

DAVIDSON COUNTY GRAND JURY

Final Report: January 5, 2022 - March 31, 2022

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Grand Jury Members:

Original Regular Jurors:

Timothy (Tim) Arnold

Lonnie Chandler

Christopher A. Creagan **

Christopher L. Davis **

Rosalind Drummond

Christopher M. Glenn

Tiffiani L. Guinn

Geralyn V. Heller

Lynette F. Hicks

Falisha M. Jordan

James G. Smith

Wendy L. Smotherman

Foreperson: Robert Davis

***** These jurors were unable to serve as regular jurors for the full session.***

Alternate Jurors:

Sherry L. Arnold **

Joshua L. Beier

Jeremy C. Bose

Francisco Z. Casa

Brenton C. Deal

Wendy A. Gatto

Jena D. Harrison

Abigail AL. Lozano

Anna C. Mireles **

Jack W. Settle **

Yvonne R. Turner **

Donna C. Wallace

Asia D. Whitney **

*** These jurors became regular jurors when other regular jurors were unable to continue.*

Introduction

On November 29, 2021, the Davidson County Grand Jury January – March 2022 winter term was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Monte D. Watkins at the Justice A. A. Birch Courthouse Building. Jazman Bowles, Judicial Assistant to Judge Monte D. Watkins, selected regular and alternate jurors.

The persons selected for the Grand Jury were instructed that jury service will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week for the winter term starting January 5, 2022. We were to report to the Grand Jury Room on the 4th Floor of the Washington Square Building. Parking passes were provided for the courthouse parking garage.

The Davidson County Grand Jury recently released its final report for the January - March 2022 session. The Grand Jury heard 586 cases over its 90-day term.

Purpose of the Grand Jury (adapted from article by Ashley Perham)

A grand jury hears from witnesses and law enforcement in a case that has normally been bound over from a general sessions court. The grand jury then determines if there is probable cause that a crime has been committed and if the charge brought by the district attorney is appropriate.

The grand jury proceedings are secret. The defendant and their attorney are not present, and while the jury deliberates, no one else is present. If the grand jury has decided to present a True Bill, that case then works its way through the criminal court system. A True Bill is a decision that there is probable cause to charge a defendant with a crime. Twelve grand jurors must vote in favor of the indictment. If twelve jurors do not vote in favor of the indictment, there is no True Bill.

This session, twenty-four individuals were chosen out of the pool of potential jurors to serve as grand jurors. The grand jury is made up of twelve regular jurors and twelve alternate jurors. In addition, a foreperson is appointed by the judge overseeing the grand jury. Twelve jurors must be present to hear a case. The grand jury typically hears 10-50 cases per day.

This Grand Jury would like to thank Mr. Robert Davis for his leadership and support as foreperson. The Grand Jury would also like to commend all the regular and alternate jurors for their steadfast commitment to their civic duty in serving the citizens of Davidson County.

Presentations

During this Grand Jury term, the members had the pleasure of meeting numerous representatives of Metro Nashville Government across several different divisions. Each session was very informative and helped us with the necessary knowledge to carry out our responsibilities as well as remind us of why we are a crucial part of the criminal justice system. We heard from the following presenters:

- ❖ **Detective Jared Ester, Metropolitan Police Department, Domestic Violence Division**
- ❖ **Sergeant Mike Hotz, Metropolitan Police Department, Specialized Investigations Unit**
- ❖ **Assistant District Attorney Brittani Flatt, Elder Abuse**
- ❖ **Detective Steven Jones, Metropolitan Police Department, Criminal Investigative Unit**
- ❖ **Lieutenant Greg Carroll, Metropolitan Police Department, Youth Services Division**
- ❖ **Leanna Dugan, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Our Kids**
- ❖ **District Attorney General Glenn Funk, Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County**

January 5, 2022

Jury members arrived for the first day of service. Assistant District Attorney Makela Matthews offered greetings to all and provided a few housekeeping rules for the conference room and jury term. She gave us directions for parking and arrival time of 8:45am. We do not report when Davidson County schools are closed due to inclement weather. If a juror will be absent or late, they need to call Jazman Bowles as soon as possible so an alternate juror may be summoned for the day. The Grand Jury Foreperson, Mr. Robert Davis, asked if anyone had questions for Assistant DA Matthews before we started. The first item on the agenda was to get volunteers for Sgt. at Arms, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. Mr. Davis also requested someone to spearhead the Final Report at the end of our Grand Jury term. He explained the responsibilities for each position. Next, we received directions for the case list for the day's session.

