

Mason Municipal Court



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2006 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Board of Commissioners and City Council Members,

The Mason Municipal Court proudly presents the 2006 Annual Report.

George M. Parker, Judge

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Introduction



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Mason Municipal Court

The Mason Municipal Court was established on January 1, 1965, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section §1901.02.

Territorial jurisdiction for this southwest Ohio court includes:

- City of Mason
- Deerfield Township of Warren County, Ohio.

The Honorable George M. Parker has served as judge of the Mason Municipal Court since January 1, 2002.

Judge Parker replaced the Honorable David Batsche, who retired from the bench at the end of 2001 after thirty years of service.

Prior to Judge Batsche's tenure, Judge John Zopff (1965-1971) served as the first judge of Mason Municipal Court.

Mason Municipal Court

2006 Judicial Officers

Judge	George M. Parker
Chief Magistrate	Eddie Lawson
Magistrate - Civil	Thomas Condit
Magistrate - Small Claims	Andrew Batsche

Mason Municipal Court

Clerk of Court's Staff

Clerk of Court	William Scherpenberg
Chief Intergovernmental Liaison Officer	Brian Grismer
Chief Deputy Clerk-Criminal	Denise Fath
Chief Deputy Clerk-Civil	Barb Patterson
Chief Deputy Clerk-Technology	Debra Gardner
Deputy Clerk - Assignment Comm.	Barb Jones
Deputy Clerk - Criminal	Mary Ann Butcher
Deputy Clerk - Criminal	Lisa Fath
Deputy Clerk/Bailiff - Criminal	Frank Surette
Deputy Clerk/Bailiff - Civil	Jason Distasio
Deputy Clerk/Bailiff - Criminal (PT)	Gerald McClung

Mason Municipal Court

Probation Department

Chief Court Officer/Chief of Probation	Brian Rich
Probation Officer 3	Angela Hayes
Probation Officer 2	Chris Carrelli
Probation Officer 1	Thomas Dedrick
Probation Officer 1	Carol Reynolds
Probation Officer 1	Arleen Eysoldt

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Clerk of Court Report



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To: Warren County Commissioners, Mason City Council members,
Deerfield Township Board of Trustees members

Mason Municipal Court Clerk's Annual Report

As Judge George Parker's first term comes to an end, I feel compelled to recap some of the accomplishments instituted at his direction. To the dismay of many, and despite all adversity, the court has continued to grow and improve the quality of the services afforded all court users.

In its search to identify the issues most inconveniencing/irritating to court users, the court determined that the number one issue was court users having to wait for cases to be called. During a comprehensive review of court operations, sought by Mason City Council and conducted by the Supreme Court of Ohio, reviewers were asked to propose and evaluate case management guiding philosophies. The adopted philosophy attempts to eliminate or minimize delays in cases being called by issuing specific hearing times for all cases. This case calling system replaced traditional "cattle call" case scheduling used by previous Mason Municipal Court judges. Early glitches encountered while implementing this system were quickly addressed and corrected by staff, leading to a substantial reduction in case calling delays. Continuous streamlining of this system is expected to produce further reductions, thereby increasing court-user satisfaction.

The court adopted salary schedules in an effort to retain its valued employees and attract the best employees available. By offering compensation comparable with the private sector, the court can ensure that the best employees are hired and retained. This in effect enables the court to provide the best customer service to the court user. At the same time, the salary schedules create, as requested by city council, salary caps that set a true upper limit. Although the court has been fortunate to employ dedicated employees that have worked hard, they never received the requisite competitive compensation while performing their duties to the highest standards. The new salary schedules have rectified this.

