Nine persons appeared in Van Wert County Common Please Court before Judge Charles Steele on Wednesday. Five changed their pleas, two were sentenced, one was arraigned and one appeared on a bond violation.

Change of plea

Daniel Fetters, 37, Rockford, changed his plea to guilty to a charge of possession of drugs, a felony of the fourth degree. He then requested and was granted Treatment in Lieu of conviction and his case was stayed pending completion of the treatment program.

Jason Vanover, 32, Van Wert, Entered a guilty plea to two charges: possession of drugs, felony five; and trafficking in drugs, felony five. Five other charges were dismissed in exchange for his pleas.

The court ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set sentencing for Dec. 12.

Jason Pescosolido, 27, Van Wert, entered a guilty plea to a charge of violation of a protection order, a felony of the fifth degree.

The court ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set sentencing for Nov. 17.

Erik Lehmkuhle, 31, Van Wert, entered an Alford plea to a charge of gross sexual imposition, a felony of the third degree. Five other charges were dismissed in exchange for his pleas.

The court ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set sentencing for Dec. 12.

Rachel Clark, 27, Ohio City, entered a plea of guilty to theft, a misdemeanor of the first degree. This charge was reduced from a felony five theft and a second charge of ID fraud was dismissed for her plea.

The court ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set sentencing for Nov. 12.

Sentencings

Kristina Diltz, 32, Van Wert appeared for sentencing on a charge of violating her community control.

The court continued this matter until Nov. 7 to gather more information.

Shay Ringwald, 23, Middle Point, was sentenced on a felony four charge of possession of heroin.

He received three years community control, 30 days jail, 200 hours community service, substance abuse assessment and treatment, two years intensive probation, driver’s licence suspended six months, ordered to pay court costs and partial attorney fees, 12 months prison was deferred pending successful completion of community control.

Arraignment

Paul Kay, 46, Cincinnati, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of theft, a felony of the fifth degree.

He was released on a surety bond and ordered to appear for a pre-trial conference on Nov. 7.

Bond violation

Kenneth Myers III, 20, Van Wert, appeared for a bond violation. He admitted testing positive for drugs earlier this month.

He was released on a surety bond pending a sentencing hearing to be set.