Tim Arnold volunteered to serve as Sergeant at Arms, Falisha Jordan volunteered to serve as Secretary and Geralyn Heller volunteered to serve as Assistant Secretary. Rosalind Drummond, Tiffiani Guinn, and Lynette Hicks volunteered to be responsible for the Grand Jury's Final Report.

Sergeant Mike Fisher was introduced as the main presenter for cases to be reviewed. The grand jurors then decide if there is enough evidence to move forward with a True Bill. We had 10 cases for the day's session: 8 DUI's and 2 weapon charges. All cases resulted in True Bills. We were dismissed for the day. Assistant DA Matthews said due to the snow forecast for overnight we were not to report on Thursday, January 6, 2022. The following week the windows were being replaced and we would not be able to use the conference room, so we were instructed to report back on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

January 19, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session and an alternate juror was present. State Trooper Joseph Olivas presented one case today. All other cases were presented by Sgt. Fisher. Sgt. Fisher was available to provide information/evidence for 19 cases, resulting in a total of 20 cases reviewed. There were 2 cases for which the grand jury requested additional information. Sgt. Fisher obtained documents/information and questions were answered. All cases on the day's list moved forward as True Bills. Jurors were excused for the day to return Thursday, January 20, 2022.

January 20, 2022

Due to inclement weather on Thursday, January 20, 2022, the grand jury did not convene.

January 26, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session and an alternate juror was present. Cases were presented from various offices including the District Attorney's Office, Tennessee Department of Corrections, and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. We reviewed 34 cases. Some of the offenses included aggravated assault, sex offenses, vandalism, burglary, evading arrest, child endangerment, theft, weapons possession, and aggravated stalking. Most of the cases were presented by Sgt. Fisher.

January 27, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session and an alternate juror was present. Cases were presented from various offices including the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Sherriff's Office, Vanderbilt Security, Berry Hill, and Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. We reviewed 42 cases. Some of the offenses included drug paraphernalia, animal cruelty, harassment, disorderly conduct, theft, sexual battery, false reporting, evading arrest, criminal simulation, evidence tampering, DUI, and driving on a suspended license. The majority of the cases were presented by Sgt. Fisher.

February 2, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session and two alternate jurors were present. Cases were presented and reviewed from the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and the Goodlettsville Police Department. There were 34 cases to be reviewed, however, we only reviewed 14 cases as one juror had to leave prior to the conclusion of the case review. Of the 14 cases reviewed, 12 cases were True Bills and 2 cases were not True Bills. The cases reviewed included: attempted robbery, drug paraphernalia-unlawful uses, felony weapon, DUI, revoked drivers' license, traffic-open container, identity theft, failure to give information/render aid, leaving the scene of an accident, theft, vehicular homicide, sexual battery by an authority figure, solicitation of a minor, first degree murder-premeditated intentional, possession or casual exchange, reckless endangerment, evidence tampering, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, domestic bodily injury, vandalism, forgery, and rape-statutory.

Various crime units from the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department were represented during the session. These units include:

- Child Sex Abuse Unit
- Youth Services Juvenile Sexual Assault Unit
- Homicide

- Traffic Crash/Fatal Crash Division

Michel Bottoms from the District Attorney's Office clarified some charges such as alternative theories, self-defense, intentional and premeditation.

February 3, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session and three regular jurors were absent. Although two alternates were present one additional juror was still needed. The foreperson contacted Jazman Bowles to request that another alternate juror be contacted. An alternate juror was contacted but the session was delayed until 11:15 am. Geralyn Heller assumed the role as Sergeant of Arms in addition to serving as the Assistant Secretary.

Fifty-seven cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and Vanderbilt Security. Cases from the previous day which were not presented were also included in this session. Those presenting included investigators from the Adult Sex Crimes Unit and the Special Victims Division. Investigators discussed multiple tools/resources to gather evidence in the cases presented. Some resources included a Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO), an officer who receives training and intelligence from the local Fusion Center, online resources, and other agencies engaged in homeland security initiatives. These allow them to run phone numbers through a database to gain intelligence information. They use a rape kit referred to as a Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK) to collect evidence. Other tools used to collect evidence include video cameras, Instagram, text messages and phone calls.

DUI per se was defined as blood alcohol content being over the legal limit.