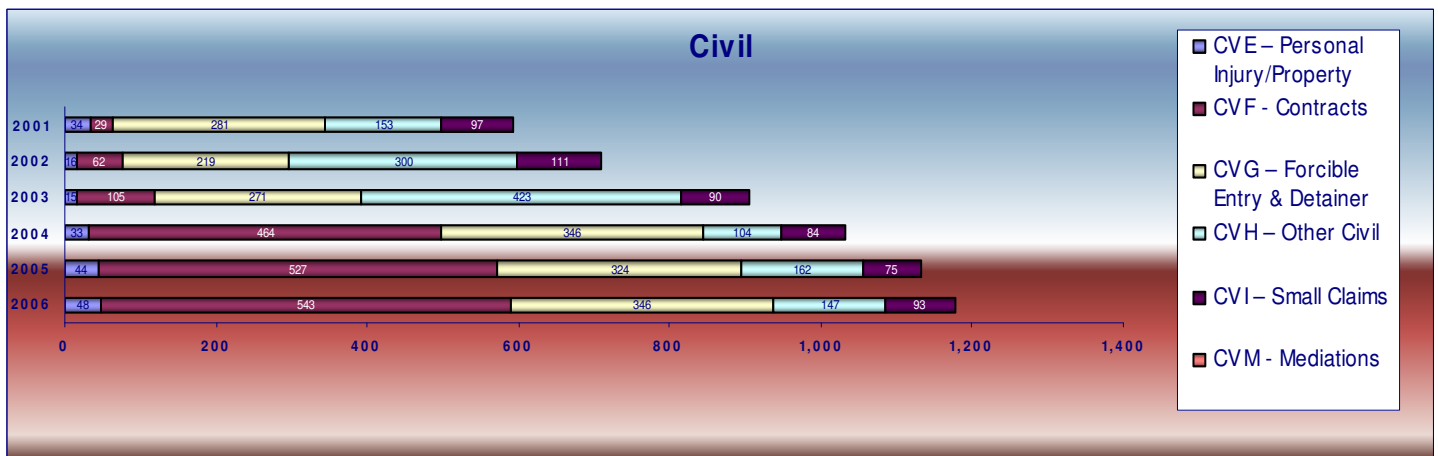
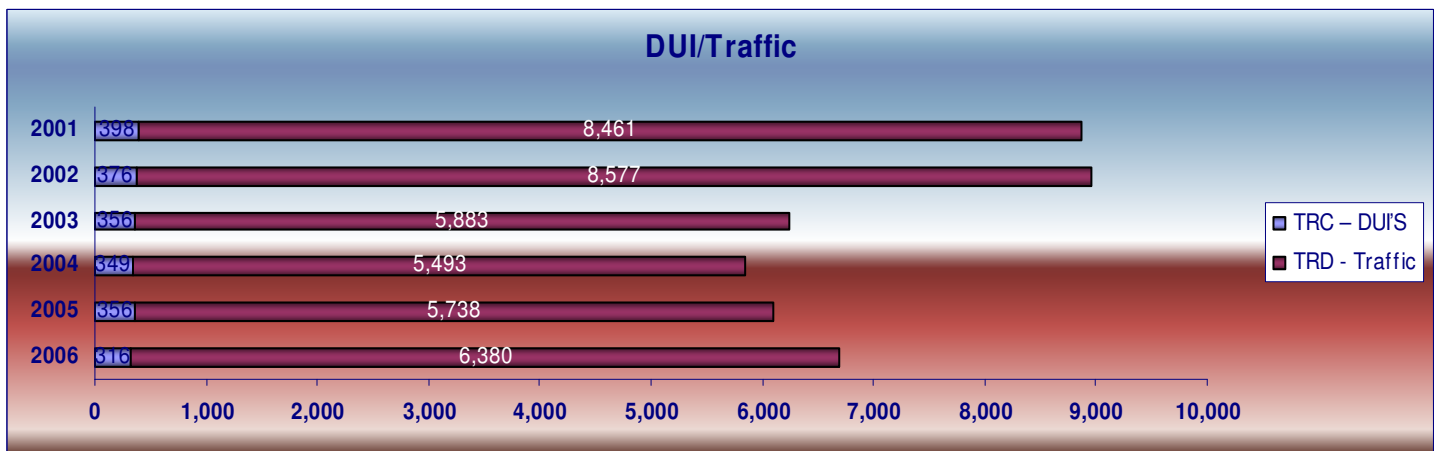
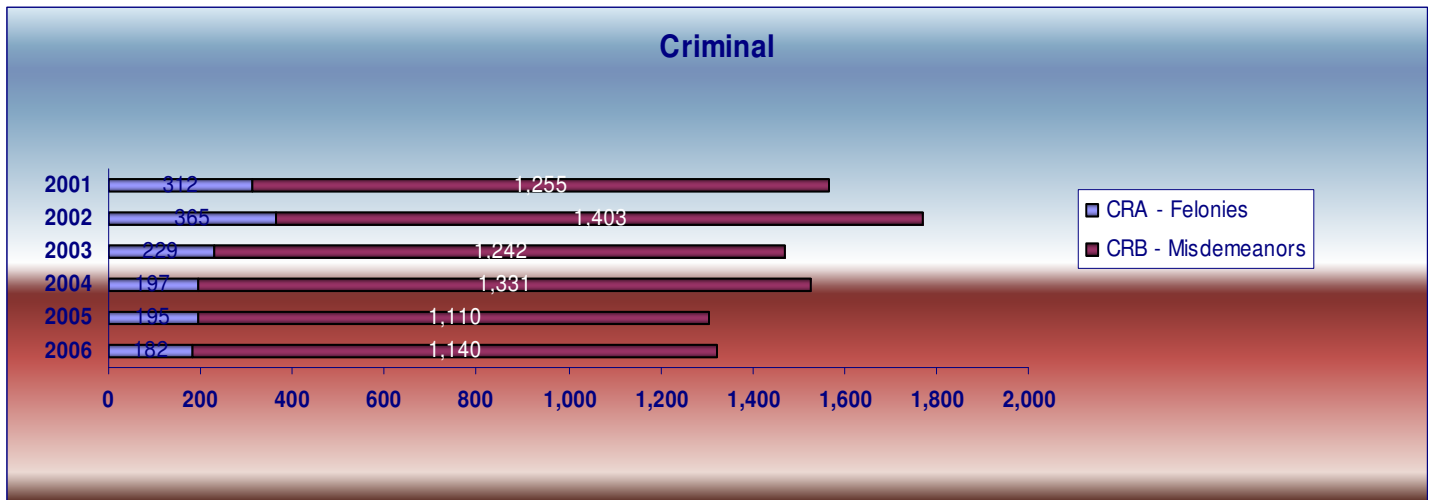
After many hours of research over a two year period, the court has developed a court-wide hardware and software plan that will be implemented over the next two years. The revenue needed for this project has been set aside over time by the court in specially designated court-managed funds. These funds were accumulated from court-user fees. The implementation of this fee collection has not and will not impact revenues collected by the City from other sources. The court's primary objectives in selecting a court management software system were to ensure data security, provide secure data backup and disaster recovery, simplify records retention, create error trapping routines, limit entry errors, enable alternative entry techniques such as electronic developed documents and traffic citations, and improve case scheduling. After many hours of research and a long negotiation period, the court chose to remain with its current vendor because of the state-of-the art court management system they recently launched. This vendor selection also ensures that old case data can/will be transferred and utilized by the new system.

