

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

Douglas Fonner, 27, Mendon, appeared in court entering a guilty plea to each count of a nine count indictment charging him with breaking and entering, theft and safecracking. The indictment was returned by the Van Wert County Grand Jury after hearing testimony from Detectives of the Van Wert County Sheriff's Office.

According to the investigation, Fonner, along with others, broke into the Mercer Landmark in Ohio City, the post office and Mercer Landmark in Elgin and Pure Line Foods in Middle Point. Cash along with other items were taken from the businesses, safes were broken into also. The breaking and entering of the businesses took place in December and January of this year. Fonner told Judge Steele that he recently received a 58-month sentence for his part in the similar crimes that he was involved with in Mercer County. Fonner also faces charges in Auglaize and Darke counties.

The breaking and entering and theft charges are all felonies of the fifth degree with the safecracking charges felonies of the fourth degree.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney told Judge Steele restitution exceeds \$19,749.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for March 21.

Jennifer R. Burk, 21, Van Wert, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of breaking and entering, a felony of the fifth degree, for an incident that took place in October 2011. Burk had also filed a motion for Intervention in Lieu of Conviction meaning that Burk will be involved in a drug treatment rehabilitation program.

Kenneth E. Myers III, Van Wert, was found to be in violation of the conditions of his personal surety bond. Myers had admitted to supervising officers that he had used marijuana and heroin on Feb. 22 while out on bond.

Judge Steele ordered Myers personal surety bond revoked with him to be held on a \$10,000 cash bond. A pretrial hearing will be scheduled within the next two weeks.

Adam C. Stripe, Van Wert, waived his right to a speedy trial which was granted by the court. Stripe is entering a rehabilitation center. Judge Steele told Stripe that another pretrial hearing would be scheduled in approximately 120 days.

Curtis Boroff, Dayton, admitted to violating the terms of his community control program for failing to make child support payments as previously ordered when sentenced on April 28, 2011.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Eva J. Yarger told Judge Steele that Boroff was over \$25,000 behind in his child support.

Boroff was sentenced to the previously pronounced basic prison term of 12 months which had been deferred pending the successful completion of the community control program.

Alonzo J. Munoz, 19, Van Wert, entered a guilty plea to a charge of domestic violence, a felony of the fourth degree.

According to a police investigation, Munoz allegedly caused or attempted to cause physical harm to a Tiffany Raines, a household member.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for April 2.

Cyle Black, 25, Van Wert, was arraigned on three counts of trafficking in drugs, one count a felony of the fourth degree with the other two counts felonies of the fifth degree.

Black was ordered held on a \$1,000 cash bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for March 7. Zachary D. Springer, 20, Van Wert, entered guilty pleas to three counts of trafficking in heroin, all counts felonies of the fifth degree.

Springer was arrested as a result of a Van Wert City Police Department undercover investigation which was conducted during June 2011.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation with sentencing being scheduled for April 3. Timothy A. Wollet, 31, Van Wert, entered a guilty plea to a charge of trafficking in heroin, a felony of the fifth degree.

Wollet allegedly sold heroin to an undercover agent working for the Van Wert City Police Department in May 2010.

Judge Steele ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for April 3.

Haley N. Jones, 18, Buckland, was sentenced to basic prison term of nine months on a charge of breaking and entering, a felony of the fifth degree.

According to a Van Wert County Sheriff's Department investigation Jones, along with others broke into the Ohio Electric Polishing Company in Venedocia along with a group of other people. Jones also faces similar charges in Allen and Auglaize Counties.

Jones was given credit for 14 days against her sentence for time she has served in jail awaiting final disposition of her case.

Shannon S. Hartman, 30, Convoy, was sentenced to a 15 month prison term on charges of trafficking in heroin.

According to a Van Wert City Police Department investigation, Hartman allegedly sold heroin to an undercover agent working for the Van Wert Police Department.

Prior to sentencing, Hartman told Judge Steele that she has been addicted to heroin for over the past five years.

Judge Steele will recommend to the Department of Corrections that Hartman be placed in the intensive prison program to help her rehabilitate.

Hartman was given credit for 41 days she has served in jail awaiting final disposition of her case.

Brandon L. Murphy, admitted to violating the terms of his community control program by failing to report as requested.

Murphy told Judge Steele that he finally found employment in a foundry in Dayton.

Judge Steele continued the case for two weeks for sentencing.