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

Criminal hearings

Delaquan Dion McCleskey, 21, Dayton, was sentenced to three years of community control and ordered to spend up to six months at the WORTH Center on charges of trafficking in heroin, possession of heroin, and possession of cocaine. The trafficking charge was a fourth-degree felony, with the two counts of possession of cocaine and heroin both fifth-degree felonies.

Judge Steele emphatically told McCleskey that it was his intention to sentence him along with others who are allegedly bringing heroin into Van Wert County to prison terms but recent changes dictated by the Ohio Department of Corrections prohibits him sending persons to prison who have no prior felony records.

McCleskey was arrested after a Van Wert City Police Department undercover investigation show McCleskey was bringing large quantities of heroin, cocaine and bath salts to Van Wert from Dayton.

Judge Steele also gave McCleskey a 12-month prison term on each count to run concurrently but deferred the imposition of the prison sentence pending the successful completion of the community control program. Judge Steele ordered that $704.91 in cash found on McCleskey at the time of his arrest be forfeited to the appropriate law enforcement agency as the money was used to facilitate the commission of the drug offenses.

Brandi Myers, 29, and Glenn Duvall, 37, of Willshire were placed on three years of community control and both were ordered to spend 90 days on electronic monitored house arrest on charges of illegal cultivation of marijuana, a felony of the fourth degree.

The two along with a third individual were arrested after an investigation by the Van Wert County Sheriff's Department in August of last year after receiving a tip that they were growing marijuana in the rural area of the southern part of the county.

The two also both were ordered to spend an additional 30 days in the Van Wert County Jail at a time to be determined by their supervision officers, pay court costs, and complete a substance abuse assessment. Their driving privileges were suspended for a period of six months.

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

Tanisha J. Agler, 21, Lima, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of breaking and entering for an August breaking and entering to a Venedocia business.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for Feb. 15.

Arraignments

John McGinnis, 30, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to a two-count indictment charging him with trafficking in heroin — one count a fourth degree felony the second a fifth degree felony.

McGinnis was arrested after an undercover drug operation conducted by the Van Wert City Police Department found that McGinnis had sold heroin on two separate occasions to an undercover agent in August of last year.

McGinnis was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond and scheduled a pretrial hearing for Feb. 1.

Forrest E. Houseworth, 28, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with carrying a concealed weapon, a felony of the fourth degree.

Houseworth was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing

scheduled for Feb. 1.
Scott Jordan, 48, Fort Wayne, Indiana entered a not guilty plea to a charge of receiving stolen property, a felony of the fourth degree.
Jordon was ordered held on a $5,000 cash bond along with a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 25.
Dale W. Wright, 19, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of grand theft, a felony of the fifth degree.
Wright was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for Feb. 1.
Rachel A. Clark, 26, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of identity fraud, a felony of the fourth degree.
Clark was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for Feb. 1.
Gary W. Stephens, 54, Convoy, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of receiving stolen property. a felony of the fourth degree.
Stephens was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for Feb. 1.
Christopher S. Lindeman, 23, Delphos, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of theft, a felony of the fifth degree.
Lindeman was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for Feb. 1.
Anthony Whitt, 27, Kenton, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with three counts of forgery, felonies of the fifth degree.
Whitt, along with a second individual, were counterfeiting $100 bills and passing them at businesses in Van Wert County. Whitt faces similar charges in surrounding counties for similar offenses.
Whitt was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond but is presently being held by Auglaize County on similar related charges.
A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 25.
Taylor Saum, 22, Delphos, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of theft form an elderly person, a felony of the fifth degree.
According to a Van Wert County Sheriff's Department investigation, Saum, along with another subject, allegedly stolen scrap metal from a 70-year-old man in Van Wert County.
Saum was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for Feb. 8.
Shannon S. Hartman, 39, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to a indictment charging her with two counts of trafficking in heroin.
Hartman was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for Feb. 1.
Christina M. McClure, 22, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging her with theft from an elderly person, a felony of the fifth degree.
McClure was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled to Feb. 8.
Michael A. Speakman, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with theft, a felony of the fifth degree.
Speakman was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing

scheduled for Feb. 8.
Haley Jones, 18, Buckland, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of Breaking and Entering a felony of the fifth degree. Jones is being held on similar charges in Auglaize County and in Allen County.
Jones will have a pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 25.
Cody Edwards, 21, Forth Worth, Texas, the last of the three individualS chargeD in the arson and vandalism of a crane and lighting equipment at a windmill construction site, entered a not guilty plea to one count of arson, a felony of the fourth degree; one count of vandalism, a felony of the fourth degree; one count of vandalism, a felony of the third degree; and one count of breaking and entering, a felony of the fifth degree.
Edwards along with two other individuals allegedly entered a work site of one of the windmills and damaged equipment belonging to the construction firm. Damage was listed at $500,000 to the crane that was set fire.
Assistant Van Wert County Prosecuting Attorney Martin Burchfield asked for a considerable cash bond since Edwards has no immediate ties to Van Wert County and gave a false name when he was apprehended in Texas.
Judge Steele set a bond in the amount of $20,000 cash along with $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 25.