William Scherpenberg, Clerk
Mason Municipal Court

II. Clerk of Court's Report

A. Statistics

Six-Year Comparison of Cases Filed in Each Division



II. Clerk of Court's Report

A. Statistics

Six-Year Comparison of Cases Filed in Each Division

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
CRIMINAL CASES FILED						
CRA - Felonies	182	195	197	229	365	312
CRB - Misdemeanors	1,140	1,110	1,331	1,242	1,403	1,255
Total Criminal Cases Filed	1,322	1,305	1,528	1,471	1,768	1,567

TRAFFIC CASES FILED						
TRC – DU'S	316	356	349	356	376	398
TRD - Traffic	6,380	5,738	5,493	5,883	8,577	8,461
Total Traffic Cases Filed	6,696	6,094	5,842	6,239	8,953	8,859

Total Traffic & Criminal	8,018	7,399	7,370	7,710	10,721	10,426
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CIVIL CASES FILED						
CVE – Personal Injury/ Property	48	44	33	15	16	34
CVF - Contracts	543	527	464	105	62	29
CVG – Forcible Entry & Detainer	346	324	346	271	219	281
CVH – Other Civil	147	162	104	423	300	153
CVI – Small Claims	93	75	84	90	111	97
CVM - Mediations		0	36	0	0	0
Total Civil Cases Filed	1,177	1,132	1,067	904	708	594

TOTAL CASES FILED	9,195	8,531	8,437	8,614	11,429	11,020
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II. Clerk of Court's Report

A. Statistics

Terminations

	Total Pending (Dec. 2005)	New Filings (2006)	Terminations (2006)	Total Pending (Dec. 2006)
CRA – Felonies	6	182	188	0
CRB - Misdemeanors	135	1,140	1,275	0
TRC – DUP'S	56	316	372	0
TRD - Traffic	202	6,380	6,582	0
CVE – Personal Injury	22	48	70	0
CVF - Contracts	149	543	692	0
CVG – F.E.D.	43	346	389	0
CVH – Other Civil	21	147	168	0
CVI – Small Claims	21	93	114	0
CVM - Mediations	0	0	0	0
Total	655	9,195	9,850	0

Six-Year Comparison of Expungements

2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
23	26	50	33	23	27

Six-Year Comparison of Jury Trials

2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
5	6	7	17	14	8

Six-Year Comparison of Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence

Year	Total Cases	Convicted	Reduced	Dismissed	Transferred	Pending
2006	316	175	76	18	0	63
2005	356	188	87	21	6	56
2004	349	228	71	19	5	0
2003	356	263	71	28	1	0
2002	376	220	98	17	5	0
2001	398	282	79	15	3	0

II. Clerk of Court's Report

A. Statistics

Six-Year Comparison of Cases Filed in Criminal/Traffic Division by Agency

Agency	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
City Fire Department	0	0	0	0	0	3
County Dog Warden	47	54	40	37	43	40
County Natural Resources	1	0	0	2	6	0
County Zoning	0	0	3	0	0	0
WCSSO-Deerfield Township	2,793	3,050	2,777	2,243	3,118	2,935
Individual City Code	119	64	39	35	17	24
Individual State Code	19	64	78	115	131	80
King's Island	129	77	32	43	59	50
Mason Police Department	2,694	2,441	2,709	3,449	2,890	3,008
Ohio State Patrol	2,189	1,589	1,415	1,519	4,418	4,238
Probation	0	3	237	201	3	0
State Liquor Control	4	4	1	2	11	1
State Case	13	3	20	46	16	15
Warren County Sheriff	3	35	16	11	7	33
Other	7	9	3	7	2	0
Total	8,018	7,393	7,370	7,710	10,721	10,426

