

Two individuals were arraigned before Judge Charles Steele in Van Wert County Common Pleas Court on Wednesday morning, both had been indicted by the Van Wert County Grand Jury earlier this month.

Justin Tansy, 26, Brownsburg, Ind., entered a not guilty plea to a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Tansy was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for 8 a.m. Aug. 24.

Dustin Garrett, 27, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with possession of drugs, a felony of the fifth degree.

Garrett was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for 8 a.m. Aug. 24.

In other court news:

James D. Ramirez, 21 Van Wert, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of burglary, a felony of the fourth degree.

According to a Van Wert City Police Department investigation, Ramirez entered a home in Van Wert on July 26.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for 9 a.m. Sept. 28.

Allan Pierce, 44, Van Wert, was sentenced to spend sixty days in the Van Wert County Correctional Facility on a charge of sexual imposition, a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Pierce also was found to be a tier one sex offender and will be required to register with the sheriff annually for the next 15 years.

Judge Steele gave Pierce credit for 11 days in jail for the time served awaiting the final disposition of the case.

April Diltz, 35, formerly of Van Wert now a residence of Swanton, was given three years of community control on two counts of possession of drugs, both counts fourth degree felonies.

Diltz was arrested for an incident in August 2010 during an investigation conducted by the Ohio Crime Task Force and the Van Wert City Police Department.

Diltz will have a jail sentence of 30 days, which is to be served at the determination of her supervision officer, perform 200 hours of community service and provide a list of all medications she is taking along with a list of medical providers she sees.

Judge Steele ordered her driver's license suspended for a period of six months, she was ordered to pay partial reimbursement of \$250 for her court appointed counsel, \$25 affidavit of indigency fee and court costs.

Judge Steele gave her a six-month prison sentence on each count to be served concurrently with the imposition of the prison sentence to be deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Stephanie Farmer, Van Wert, admitted to violating the terms of her community control by testing positive for the use of marijuana and heroin and failing to pay her court costs.

Farmer was resentenced to three years of community control under the previous conditions and ordered to spend 10 days in jail, she was given credit for seven days jail time which she had served awaiting final disposition of her case.

Ronnie L. Black, 52, Delphos, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of domestic violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Black had originally been charged with domestic violence, a felony of the fourth degree. Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for 9 a.m. Aug. 31.

Skyler D. Luegers, 20, Celina, entered a guilty plea to a charge of grand theft of a motor vehicle, a felony of the fourth degree.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for 9 a.m. Sept. 28.

Tasha Comment, 27, Van Wert, admitted to violating her community control program. Comment admitted to violating her conditions by testing positive for the use of bath salts and for not paying her weekly electronic monitored house arrest fees (EMHA).

Judge Steele told Comment that he was concerned about her use of bath salts but did resentence her to three years of community control and ordered her to spend up to six months at the WORTH Center in Lima.

The basic prison term of 12 months remains but the imposition of the prison sentence was deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Randal D. Keller, 51, Van Wert, was placed on three years of community control on a charge of possession of drugs, a felony of the fifth degree.

Keller was arrested on the charge after the Van Wert City Police Department had gone to arrest Keller on an outstanding warrant issued by the Van Wert Municipal Court and they discovered him to be in possession of heroin.

Keller was ordered to spend 30 days in jail at a time to be determined by his supervision officer, complete a substance abuse assessment and complete any rehabilitation program recommended.

Judge Steele ordered is his driver's license suspended for six months, placed him in the intensive supervision program and ordered him to pay all costs associated with his case.

A basic prison term of six months was issued to Keller, but Judge Steele deferred the imposition of the sentence pending the successful completion of the community control program.