Sherry Arnold and Yvonne Turner were confirmed as regular jurors on 02/02/22. Jack Settle and Asia Whitney were requested to become regular jurors as well.

February 9, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session and one alternate juror was present. Jack Settle was confirmed as a regular juror. Thirty-eight cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department Sex Crime Unit, Special Investigation Division, and Berry Hill Police Department. The remaining 28 cases were presented by Sgt. Fisher, MPD, including DUI's, statutory rape, rape of a child/incest, rape by an authority figure, 2nd degree murder-overdose, robbery, kidnapping, resisting arrest, sexual battery, DUI with felony possession of firearm, possession with drug paraphernalia, assault, and leaving the scene of accident, and revoked license.

February 10, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Thirty-two cases were presented and reviewed. Three arresting Metro Police officers presented cases which included vehicle theft, sexual battery, aggravated assault, and 1st degree/premeditated murder. The remaining 29 cases were presented by Sgt. Fisher, MPD, which included aggravated robbery, aggravated assault with strangulation, aggravated assault with weapon, kidnapping, theft of vehicle,

evading arrest, vandalism, child endangerment/child neglect, domestic assault/bodily injury, leaving the scene of accident/revoked license, contraband in penal facility, and attempted homicide.

Detective Jared Ester of the Metro Police Department, Domestic Violence Division, gave a presentation to the grand jury members. He is responsible for training police officers, Highway Patrol, and other community groups on domestic violence awareness, breaking the cycle, and proper communication with victims. Detective Ester shared that once a call is received, officers are dispatched to the location and the situation is assessed. The victim is identified, counseled, and advised regarding the process to get an order of protection.

The Domestic Violence Division can provide shelter services throughout Tennessee for 30-45 days if needed/requested by the victim(s) and their children. The domestic violence officers will advise the victim(s) of prosecution proceedings and the option for MNPd to prosecute even if victim(s) does not press charges.

Example of charges for Domestic Violence:

Simple/Misdemeanor: assault, intimidation, stalking, vandalism

Felony: strangulation, order of protection violation, body injury with weapon, i.e., gun, knife, car, etc.

February 16, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Thirty-five cases were presented and reviewed. State of TN Comptroller, State Parole Officer, Metro Homicide Detective, and arresting Metro Police Officers presented the first cases consisting of forgery on State or Federal level, sex offender registry violation, aggravated assault, attempted 1st degree murder, premeditated intentional murder, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, attempted 2nd degree murder, possession/drug exchange, identity theft/forgery, and theft of property.

There were questions from the grand jury members regarding the charge of premeditated/intentional murder. Assistant District Attorney Clark Thornton explained the theory of criminal responsibility where each person is a party to the offense. They are criminally responsible if they are acting with intent or to aid in committing the offense. Assistant District Attorney Clark Thornton also defined "knowing" as someone being aware of what they are doing but without malicious intent.

Sgt. Fisher presented the remaining cases including aggravated burglary, domestic assault/bodily injury, vandalism, harassment causing emotional distress, order of protection violation, carjacking/robbery, evading arrest, theft of merchandise, contraband in penal institution, drug paraphernalia-unlawful use, harassment/threat from incarcerated person, felon with drug possession, aggravated assault with deadly weapon/vehicle, theft of vehicle, and felon with gun possession.

February 17, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Thirty-three cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by Goodlettsville Police, Belle Meade Police, Loss Prevention Specialist from Target, and the Metropolitan Police Department. The cases presented included attempted child abuse, burglary, aggravated robbery, weapon-felony

possession, theft of property, theft of merchandise, theft of vehicle, evading arrest, evading arrest by motor vehicle with risk of injury, aggravated robbery-weapon or object, aggravated stalking and domestic assault, assault on an officer, coercion of a witness, vandalism, resisting arrest, drug paraphernalia, reckless driving, criminal impersonation, sexual battery-force or coercion, tampering with evidence, and reckless endangerment.

Sgt. Mike Hotz of the Metro Police Department Specialized Investigations Unit gave a presentation to the grand jury on the opioid crisis and what his unit is doing to investigate drug overdose deaths. They can now charge an individual with 2nd degree murder if they are found responsible for the death of a person by supplying them with a Schedule I or Schedule II drug. A Schedule I drug has no medical use, such as heroin or LSD. A Schedule II drug has a medical use but can be highly addictive such as fentanyl and oxycodone. Sgt. Hotz stated that the opioid crisis began with the over-prescription of opioids. He stated we are in the middle of a drug war due to the opioid crisis.

