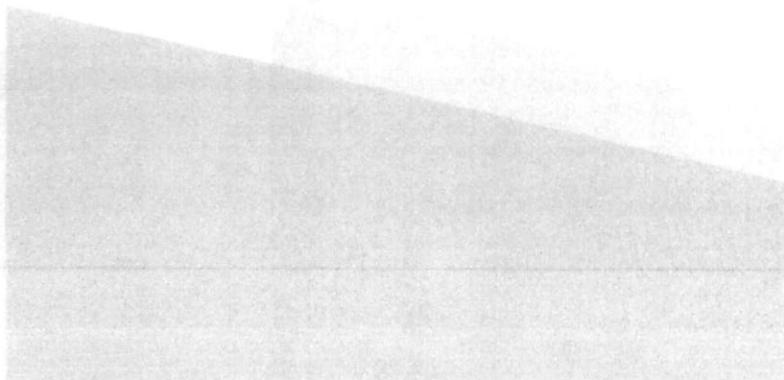


CRIMINAL COURT, DIVISION V  
DAVIDSON COUNTY TENNESSEE

# **GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT**

**JULY – SEPTEMBER 2014**

The Honorable Judge Monte D. Watkins



We the members of the Davidson County Grand Jury for the term of July 2014 through September 2014 under the Honorable Judge Monte D. Watkins submit the following report.

We heard 723 cases, which 708 were True Bills and 15 were No True Bills. No Special Cases were presented this term.

In the course of our term we were introduced to the current District Attorney Torry Johnson III and the newly elected District Attorney Glenn Funk. We heard presentations from the following:

- A) Drug Task Force (Sgt. William Loucks)
- B) Gangs Unit (Sgt. Jon Boese)
- C) Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Unit (Sgts. John Timm & Shawn Richardson)
- D) Sex Crimes Unit
- E) Warrants Division (Capt. Randall Hickerson and Sgt. Brazen)
- F) DUI Unit (Office Russell Ward)
- G) CSA Unit & Our Kids (Sgt. Michael Shreeve & Sue Ross, RN)

The following field trips were planned during our term:

- 1) Drug Court IV
- 2) Criminal Justice Center
- 3) Police Academy
- 4) River Bend Prison
- 5) Comstat

The information we received from the presentations and field trips were educational, terrifying and saddening. But overall it gave us a greater understanding and appreciation for our judicial system and for the men and women who have taken the oath and given their lives to serve and protect.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

➤ Case Presenters

- 1. Familiarize themselves with the case(s) they are presenting.
- 2. Past criminal history has no bearing. It only tends to influence the ruling for the case at hand.
- 3. All pictures pertinent to the case are important.
- 4. This Grand Jury also found the age of the defendants useful.

➤ Grand Jury Meetings

- 1. Cell phones must be turned off during Grand Jury meeting sessions.
- 2. Jurors should plan to arrive 15-minutes before session start time.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** (cont'd.)

➤ **Observations**

1. Individual indictments should be listed the same as on the official indictment.
2. "Habitual Driving Offenders" are released repeatedly to commit further driving offenses.
3. The laws and sentencing for "Sex Offenders" should be more severe than the laws for drug offenders.
4. Additional officers are needed in the Sex Crimes Unit.
5. Among the vast amount of charges/cases presented there were 98-Drug cs., 82-DUI cs., along with quite a few 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> DUI per se cases. 111-Property Theft cs., 84-No License/Revoked/Suspended cs., 84-Deadly Weapon cs., 145-Assault/Aggravated cs., 80-Possession/Casual Exchange cs. Even though sex crimes are on the rise, this Grand Jury only heard 15 or less of either cases of child abuse, child neglect/aggravated, sex offender registry violation, sexual exploitation, rape (forced), statutory rape of an authority figure and sexual battery.
6. This Grand Jury recommends that the \$10.00 a day fee for Grand Jury service be raised to at least \$25.00 a day.
7. Mrs. Dawn Drundage presented a report of allegations of sexual abuse by her husband of their daughter. The report was not presented in a timely manner to this Grand Jury for review and/or investigation. We therefore, forward this report to the incoming Grand Jury and respectfully recommend they review, investigate and take whatsoever action necessary.

