

Six of the seven persons arraigned before Judge Charles D. Steele in Van Wert County Common Pleas Court Wednesday were individuals arrested in a drug sweep last Friday in Delphos. The undercover drug operation was conducted by members of the West Central Ohio Crime Task Force comprised of officers from the Allen County Sheriff's Office, Lima Police Department Shawnee Township Police Department, Van Wert County Sheriff's Office and the Delphos Police Department.

All seven of the individuals charged with a variety of drug charges entered a not guilty plea at the time of their arraignment.

Kristina Diltz, 32, Van Wert, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of trafficking in drugs, a felony of the fourth degree.

Diltz was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for April 18.

Keri L. Hines, 28, Delphos, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of two counts of trafficking in drugs, one count a felony of the fourth degree and the other felony of the fifth degree.

Hines was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for April 18.

Phillip Cross, 23, Delphos, entered a not guilty plea to a two count indictment charging him with trafficking in drugs, both counts felonies of the fifth degree.

Cross is presently being held in the Auglaize County Jail on other charges and is due to be released from that jail on April 2.

Judge Steele ordered that Cross be held on a \$10,000 cash bond with a 10-percent privilege with a pretrial hearing scheduled for April 18.

Chad Neuman, 27, Delphos entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with three counts of trafficking in drugs and one count of possession of drugs.

Assistant County Prosecuting Attorney Martin Burchfield asked for a cash bond because of Neuman's past criminal history and it was believed that he has charges pending in other counties.

Judge Steele set a \$50,000 cash bond with a 10-percent privilege and scheduled a pretrial hearing for April 3.

Steve Diltz, 27, Delphos, entered a not guilty plea to trafficking in drugs, a felony of the fifth degree.

Assistant Van Wert County Prosecutor Martin Burchfield asked for a high cash bond. Burchfield told Judge Steele that Diltz has multiple counts of drug charges pending in other counties.

Judge Steele sent a \$10,000 cash bond with a 10-percent privilege and scheduled a pretrial hearing for April 3.

Nathaniel Diltz, 28, Delphos, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with trafficking in drugs, a felony of the fifth degree.

Diltz was released on a \$5,000 unsecured personal surety bond with a pretrial hearing scheduled for April 18.

Daniel J. Everette, 36, Dayton, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with three counts of theft all counts were felonies of the fifth degree.

Everette is presently being held in prison on charges out of Montgomery County; no bond was set in his case.

Judge Steele set a pretrial hearing for Everette on March 22.

Andrew Donald James Snyder, 18, Van Wert, entered a guilty plea to a charge of theft, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Snyder was charged with theft of items from Walmart where he had been employed at the time. As part of the plea agreement, Snyder has agreed to make restitution of \$1,000 to Walmart. A pre-sentence investigation is to be conducted with a sentencing hearing to be held on April 18.

Christina M. McClure, 22, Van Wert, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of forgery a felony of the fifth degree.

According to the prosecutor's office, McClure forged a number of checks in October and November 2011, which were checks belonging to an Audrey McClure.

McClure had filed a motion for treatment in lieu of conviction which was granted by Judge Steele. McClure will be under the supervision of the Van Wert County Adult Probation Department for a period of one year while she undergoes a rehabilitation program.

Jennifer R. Burk, Van Wert, admitted to violating her treatment in lieu of conviction by failing to complete a rehabilitation program.

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

Jeffrey A. Craft, 26, Van Wert, entered a guilty plea to a charge of non-support of dependents, a felony of the fifth degree.

Craft agreed to enter a diversion program, if the program is successfully completed he would have no criminal record

Douglas N. Fonner, 27, Mendon, was sentenced to serve time in prison on multiple charges of breaking and entering along with multiple charges of theft and safecracking charges, all felony counts.

Fonner had been arrested by the Van Wert County Sheriff Department on breaking and entering incidents which took place at the Elgin Mercer Landmark, the Ohio City Mercer Landmark and Pure Line Foods in Middle Point. All the incidents took place during December 2011 and January of this year. Fonner took items of property from the businesses along with cash from the office areas.

Fonner had similar charges pending in other adjoining counties and is presently serving a prison term of fifty-eight months for similar crimes that took place in Mercer County.

Judge Steele gave Fonner 12-month sentences on all nine felony counts, with the first five counts of breaking and entering to run consecutive with each other and counts six, seven, eight and nine to run concurrently with the first five counts. All counts with prison time will run concurrently with the prison sentence out of Mercer County.

Judge Steele stated that with the previous criminal record, it was necessary that Fonner serve a prison sentence in order to protect the public. Fonner was also ordered to make restitution to the victims.

Kelly G. Matthieu, Kenton, was ordered to spend eighteen months in prison on a charge of felony driving while under the influence.

Matthieu originally had been sentence to community control and was to spend time at the WORTH Center but didn't qualify for the WORTH Center because of health problems and he was unable to find any other rehabilitation program on his own because of financial problems.

Judge Steele told Matthieu that he was going to recommend that he be put in the intensive prison program which is a program similar to the WORTH Center which could lead to an early release from prison if successfully completed.

Shane Willaims, 23, Van Wert, appeared on a probation violating charge for failing to report to

his supervision officer, failing to pay on his court cost, failing to perform community service along with failing to complete any assessment program as required in his original sentence. Williams had been given a 180-day jail sentence and fined \$1,000 on May 19, 2011, with that sentence being deferred at that time. Williams will now have to serve the \$1,000 fine and serve the 180 days jail for being in violation of the terms of his community control.

Sonay M. Foster, 33, Maumee and formerly of Kenton, was placed on three years of community control on a drug charge, she originally had charged for her involvement with two other Delphos men in the theft of a refrigerator.

Foster was in a drug rehabilitation program at the time and has successfully completed the program while still being involved in other drug rehab programs.

Foster is to pay court costs, will have her drivers license suspended for six months and will have a six-month prison term which will be deferred pending her successful completion of the community control program.