

The following individuals appeared Wednesday before Judge Charles Steele in Van Wert County Common Pleas Court:

Zacharia J. Young, Van Wert, was placed on two years of community control and ordered to immediately spend 60 days in the Van Wert County Jail on a charge of domestic violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Young was ordered to undergo a psychological assessment and complete any rehabilitation as recommended. Young was also ordered not to be within 500 foot of the victim Nicole Young.

All costs of prosecution were assessed to Young. Judge Steele gave Young a 180-day jail sentence and a \$1,000 fine but deferred the imposition of the jail and fine pending the successful completion of the community control.

Lukas Mortemore, 24, Napoleon, was given a six-month sentence on charges of identity fraud and forgery to run concurrently and also concurrent to a prison sentence he is serving on charges out of Wood County.

Mortemore and a sister-in-law both were charged after they had falsely obtained identification information and later cashed a check belonging to a brother of Lukas Mortemore.

Joshua D. Burnett, 32, Van Wert, was placed on three years of community control on a charge of attempted driving while under the influence, a fifth degree felony.

Burnett was arrested on Sept. 4 by the Van Wert City Police Department for the alcohol-related charge.

Judge Steele ordered that Burnett undergo a substance abuse assessment and complete any programs recommended. Burnett told Judge Steele that he had already involved himself in rehabilitation programs.

Burnett had his drivers license suspended for a year, ordered to pay a fine of \$750, court costs, \$250 as partial reimbursement for his court appointed attorney as well as a \$25 affidavit of indigency fee.

Judge Steele sentenced Burnett to a nine month prison sentence but deferred the imposition of the sentence pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Matthew S. Lause, 21, Van Wert and formerly of Delphos, was placed on three years of community control and ordered to spend up to six months at the WORTH Center in Lima. Lause was also ordered to spend an additional 30 days in the Van Wert County Jail, complete a substance abuse assessment and pay all costs associated with the prosecution of his case. Lause was arrested as the result of an undercover operation that took place in Delphos in September 2009, at which time, he allegedly sold heroin to an undercover agent working for the West Central Crime Task Force.

Crystal Armstrong, 24, Delphos, was placed on three years of community control and ordered to spend up to six months at the WORTH Center on a charge of theft, a felony of the fifth degree. According to a Delphos Police Department investigation, Armstrong stole a check from a relative and cashed it at a store in Lima in July.

Armstrong was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$31.26 to the victim, pay all costs associated with her prosecution.

Armstrong was being held in jail but was released on a \$5,000 bond with the conditions that she be tested regularly until the WORTH Center has room to admit her into their program.

A basic prison term of nine months was deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Benjamin Hurley, 31, Van Wert, was placed on community control and ordered to spend up to six months on two different charges for which he had failed to comply with.

Hurley was involved in two previous incidents where he was ordered to make restitution. Judge Steele ordered Hurley to \$5,500 within 12 months of being released from the WORTH Center. Hurley was given two six-month prison sentences, which would be served concurrently but the imposition of the prison sentence was deferred pending the successful completion of the community control.

Hurley was ordered to pay all costs of prosecution.