

Six individuals appeared in Van Wert County Common Pleas Court for arraignment hearings before Judge Charles D. Steele after being indicted by the Van Wert County Grand Jury, which met last Friday:

Jordan Vickery, 27, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of failing to register as a sex offender, a felony of the third degree.

Vickery will be released on a \$5,000 unsecured and be placed on electronic monitored house arrest.

A pretrial hearing will be scheduled for 8 a.m. May 18.

Rory J. Bigelow, 28, Ohio City, entered a not guilty plea to one count of theft, a felony of the fifth degree.

Bigelow was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for 8 a.m. May 18.

Randall D. Keller, 51, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to three counts of possession of drugs.

He was released on \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond, pretrial hearing scheduled for 8 a.m. May 18.

Eric D. Bowers, 24, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to one count of possession of drugs (heroin), a felony of the fifth degree.

He Was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for 8 a.m. May 18.

Matthew P. Foehl, 25, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to one count of possession of drugs, a felony of the fifth degree.

He was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for 8 a.m. May 18.

Skyler Leugers, 20, Celina, entered a not guilty plea to a three-count indictment charging him with grand theft auto, receiving stolen property and forgery.

Luegers can be released after the Adult Probation Department determines if he has a permanent address to reside at.

A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for 8 a.m. May 18.

Amber Baker, 21, Van Wert, was sentenced to three years of community control on a charge of trafficking in drugs (heroin), a felony of the fifth degree, and ordered to immediately spend 30 days in the Van Wert County Jail and then ordered to spend an additional 30 days at a time to be determined by her supervision officer.

Baker was also ordered to perform 200 hours of community service, have two years of intensive supervision, had her drivers license suspended for a period of six months, pay restitution of \$155 to the Van Wert City Police Department for the cost of the purchase of the drugs, pay \$250 as partial reimbursement for his court appointed attorney, \$25 affidavit of indigency fee, and court costs. Baker was also ordered not to have any contact with a Jordan Black.

Judge Steele ordered that her vehicle be forfeited to the Van Wert City Police Department, the vehicle had been used in the commission of the drug abuse offense.

Baker was also given a nine month prison sentence with imposition of the prison sentence deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Scott D. Bauer, 48, Defiance, appeared for sentencing on a charge of assault, a felony of the fourth degree.

Judge Steele continued the sentencing hearing for a later date in order to review documents that had just been furnished to the court.

Chad Diltz, 35, Delphos, appeared for sentencing on a charge of trafficking in drugs.

Diltz made a motion to withdraw his guilty plea at which time Judge Steele continued the case for a hearing on that motion at a later date.

Zach Baker, 24, Van Wert, was sentenced to three years of community control on three counts of trafficking in drugs and ordered to spend up to six months at the WORTH Center, Lima.

Baker told Judge Steele before sentencing, "I don't blame it on the heroin, it was just the bad choices that I made."

Baker was ordered to perform 200 hours of community service, be on intensive supervision for a period of two years, undergo a substance abuse assessment and complete any programs recommended, and had his driver's license suspended for a period of six months.

Baker must make restitution of \$150 to the Van Wert for the money spent on the drug purchases, pay \$250 as partial reimbursement for his court appointed attorney, \$25 affidavit of indigency fee and court costs.

Judge Steele also gave Baker a 10-month prison sentence on each count to run concurrently but deferred the imposition of the sentences pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Brandon Hershey, 23, Van Wert, failed to appear for a pretrial hearing and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

Samantha J. Lacy, 19, Van Wert, appeared on violation of treatment in lieu.

Lacy denied the violations. Judge Steele ordered the case continued for a full hearing.

Lacy was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond along with being placed on electronic monitored house arrest.

Mark L. Brown, 45, Convoy, entered a guilty plea to a charge of domestic violence, a felony of the fourth degree.

According to the report, Brown allegedly caused or attempted to cause physical harm to Kevin Brown, who was a family or household member, on May 30, 2010.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for 9 a.m. June 29.

Joshua M. Minyoung, 27, Van Wert, entered a no contest plea to a charge of possession of drugs, a felony of the third degree.

Minyoung, when arrested had 67 tablets of Dilaudid, which was over the bulk amount.

Minyoung entered the no contest plea in order to appeal Judge Steele's decision during a recent suppression hearing.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for 9 a.m. June 29.