

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

Jeremy G. Baer, 27, Paulding, was arraigned and entered a not guilty plea to a charge of grand theft, a felony of the fourth degree.

According to the Van Wert County Sheriff Department, Baer, a former employee of an Ohio City manufacturing plant, allegedly took aluminum molds from the company which were sold for scrap metal. The alleged thefts were to have occurred some time between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31.

Baer was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal bond with Judge Steele setting a pretrial hearing for 8 a.m. Jan. 12.

Brittney Garwood, 22, Van Wert, was sent to prison for nine months after she was found to be in violation of her community control.

Garwood was found guilty of violating her community control by associating with convicted felons and also to have possession of dangerous drugs.

Garwood had originally been convicted of a drug violation when she was placed on community control.

Judge Steele gave Garwood credit for 200 days which she had served on the sentence.

Haley J. Moser, 20, Van Wert, was granted judicial release from prison and placed on three years of community control.

Moser will spend up to six months at the WORTH Center in Lima as part of her community control program, had her driver's license suspended for a period of six months and was ordered to pay costs associated with her prosecution.

Judge Steele suspended the balance of her 10-month prison sentence pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Rebecca Ridenour, 28, Ohio City, was placed on one year of community control on a charge of domestic violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

According to the Van Wert County Sheriff Department, Ridenour caused or attempted to cause physical harm to a family or household member.

Ridenour was ordered to undergo a psychological assessment and complete any programs recommend, must make restitution to the victim for medical bills, pay costs associated with the prosecution of her case.

A 180-day jail sentence and a \$1,000 fine were deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.

John R. McGinnis, 29, Van Wert, was returned to prison after it was found that he had violated the terms of his community control.

McGinnis allegedly violated his community control after being found in possession of drug paraphernalia, associating with convicted felons and possession of drugs.

McGinnis was ordered to spend a 10-month prison sentence and given credit for 124 days he had served against the original sentence.

Terry Short, 41, Lima, was found in violation of his community control for failing to pay his child support, and that he had failed to notify the probation department that he had moved.

Judge Steele ordered that Short spend the balance of his 12-month prison sentence and was given credit for 159 day he had previously served in jail awaiting final disposition of the charge.

Gilbert S. Gomez, 41, Toledo, entered a no contest plea on a charge of possession of drugs, a felony of the fifth degree.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for 9 a.m. Feb. 2.