Nine of the defendants of a large group of people indicted for their involvement in drugs and other charges were arraigned Wednesday morning before Judge Charles Steele in Van Wert County Common Pleas Court:
Andrew Lumpkins, 28, Spencerville, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with theft from an elderly person, a felony of the fifth degree.
Lumpkins was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for March 7.
Kennethy M. Imler, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to violating a protection order.
Imler was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with an additional condition that he have no contact with the alleged victim.
A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for March 7.
David A. Sheets, 41, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of rape, a felony of the first degree.
Sheets was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with the condition that he have no contact with the alleged victim.
A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for March 7.
Elmico Crisp, 36, Lima, entered a not guilty plea to a two count indictment charging him with trafficking in cocaine, both indictments were felonies of the fourth degree. Judge Steele set a $10,000 cash bond with a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond.
A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for March 14.
Brenda Schwartz, 26, Decatur, Ind., was charged with four counts of theft from an elderly person, a felony of the fifth degree.
Schwartz was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a waiver of extradition being signed.
A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for March 14.
Joshua A. Lane, 25, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of trafficking in drugs, a felony of the fifth degree.
Lane was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for March 14.
Dustin S. Stuckey, 26, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with two counts of trafficking in drugs, both counts were felonies of the fourth degree.
Stuckey was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for March 14.
Kenneth E. Myers III, 19, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to one count of theft, a felony of the fifth degree.
Myers was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for March 14.
David Boff Jr., 19, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, a felony of the fourth degree.
Boff was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with condition that Boff have no contact with the minor.
A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for March 14.
Nicole Wells, 34, Convoy, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging her with unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, a felony of the third degree; and importuning, a felony of the fifth

degree.
According to the indictment, Wells did on the 14th day of January, engage in sexual conduct with a minor older than 13 but less than 16 years of age. The second count of the indictment dealing with the importuning charge indicates that Wells did, on or about the 14,, not being the spouse of the offender solicit another to engage in sexual conduct and that the offender was four or more years older than the other person, older than 13 years of age but less than 16 years of age, this being a felony of the fifth degree.
Wells was released on a $5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for March 14.
Jessica Thompson, 26, Van Wert, entered two pleas of guilty, one to theft, a felony of the fifth degree; and one of guilty to a charge of falsification in a theft offense, a felony of the fifth degree.
Thompson had filed a motion for Treatment in Lieu of Conviction which was granted by the Court.
According to a Van Wert City Police Department investigation, Thompson, along with two others, was responsible for the theft of beer, liquor and money from the Century Bar on Nov. 9, while Thompson was employed by the establishment.
Kelly G. Matthieu, 43, Kenton, was placed on five years of community control and will have to spend up to six months at the WORTH Center on a charge of attempted driving while under the influence of alcohol, a felony of the fourth degree.
Matthieu was also ordered to pay all court costs associated with his case and will be under three years of intensive supervision during that period of time. Judge Steele also gave Matthieu an 18-month prison sentence but deferred the imposition of the sentence pending the successful completion of the community control program.
Dotrney E. Cooper, 29, Huston, Texas, was placed on one year of community control on a charge of theft from an elderly person, a felony of the fifth degree.
Judge Steele ordered that Cooper spend 30 days in the Van Wert County Jail along with the 90 days he has already served awaiting final disposition of his case.
A basic prison term of six months was given Cooper but the imposition of the prison sentence was deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.
Sonya Foster, 33, Kenton, entered a plea of guilty to a Bill of Information charging her with use of possession of heroin, a felony of the fifth degree.
Foster filed a motion for Treatment in Lieu of Conviction which was granted by the court, she is presently involved in a treatment program based in Toledo.
Successfully completing the treatment program will mean that Foster will have no criminal record.