Sgt. Hotz stated these cases are extremely difficult to prove. They must build the case from the ground up before the District Attorney will move forward with prosecuting the case. There are approximately 700 drug overdose deaths in Davidson County every year and only seven detectives investigating these cases.

February 23, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Thirty-six cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by Lowe's Assistant for Loss Protection, General Manager at a retail store in Green Hills Mall and various divisions of the Metro Police Department which included:

- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
- Homicide
- The Titans Team – This team does apprehension and surveillance of suspects

The cases reviewed included sexual exploitation, theft of merchandise, attempted 1st degree murder-premeditated and intentional, evading arrest, felony possession of a firearm, driving on a suspended license, contraband in a penal institution, possession with intent-controlled substance, 1st degree murder-premeditated/intentional, weapon felony possession-firearm, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/serious bodily injury, theft of property, assault on a first responder-bodily injury, resisting arrest, assault-offensive or provocative contact, aggravated assault-strangulation-intent/knowning, assault-domestic bodily injury, theft of firearm, criminal trespassing, aggravated stalking, prostitution-patronizing with a minor 15-18 protected class, drug paraphernalia-unlawful use, DUI per se, no driver's license, credit card fraud, identity theft, burglary-motor vehicle, traffic-open container, no contact order violation-domestic violence bond condition, carjacking-robbery and aggravated robbery-weapon or object.

February 24, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Thirty-three cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by the Metropolitan Police Department, Tennessee Department of Corrections and Tennessee State University Security. The

offenses presented included 1st degree murder-felony murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, rape of a child, felony possession-firearm-violence-deadly weapon, violation by felony offense, DUI, aggravated assault-strangulation, criminal trespassing, drug paraphernalia-unlawful use, possession with intent-controlled substance, evading arrest, attempted 1st degree murder-premeditated and intentional, resisting arrest, assault-offensive or provocative contact, promoting prostitution, assault-domestic bodily injury, retaliation for past action, reckless endangerment-occupied habitation, escape custody, and leaving the scene of an accident.

Brittani Flatt with the District Attorney's Office gave a presentation on Elder Abuse. She is a part of the Vulnerable Adult Protective Investigative Team (VAPIT). VAPIT is a multi-disciplinary team appointed by the District Attorney which includes representatives from law enforcement and Adult Protective Services (APS). The purpose of VAPIT is to coordinate investigations of suspected instances of abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults. VAPIT also works with the Collaborative Response to Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse (CREVAA). CREVAA is a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funded program in Tennessee. CREVAA provides emergency services and support to older and vulnerable adult victims of crime in all 95 counties in Tennessee. The 1215 is a report that is generated to investigate the case. There were approximately 1200 cases of elder abuse reported in 2021.

March 2, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Thirty-four cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by Metropolitan Police Auto Theft Division and Juvenile Sexual Assault Unit, Lowes Asset Protection Officer, and District Manager of Electronic Express.

The offenses presented included financial exploitation, theft of property, hit and run, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual battery by an authority figure, harassment, aggravated assault by car, felony possession-firearm-violence-deadly weapon, drug paraphernalia-unlawful use, DUI's, aggravated assault-strangulation, threat of mass violence, domestic assault-body injury, evading arrest, aggravated kidnapping, robbery, theft of property, burglary, criminal trespassing, attempted 1st degree murder-premeditated and intentional, and resisting arrest.

March 3, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Thirty-five cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by Metropolitan Police Crash Investigation Unit, Sex Crime Unit, and Kroger Loss Protection Officer.

The offenses presented included vehicular homicide-reckless endangerment, DUI, driving on revoked license, failure to report accident resulting in death, child rape-force or coercion, sexual battery by an authority figure, 2nd degree murder-fentanyl/carfentanyl, theft of property, harassment, aggravated assault by car, felony possession-firearm-violence-deadly weapon, drug paraphernalia-unlawful use, DUI, evading arrest, aggravated assault-strangulation, false report-bomb threat, , domestic assault-body injury, human trafficking, aggravated kidnapping, robbery, theft of property, burglary, criminal trespassing, attempted 1st degree murder-premeditated and intentional, and assault fear of body injury-offensive or provocative contact, vehicular theft, and reckless driving.

Ben Ford, Assistant District Attorney explained the difference between charges of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death and vehicular homicide.

