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

Shawn M. Jones, 36, Van Wert, is charged with the murder of his 84 year old grandmother, Edna LaRue of Van Wert in October 2010.

Jones appeared before Judge Charles D. Steele for a competency hearing. After reviewing the evaluation conducted by Court Diagnostics of Toledo, Judge Steele found Jones competent to stand trial.

Attorney Scott Gordon, who is presently representing Jones, asked the court provide funds for a private evaluation of Jones which was granted.

Gordon told Judge Steele he would be filing a motion for continuance and also a motion for suppression of certain evidence. Those motions will be ruled on upon the filing by Gordon.

Jones case was originally set for jury trial to start on Jan. 24. That will be continued until other matters are cleared up.

Jones is presently being held in the Van Wert County Jail on a $500,000 cash bond, a further pretrial will be held after the independent evaluation and suppression of evidence hearings are completed.

Dyllen A. Redding, 19, Convoy, was placed on three years of community control and ordered to spend up to six months at the WORTH Center on charges of grand theft, a felony of the fourth degree; and vandalism, a felony of the fifth degree.

A Van Wert County Sheriff's Department investigation lead to the arrest of Redding after he stole a vehicle from a Convoy resident in October and deliberately damaged the vehicle causing over $9,000 worth of damage.

Redding was ordered to pay costs of the prosecution and make restitution to the victim for the damage done to the vehicle.

Judge Steele also gave Redding two 12-month prison sentences to run concurrently to one another but deferred the imposition of the prison sentence pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Thomas L. Anderson II, 29, Convoy, was placed on three years of community control and ordered to spend up to six months at the WORTH Center on a charge of possession of drugs, a fifth degree felony.

Anderson was ordered to pay costs of the prosecution of the case, had his drivers license suspended and must complete a substance abuse assessment along with any recommended rehabilitation programs.

Anderson was also sentenced to an eight-month prison term, with the imposition of that sentence not imposed pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Ceilia Diaz, Van Wert, was found to be in violation of her community control program for using a controlled substance.

Diaz was ordered to spend the balance of a 180 day jail sentence and fined $1,000 for the violation. She had been given credit for 56 days she had already spent in jail on the original charge.

James E. Kroupa, 20, Lima, was placed on three years of community control and ordered to spend 30 days immediately in the Van Wert County Jail on a charge of theft, a felony of the fifth degree.

Kroupa is presently on community control for a very similar violation in Auglaize County.

Kroupa and others were responsible for stealing electronic games from the local Walmart store with a value over $4,000.
Judge Steele ordered that Kroupa not enter any Walmart property in the future and that he was also to spend an additional 30 days in the Van Wert County Jail at a time to be determined by his supervision officer.
A basic prison term of nine months was given Kroupa but the imposition was deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.
Kasie L. Shisler, 22, Van Wert, appeared on a bond revocation hearing and was found to be in violation of the terms of his personal surety pond.
Shisler allegedly used heroin while out on bond on another charge.
Judge Steele ordered that Shisler's bond be revoked and he be held in jail until Jan. 26, his sentencing date.
Christopher Overmeyer, 20, Convoy, was placed on one year of community control on a charge of theft, a misdemeanor of the first degree.
Overmeyer had originally been arrested for the theft of a computer.
A jail term of 180 days and a fine of $1,000 were deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.
Andrian Mileto, 27, Van Wert, was placed on one year of community control on a domestic violence charge, a misdemeanor of the first degree.
She was ordered to pay all costs of prosecution of her case and had a 180-day jail sentence and a $1,000 fine deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.