

Van Wert County Common Pleas Court Judge Charles D. Steele sentenced Raymond E. Bressler, 46, Ohio City, to spend the next four years in prison on two drug related charges. Bressler was arrested as the result of a traffic stop that took place in November 2009 after officers of the Van Wert City Police Department discovered Bressler to have a large quantity of marijuana and LSD in his vehicle.

Judge Steele gave Bressler a 12-month prison sentence on the charge of possession of marijuana, a felony of the fifth degree; and four years on the charge of possession of LSD, a felony of the third degree. The sentences are to run consecutively with credit given for 69 days, which Bressler has served awaiting final disposition of this case.

Judge Steele was going to recommend that Bressler be placed in the intensive prison program where he would receive more intensive rehabilitation since Bressler admitted that he has had a long time drug problem.

David Darst, 36, Van Wert, was sentenced to a two year prison term on a charge of endangering children, a felony of the second degree.

The indictment issued by the August 2010 Van Wert County Grand Jury stated that Darst did recklessly abuse a child under the age of 18 which said abuse resulted in serious physical harm to the child involved.

Darst was tried two times, the first trial in March ended in a hung jury. He was then retried with the trial ending on June 2 with a guilty verdict. Judge Sumner E. Walters, former Common Pleas Judge of Van Wert County presided over the jury trial.

The victim was a 9-week-old child of his which suffered two subdural hematomas, which were found by doctors at Dayton Children's Hospital. The infant has since died of a cause unrelated to the injuries allegedly inflicted by Darst.

Judge Walters gave Darst credit for three days that he had served awaiting final disposition of the case.

Karen K. Murphy, 36, Portland, Ind., was placed on three years of community control on a charge of theft by deception to obtain a dangerous drug, a felony of the fifth degree.

Murphy was arrested after a Van Wert City Police Department investigation revealed she had used false identification at the Van Wert County Hospital to obtain a dangerous drug in September 2009.

Murphy has similar drug issues with Mercer County Authorities and has been in prison in Indiana for a similar drug violation with all the incidents having occurred about the same time.

Michael N. Dailey, 51, Convoy, was placed on three years of community control on a theft, a felony of the fifth degree.

Dailey was accused to selling logs from a woods that belonged to a relative of his in May 2007, according to a Van Wert County Sheriff's Department investigation.

Dailey was ordered to spend 60 days in the Van Wert County Jail and then spend an additional 30 days in jail at a time to be determined by his supervision officer from the Van Wert County Adult Probation Department .

Dailey was ordered to pay court costs associated with his case.

Judge Steele gave Dailey a six-month prison sentence but deferred the imposition of the sentence pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Theodore Bleeke, 25, Van Wert, entered guilty pleas to disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, a felony of the fifth degree; and a charge of possession or view any material or

performance that shows a minor in the state of nudity, a felony of the fifth degree.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for 9 a.m. Aug. 18.

Michael J. Keipper, 20, Van Wert, entered a guilty plea to a charge of attempted burglary, a felony of the fourth degree.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for 9 a.m. July 21.

Robert E. Thompson, 27, Van Wert, was sentence to spend an eight month prison sentence on a violation of his community control program.

Thompson had been on community control on a drug related charge at which time he had tested positive for the use of drugs.

Judge Steele gave Thompson credit for 58 days of time which he had served in jail awaiting final disposition of his case.

Rita Jones, 41, Lima, entered a guilty plea to a charge of non-support of dependents, a felony of the fifth degree.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence and scheduled sentencing for Jones at 9 a.m. Aug. 11.