March 9, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Thirty-four cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by Metropolitan Police Officers including Violent Crimes Division, Fraud Division, and Sex Crime Unit. The offenses presented included rape-force or coercion, robbery-carjacking, aggravated kidnapping-threat of weapon/possession weapon, kidnapping-especially aggravated-deadly weapon-object, robbery-aggravated-felon-possession-firearm, drug offense-weapon, felony possession-firearm, evading arrest by motor vehicle, possession with intent-controlled substance, weapon dangerous felony-employ firearm with intent with prior conviction, robbery-aggravated-weapon/possession weapon or object, forgery, theft of property, burglary-motor vehicle, theft of property, burglary tools-possession, criminal impersonation, assault-offensive or provocative contact, reckless endangerment-deadly weapon, sex offender registration violation 3rd offense, assault-aggravated-strangulation-intentional/knowing, accessory after the fact, evading arrest, harassment threats, assault domestic bodily injury, vandalism, leaving the scene of an accident, no driver's license, reckless driving, credit card fraudulent, DUI, DUI per se, disorderly conduct, and setting fire to personal property or land.

March 10, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Twenty-nine cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by Metropolitan Police Crimes Against Kids' Division, Youth and Children Service Division, and Kroger Director of Crimes.

The offenses presented included child overdose/abuse/neglect, aggravated child abuse, rape of child, theft of merchandise, theft of firearm, vandalism, aggravated burglary, aggravated stalking, vandalism of government property, aggravated assault-strangulation, credit card fraud, burglary, disorderly conduct, evading arrest, possession of weapon and control substance felony possession of gun, domestic assault offensive/provocative, violation of trespassing order, attempted 1st degree murder-premeditated and intentional, aggravated assault-deadly weapon, felony possession-firearm-violence-deadly weapon, drug paraphernalia-unlawful use, DUI, DUI per se, evading arrest, domestic aggravated assault-body injury, possession of handgun while under the influence, and theft of vehicle.

Greg Carroll, MNPD Youth Service Division/Supervisor of Vulnerable and Dangerous Child Unit presented to the Grand Jury. Officer Carroll explained the different sections of their division. Primary divisions in youth services include Child Physical Abuse, School Resource Unit, Child Investigation Unit (Death), Juvenile Sexual Assault Unit, and Nashville Children Alliance.

March 16, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. District Attorney Glenn Funk spoke to the Grand Jury. Some of the topics he covered included

- A Domestic Violence Victim Center which provides extra support for victims which has resulted in 82% of victims showing up for domestic violence court.

- Elder abuse statutes have been rewritten.
- Crimes against children are addressed by separate units.
- A Behavioral Health Center is part of the new Davidson County Detention Center and Sheriff Department to assist inmates with mental health and drug abuse issues.

Twenty-seven cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by Metropolitan Police Officers. The offenses presented included 1st degree murder felony murder- premeditated and intentional, especially aggravated robbery, felony possession of a firearm, felony possession of drugs, domestic assault-body injury, vandalism, stalking, aggravated child endangerment, child neglect, domestic assault offensive/provocative, possession of handgun while under the influence, DUI per se, aggravated assault-strangulation, violation of court order, attempted burglary motor vehicle, vehicular, road rage, criminal impersonation, and public intoxication.

Our Kids Center

LeAnn Dugan, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, presented to the Grand Jury. They see infants to 15-year-old children with allegation of sexual abuse. They are available 24/7, cover 47 counties, 800-900 children seen per year. Referrals through DCS, law enforcement, and medical providers. One in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys across all gender, race, culture, and social economic are seen. Children know their perpetrator 80-85% of the time. Ms. Dugan said a huge myth is you can find physical evidence such as DNA or injury for proof of sexual abuse. Most of the time evidence begins with word of the child.

Forensic Exam Process:

- Child brought in to collect history
- Trained social worker talks with child alone
- Full medical examination

March 17, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Thirty-nine cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by Metropolitan Police Homicide Unit, and Youth Services, Davidson County Sheriff Department, and Goodlettsville Police Department.

