

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

Tonya L. Moore, 33, Columbus, was arraigned on a six-count indictment charging her with three counts of forgery and three counts of identity fraud. All six counts are felonies of the fifth degree.

No bond was set for Moore as she is an inmate in prison at the present time.

Judge Steele set a pretrial hearing for 8 a.m. Aug. 10.

Isaac Gates, 29, Decatur, Ind., entered a plea guilty to four counts of burglary, all felonies of the second degree and the last count of burglary was dismissed as part of plea negotiations.

Gates and a Crystal Stauffer, 32 of Monroe, Ind., who has already been sentenced, were accused of breaking into a number of homes in the southern part of Van Wert County during the month of May 2010. The pair, along with others, were also responsible for the burglaries of other homes in Mercer County.

Gates faces a maximum of 32 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$60,000, plea negotiation indicated that the Prosecutor's Office was going to recommend a two year sentence on each count to run concurrently with one another.

Gates was ordered held without bond since he also faces charges in Indiana.

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

Jordan Vickery, 27, Van Wert, was sentenced to prison on a charge of failing to register as a sex offender, a felony of the fourth degree.

Vickery as well as his mother pleaded with the court not sentence him to prison.

Prior to sentencing Vickery, Judge Steele stated Vickery has an extensive criminal record extending back to 1998 when Vickery was a juvenile. Judge Steele found that he was not amenable to community control and ordered Vickery to spend nine months in prison.

Vickery received 56 days credit for time served awaiting final disposition of his case.

Allan Pierce, 44, Van Wert, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of sexual imposition, a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for 9 a.m. Aug. 17.

Bradley W. Sheets, 28, Convoy, was granted a continuance in his case waiving his right to a speedy trial.

The prosecutor told Judge Steele there are other cases involved at the present time.

No new date for a trial has been scheduled at this time.