Nine individuals appeared before judge Charles Steele in Van Wert County Common Plase Court Wednesday:

Two Van Wert men who admitted to stealing from an elderly Van Wert County woman were sentenced Wednesday. John V. Snavely and Michael A. Wooten were each placed on three years of community control for fifth-degree felony theft from an elderly person.

According to testimony, the pair agreed to do some repair work in the woman's home while she was hospitalized, but never performed the work. Snavely and Wooten will have to make $301 in restitution by June 1. Each man was given a 30-day jail term, along with another 30-day term to be scheduled later, 200 hours of community service and fees and court costs.

Snavely received a six-month prison sentence that was deferred pending the successful completion of community control. Wooten's deferred prison sentence is for 12 months.

A Marion woman who was involved in a home invasion robbery and assault more than four years ago was back in court on Wednesday. Elizabeth Wyatt was part of a group who committed the robbery at the home of an elderly Wren man. She knocked on the man's door on the evening of Dec. 18, 2007, asking to use the phone. When she was let in, two male accomplices stormed in also. One beat the victim with brass knuckles while Wyatt and the other man ransacked the house, taking $1,700 worth of cash and property.

She was granted judicial release after serving 2 1/2 years of incarceration and was then sent to the WORTH Center in Lima for rehabilitation a little over a year ago. Wyatt was arrested on a parole violation for testing positive for drugs on Dec. 15. She was placed on three years of community control, was given another 30-day jail sentence, and was ordered to attend in-house rehabilitation at Foundations in Marion. A four-year prison sentence was further deferred pending the successful completion of community control.

A man arrested for drunkenly walking into a strange home was sent to the WORTH Center and was given community control time. Donald Sharp pleaded guilty to attempted burglary, but stressed that he had no intention of burglarizing or entering that home. Judge Charles D. Steele pointed out that Sharp has a record dating back to 1982 with a significant history of alcohol and substance abuse issues.

Sharp must also perform 200 hours of community service, serve 30 days in jail, complete a substance abuse treatment program, and pay fees and court costs. A 12-month prison sentence was deferred pending the successful completion of community control.

Kelli Duvall, 31, Spencerville, was given 90 days of electronically-monitored house arrest and 30 days in jail as part of three years of community control. Duvall had previously pleaded guilty to illegal cultivation of marijuana. She had been arrested for helping to grow 87 marijuana plants along Hartsock Road near Willshire.

Duvall must also complete a psychological and a substance abuse treatment program, perform 200 hours of community service, pay fees and court costs, and turn over her drivers license for six months. A nine-month prison sentence was deferred pending the successful completion of community control.

A Van Wert man was ordered held on a $100,000 bond after he was accused of violating his surety bond. Elmico Crisp was arrested last week for aggravated menacing. Action on that charge is pending, but Assistant County Prosecutor Martin Burchfield asked Steele for a significant cash bond due to the probability of Crisp's guilt. A hearing on the bond violation will be scheduled in the near future.

Jennifer Burk was ordered held without bond after she admitted to violating her bond agreement by not reporting to the probation office in nearly two weeks and for consuming marijuana, cocaine, and the illicit designer drug nicknamed “jewelry cleaner.” She was out on bond pending a fourth-degree felony charge of trespassing in a place of habitation.

Klarissa Mendoza wiped tears away from her face as she apologized for violating her community control. Mendoza admitted to using heroin and to being arrested for solicitation in Montgomery County.

Steele sentenced Mendoza to serve the rest of her current sentence — 105 days — in the Van Wert County Jail. A pair of nine-month concurrent prison sentences were deferred pending the successful completion of community control.

Dylan Redding, 20, pleaded guilty to theft, a felony of the fifth degree. Redding was charged with taking a motor vehicle license plate on Nov. 1. Sentencing was set for Feb. 15.