The offenses presented included aggravated burglary, 2nd degree murder-drug overdose, aggravated assault deadly weapon, especially aggravated robbery, felony possession of a firearm, felony possession of drugs, domestic assault-body injury, vandalism, stalking, aggravated child endangerment, child neglect, domestic assault offensive/provocative, possession of handgun while under the influence, aggravated assault-strangulation, solicitation of minor, stalking, aggravated sexual exploitation of minor, reckless endangerment, altered title/registration, burglary of motor vehicle, possession of stolen firearm, possession of drugs-meth/marijuana, drug paraphernalia, theft of property, evidence tampering, reckless endangerment, felony possession of gun, motor vehicle burglary, contraband in penal institution, DUI 5th offense, DUI per se, violation of order protection/restraining order, aggravated stalking, aggravated burglary, and vandalism.

Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) and Crime Lab presentation:

Presenter: Steven Jones

He confirmed the reality versus the entertainment myths of CSI and crime lab.

Most cases are not solved in 48 hours, surely not 48 minutes. Officer Jones explained both sides of the organization: CSI and the crime laboratory. CSI finds and collects evidence, then sends it to the crime lab for testing and documentation. The Crime Laboratory processes toxicology, fingerprints, DNA, drug ID, firearms, cyber dumps, phone unit, and surveillance support.

They use a new technology called FARO to scan crime scene.

March 23, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Forty cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by Metropolitan Police Fraud Pawn Unit, Child Crimes/Youth Service, and Goodlettsville Police Department. The offenses presented included aggravated burglary, burglary theft of property, trespass, aggravated assault deadly weapon, child abuse, aggravated child neglect, trafficking/commercial sex act-force or coercion, sexual exploitation of a minor felony possession of a firearm, felony possession of drugs, domestic assault-body injury, evading arrest, stalking, aggravated child endangerment, child neglect, domestic assault offensive/provocative, possession of handgun while under the influence, aggravated assault-strangulation, solicitation of minor, stalking, aggravated sexual exploitation of minor, robbery, theft of vehicle, aggravated robbery, possession of stolen firearm, possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia, theft of property, evidence tampering, reckless endangerment, felony possession of firearm, motor vehicle burglary, resisting arrest/stop frisk, and domestic assault.

March 24, 2022

Grand Jury members arrived for the day's session with scheduled regular and alternate jurors present. Forty-two cases were presented and reviewed. Cases were presented by Metropolitan Police Child Sex Abuse Unit, Youth Service Sex Crimes, Tennessee Department of Correction, and Davidson County Sheriff Dept. The offenses presented included child sex abuse, parole violation, rape of child, aggravated child abuse, rape of child, theft of merchandise, theft of firearm, vandalism, aggravated burglary, aggravated assault, carjacking, vandalism of government property, 1st degree felony murder, evidence tampering, burglary, disorderly conduct, evading arrest, possession of weapon and control substance felony possession of gun, domestic assault offensive/provocative, violation of trespassing order, aggravated assault-deadly weapon, felony possession-firearm-violence-deadly weapon, drug paraphernalia-unlawful use, evading arrest, domestic aggravated assault-deadly weapon, possession of handgun while under the influence, theft of vehicle, possession with intent, attempted 1st degree murder premeditated/intentional, resist stop frisk, aggravated assault-strangulation, stalking, and violation of order protection.

Thoughts about our experiences as Grand Jurors

"I had a great experience on the Grand Jury. I have acquired new knowledge about the law and have a high gratification for law enforcement. It has been a pleasure and if I am chosen again, I would love to serve on the Grand Jury again." **Tiffiani Guinn**

"It was an amazing experience to serve as a juror. I am honored to provide my civic service duty as a citizen. Serving as a juror gave me the opportunity to meet new people and bond with during the months we served as juror. I became more educated and knowledgeable about the judicial system and laws."
James Smith

"I think everyone should serve at least once. It's great to be a part of our justice system in action. Seeing what other people can do to each other can be difficult at times, but I must say I would do this full time if it was a paid position. Great experience for sure and I would gladly do it again." **Sherry Arnold**

"My experience serving on the Grand Jury has given me more of a sense of commitment to our community. My initial reaction to receiving the summons was that of dread, however, once I learned the process and the purpose of the Grand Jury, it gave me a real sense of pride and responsibility to serve. While serving on the Grand Jury I have gained valuable insight into our judicial system and how it functions to serve our community. I appreciate the opportunity to serve." **Lynette Hicks**

This has been an honor and such an amazing experience to serve on the Grand Jury for Davidson County. I have served on jury duty a few times since 1982. But this was truly a different feel and learning experience. I think every citizen in Davidson County should experience grand jury. It was the best learning experience of the law, process, and court system. I wish this was a full time profession.

