

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

James D. Ramirez, 21, Van Wert, was placed on community control for three years on a charge of burglary, a felony of the fourth degree.

According to a Van Wert City Police Department investigation, Ramirez had forced his way into an apartment on July 26, at which time he took a video game. Apparently Ramirez had been to the apartment with another friend the night before but returned alone later to burglarize the apartment and took the game.

Judge Steele, in addition to the three years of community control, placed Ramirez on 90 days of electronic monitored house arrest, ordered that he spend 30 days in the Van Wert County Jail at a time determined by his supervision officer, complete a psychological and substance abuse assessment along with completing any rehabilitation program ordered, and make restitution to the victim in the amount of \$100. Ramirez was ordered to pay \$250 as partial reimbursement for his court appointed attorney, \$25 for the affidavit of indigency fee, and court costs.

Ramirez was also given a basic prison term of 12 months with the imposition of the sentence deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Bradley D. Smith, 34, Edgerton, was sentenced to one year of community control on attempted receiving stolen property, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Smith was ordered to spend 60 days on electronic monitored house arrest, make restitution of \$275 to the victim, pay \$250 as partial reimbursement for his court appointed counsel, \$25 affidavit of indigency fee and court costs.

Smith was also given a 180-day jail sentence and a \$1000 fine with the imposition of the jail sentence and fine deferred pending his successful completion of the community control program.

Skyler D. Leugers, 20, Celina, was placed on three years of community control on a charge of grand theft, a felony of the fourth degree.

According to a Van Wert City Police Department investigation, Leugers allegedly purchased a vehicle in April from a local resident with a check after learning of the vehicle being offered for sale on an internet site. Leugers told the victim that the check for \$2,800 was from his parents and he was authorized to use the check for the purchase of the vehicle. Later, the victim learned that the check was taken from his parents and Leugers was not authorized to use the check. The vehicle was recovered but the vehicle was damaged beyond repair.

Judge Steele ordered that Leugers spend 60 days on electronic monitored house arrest, spend an additional 30 days in jail at a time to be determined by his supervision officer and make restitution to the victim in the amount of \$2,800 which must be paid to the victim by April 1, 2012.

Leugers was ordered to pay \$250 for partial reimbursement of his court appointed attorney, \$25 for affidavit of indigency fee and court costs.

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

Kareem Howard, 37, Van Wert, was found in violation of his community control program by not reporting, failing to notify his supervision officer of a change of address and failed to undergo a substance abuse assessment and attend programs as recommended.

Howard was sentenced to three years of community control in July 2010 on a charge of

domestic violence at which time he was given an 18-months prison sentence.

Judge Steele found that Howard was not amenable to community control and ordered him to spend the 18-month prison sentence and gave him credit for 41 days he had spent in jail awaiting final disposition of his case.

Joel L. Crawford, 23, Van Wert, was found in violation of his community control program by voluntarily checking out of the WORTH Center program.

Judge Steele ordered that Crawford spend a prison sentence of one year on one case and six months for each of four counts on another case. The four counts were to run concurrently but consecutively to the one-year prison sentence.

Crawford was given credit toward the prison sentence for 277 days which he had served while awaiting final disposition of his case.

Gabriel G. Spradlin, 26, Rockford, entered a guilty plea to a charge of eluding and fleeing, a felony of the third degree.

According to records, Spradlin attempted to flee and elude from police officers after an attempt to stop him was initiated. Spradlin reached high speeds on Race Street, lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a home. The incident took place in July of 2011.

Spradlin suffered severe injuries from the crash and had to be extracted from the vehicle after the crash.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing on Nov. 9.

Kevin L. Clay, 26, Van Wert, entered a guilty plea to a charge of possession of drugs, a felony of the fifth degree.

According to a statement made in court by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Clay did use or possess heroin on Jan. 8.

Judge Steele ordered a presentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for Dec. 14.