

Three individuals were arraigned Wednesday morning before Judge Charles D. Steele in Van Wert County Common Pleas Court. The three had been indicted by the Van Wert County Grand Jury which met last Friday.

Tyler J. Torrey, 18, Convoy, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of sexual misconduct with a minor, a felony of the fourth degree.

Torrey was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with conditions that he have no contact with the alleged victim.

A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for 8 a.m. July 20.

Steven G. Ramsey, 25, Butler, Pa., entered a not guilty plea to a four count indictment charging him with forgery, felonies of the fifth degree.

Ramsey had been arrested by the Van Wert City Police for passing counterfeit twenty dollar bills at a recent event held at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds.

Ramsey was ordered held on a \$20,000 cash bond along with a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond.

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Bradley W. Sheets, 29, Convoy, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with three counts of breaking and entering, felonies of the fifth degree; one count of theft, a felony of the fifth degree; and two counts of theft, misdemeanors of the first degree.

A Van Wert County Sheriff's Department investigation revealed that Sheets allegedly was breaking into a local nursery business and had stolen other items from residents.

Assistant Prosecutor Martin D. Burchfield asked for a cash bond. Judge Steele set bond at \$20,000 cash with a ten percent privilege along with a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond.

Victoria R. Roberts, 31, Middle Point, was sentenced to three years of community control and made to spend sixty days in the Van Wert County Jail on a charge of perjury.

Roberts had been indicted in April of this year after making false statements under oath in a case which her husband Thomas Roberts was involved in.

Judge Steele ordered that Roberts also spend an additional thirty days in jail at a time to be determined by her supervision officer.

Judge Steele also gave Roberts a one year basic prison term but deferred the imposition of the prison term pending her successful completion of the community control program.

Erik R. Byer, 26, Van Wert, Ohio was placed on one year of community control on a charge of attempted providing false information to purchase a firearm.

According to a Van Wert County Sheriff's Department investigation, Byer provided false information in an attempt to purchase a firearm. At the time, Byer was prevented from purchasing a firearm because of a past criminal record.

Byer was ordered to pay all costs associated with his case, spend up to thirty days in jail at a time to be determined by his supervision officer, and not possess any firearms or ammunition.

Judge Steele gave Byer a 180-day jail sentence and a \$1,000 fine but deferred the imposition of the jail sentence and fine pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Teresa M. Wood, 39, Van Wert, was placed on one year of community control on a charge of receiving stolen property, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Wood had made restitution for the property in question prior to her hearing.

Wood was ordered to pay all costs associated with her case and to spend a thirty day jail sentence at a time to be determined by the supervision officer.

Judge Steele also gave Wood a 180-day jail sentence and a \$1,000 fine but deferred imposition of the sentence pending her successful completion of the community control program.

Jason A. Lamb, 29, Van Wert, was placed on three years of community control on two counts of trafficking in drugs, both counts felonies of the fourth degree.

Lamb's attorney told the court that Lamb had recently completed a drug rehabilitation program and is heavily involved in follow counseling for a severe drug problem.

Lamb also addressed the court telling Judge Steele that he was ready to get his life on the right track and that he was tired of his life revolving around the use of drugs.

Lamb was ordered to spend 180 days on electronic monitored house arrest, serve an additional 30 days in the Van Wert County Jail at a time to be determined by his supervision officer, complete a substance abuse assessment and complete any recommend programs. Lamb's driving privileges were suspended for six months, and he was ordered to pay all costs associated with his case.

Judge Steele also gave Lamb two 12-month prison terms to be served consecutively but deferred the imposition of the prison sentence pending the successful completion of the community control program.