

Two individuals were arraigned in Van Wert County Common Pleas Court before Magistrate Joseph E. Quatman Wednesday morning.

Victoria R. Roberts, 31, Middlepoint, entered a not guilty plea to a two count indictment charging her with perjury, a felony of the third degree; and intimidation of a victim or witness in a criminal case, a felony of the third degree.

The indictment states that on or about Dec. 3 or Jan. 28, Victoria Roberts did in any official proceeding, did knowingly make a false statement under oath or affirmation, or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made when either statement was material. This is a charge of perjury, a felony of the third degree, punishable by imprisonment from one year to five years with a maximum fine of \$10,000.

The second count of the indictment states that between Dec. 3 and March 15, Roberts did knowingly attempt to intimidate or hinder the victim of a crime in the filing or prosecution of a criminal charges or a witness involved in a criminal action or proceeding in the discharge of the duties of the witness, a charge of intimidation of victim or witness in a criminal case, a felony of the third degree.

Roberts was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with the conditions that she have no contact with her children and her husband Thomas Roberts.

A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for 8 a.m. April 28.

Mark L. Brown, 45, Convoy, entered a plea of not guilty to an indictment charging him with domestic violence, a felony of the fourth degree.

Brown was indicted in June 2010 but had been incarcerated in Indiana until just recently.

The indictment read that on or about the May 20, 2010, Brown did cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Kevin Brown, a family or household member and that Mark Brown had been previously convicted of domestic violence.

Van Wert County Prosecuting Attorney Charles Kennedy asked for a high cash bond since Brown has an extensive criminal history for violence and other criminal charges.

Magistrate Quatman set \$50,000 cash with a pretrial hearing scheduled for 8 a.m. April 28.