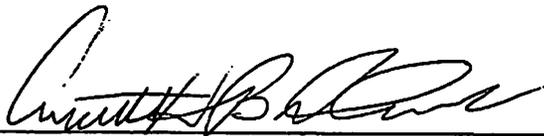
➤ **John Jay Hooker**

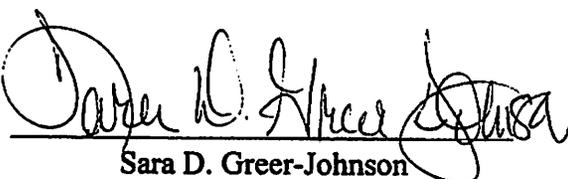
1. This Grand Jury was visited on two occasions by John Jay Hooker, Walt Brumit, Tony Gottlieb, Holly Spann and Forrest Shoaf. They addressed the; 1) the illegitimacy of the August 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Retention election and; 2) that the Tennessee Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission (JPEC) is in violation of the final order from the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court Davidson County, TCA 17-4-201(b) (6) and the Supreme Court Rule 27, mandating that the appointments to the Commission approximate the population of the state with respect to race and gender.
2. Mr. Hooker and team presented a very compelling and convincing case and this Grand Jury feels that charges should be brought against Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey and Speaker of the House Beth Hardwell who willfully and arrogantly ignored the law requiring those appointments be made in proportion to the population of the state. Tennessee's population is 52 percent female. The Commission is comprised of seven white men, one white woman, and one African-American woman and no African-American men.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

1. Sgt. Robert W. Bandish II – for his excellent preparation and presentation skills.
2. Lori Hooberry – of the District Attorney’s Office for her kindness and assistance.
3. Norman Fox – of The Donut Den for supplying us with donuts during our term. The Bacon Donuts were a big hit.
4. Grand Jurors who brought in refreshments –
  - a. Mark Shepard and Morris O’Briant (delivered the donuts from the Donut Den and provided additional donuts)
  - b. Tiffany Wayman and John Wallace (Breakfast biscuits and apple slices from McDonalds)
  - c. Roxie Williams (Fruit bowl)
  - d. Elizabeth Jackson (Baked cookies)
  - e. Ida Pirtle (Breakfast)
  - f. Mr. Arnett Bodenhamer (for his rapport with the Donut Den)
5. Asst. Attorney General Rodney Faulk - for his tireless efforts in explaining the Law as it pertained to a particular cases.
6. Mr. Arnett Bodenhamer, Foreperson - whose expert guidance and invaluable leadership direction helped us all understand the Judicial System better and allowed us to forge friendships that will flourish beyond our Grand Jury term. We express our gratitude, appreciation and thanks for your patience, kindness and understanding with 12-people who would serve with you again if given the opportunity.
7. Davidson County Drug Court Residential Program (DC4) – This Grand Jury would like to thank Judge Seth Norman of Criminal Court, Division IV and the DC4 staff for allowing us to visit their long-term residential drug and alcohol treatment facility. We enjoyed the tour, presentation, and lunch.
8. Lastly, Larry Jones, our field trip driver, Tamika Clarke, Judge Watkins’ Secretary and Judge Monte D. Watkins. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this quarter’ Grand Jury.

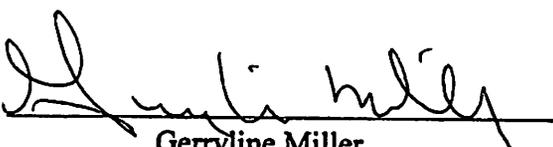
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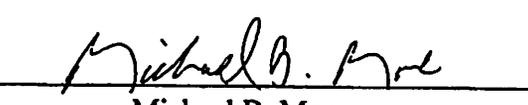
  
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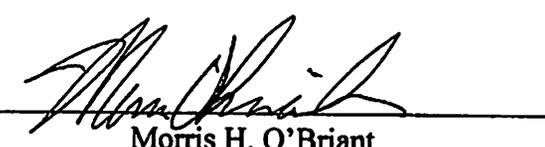
  
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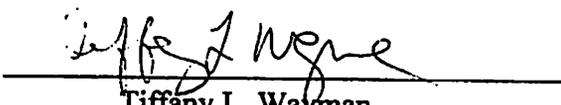
  
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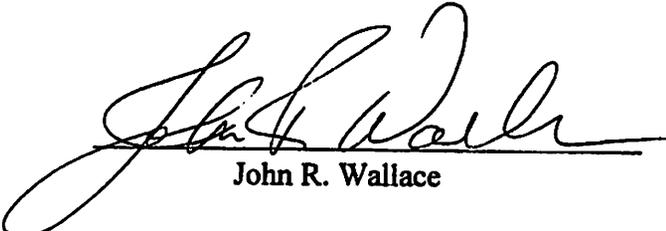
  
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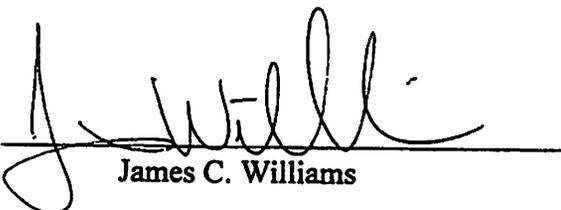
  
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