Rosalind Drummond

"Serving on the grand jury has been an honor and an eye-opening experience. I have learned a lot more information about Davidson County and Tennessee state laws. I have also learned about many resources and about the duties/responsibilities of the many different departments and agencies that advocate for victims and accused. I have also learned about the agencies and departments barriers. I am a better informed citizen and proud I was able to serve my city!" **Wendy Smotherman**

Recommendations

In addition to the presentations the Grand Jury heard during this session, we would like to recommend that representatives from the following agencies/organizations provide presentations to the Grand Jury:

Tennessee Bureau of Investigations (TBI)
Medical Examiner
Metropolitan Police Department K-9 Unit
Tennessee Department of Health
Davidson County Sherriff's Office
Chief of Police
Public Defender's Office
Adult Protective Services
Department of Children's Services

Other recommendations include:

- ❖ Separate charges for defendants
- ❖ Provide the Grand Jury with the same information that is listed on the indictment
- ❖ Investigators should be knowledgeable of the cases they are presenting
- ❖ Provide field trips to various agencies
- ❖ Allow previous Grand Jury members to volunteer as permanent alternate jurors
- ❖ Provide a microwave and snacks for Grand Jury members
- ❖ The court appointed designee should confirm the night before that 12 jurors will be present
- ❖ Jurors should be given an after-hours number to call in case of emergency
- ❖ Inform the jurors (regular and alternate) that serving on the jury must be a commitment to service.
- ❖ Daily time commitment noted in the grand juror's letter should be reviewed and adjusted.
- ❖ Make the Grand Jury aware of the possible sentencing for the offenses (how much time will the defendant serve)
- ❖ While we understand that serving our community as Grand Jurors is one of our civic duties, we feel that ten dollars per day does not adequately cover the cost of fuel and other expenses incurred. Some people travel more than thirty miles each day.
 - Beginning January 1, 2022, The Internal Revenue Service standard mileage rate for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be 58.5 cents per mile driven for business use, up 2.5 cents from the rate for 2021. If someone travels thirty miles that would be \$17.55, we feel that twenty dollars per day would be better suited for future Grand Jurors.

Recognitions

The Grand Jury of 2022 winter term would like to thank all the speakers, presenters, officers, staff and the participants at every stage of our term as Grand Jurors.

Lori Hoobery – Legal secretary of the Grand Jury Division of the DA's office.

Ms. Hoobery did a phenomenal job keeping the Grand Jury and guests comfortable each day. The indictments and other documents were organized and prepared before the start of our day.


During the week of the Judiciary conference she helped with the process of finding a juror. Many thanks for her help as we appreciate the extraordinary job Ms. Hoobery did during our term.

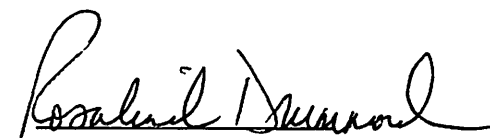
Sgt. Fisher – Metro police officer assigned to the DA's office.


Sgt. Fisher presented most of the cases throughout our term. He has an enthusiastic approach combined with effective communication skills. Sgt. Fisher presented the cases very clearly and professionally and proved to be a valuable asset throughout our term.

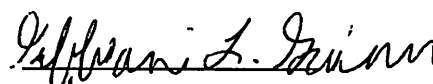
Jazman Bowles – The grand Jury would like to thank Ms. Bowles for all her professional help in making our term a success.


JANUARY TERM 2022 GRAND JURY


Sherry L. Arnold

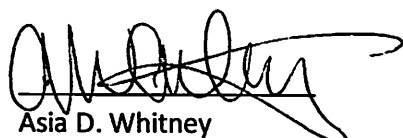

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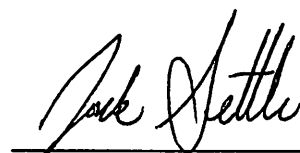

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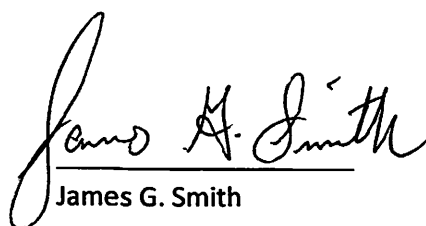

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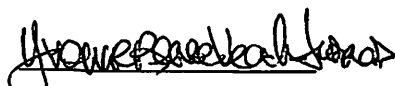
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