.00
Retirement	0.00	0.00
Appointed Counsel	0.00	0.00
Jury & Witness Fees	422.50	450.00
Training and Seminars	168.45	175.00
Supplies and Incidentals	11,108.72	11,300.00
Telephone	4,487.72	4,500.00
Postage	44,800.00	44,800.00
Maintenance of Equipment	678.00	700.00
PERS	67,753.00	68,699.00
2.5% PERS Pick-up	10,857.61	10,974.00
Hospitalization	118,287.00	118,287.00
1.45% Medicare	6,418.64	6,483.00
Contract Services	12,798.02	12,825.00
Litigation-Worker's Compensation	0.00	0.00
Unclaimed Checks Refund	0.00	0.00
Association Dues	870.00	900.00
Insurance & Bonding	210.00	250.00
Travel Expenses	95.99	100.00
New Equipment/Capital Improve.	0.00	0.00
Sick Leave Buyout	499.98	500.00
Overtime	743.97	750.00
CITY TOTAL:	\$771,159.46	\$777,261.00

COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD	CLERK'S EXPENDITURE	2006 BUDGET
Salaries	56,452.84	67,198.00
Contract Expenses	0.00	0.00
Witness Fees	2,121.20	5,201.88
Worker's Compensation	1,250.97	2,687.92
PERS	7,857.24	9,306.92
Unemployment/Medicare	818.69	974.37
Insurance	0.00	2,097.60
COUNTY TOTAL:	\$68,500.94	\$87,466.69
CITY AND COUNTY TOTAL:	\$839,660.40	\$864,727.69