Type of Cases Filed in Criminal/Traffic Division by Agency for 2006

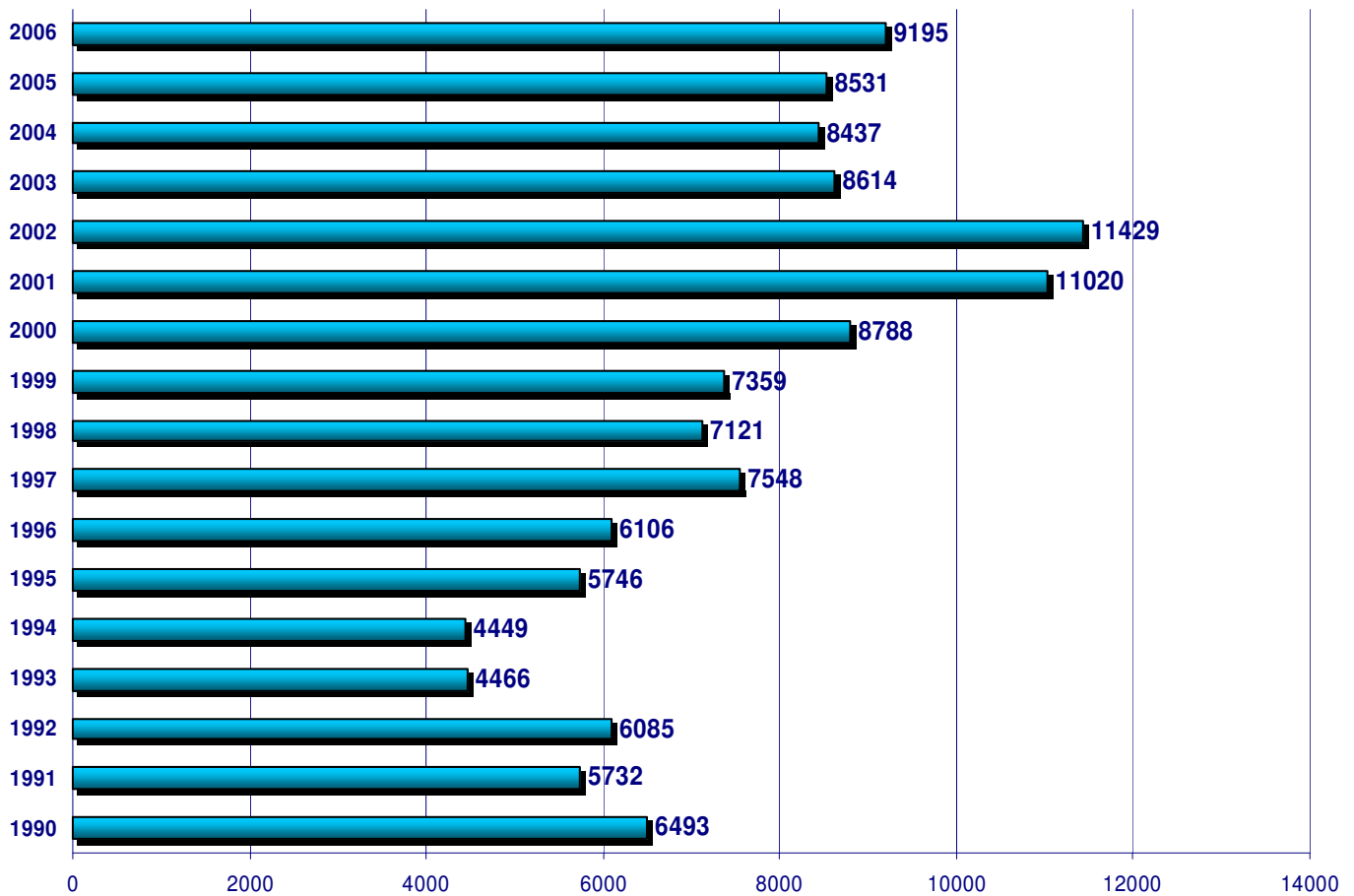
Agency	<u>CRA</u> Criminal Felony	<u>CRB</u> Criminal Misdemeanor	<u>TRC</u> DUI's	<u>TRD</u> Other Traffic	<u>Total</u>
	-	-	-	-	-
City Fire Department	0	0	0	0	0
County Dog Warden	0	47	0	0	47
County Natural Resources	0	1	0	0	1
County Zoning	0	0	0	0	0
WCSSO-Deerfield Township	74	437	91	2,191	2,793
Individual City Code	0	119	0	0	119
Individual State Code	0	19	0	0	19
King's Island	10	118	1	0	129
Mason Police Department	87	350	116	2,141	2,694
Ohio State Patrol	9	24	108	2,048	2,189
Probation	0	0	0	0	0
State Liquor Control	0	4	0	0	4
State Case	2	11	0	0	13
Warren County Sheriff	0	3	0	0	3
Other	0	7	0	0	7
Total	182	1,140	316	6,380	8,018

II. Clerk of Court's Report

A. Statistics

Seventeen-Year Comparison of Total Cases

17-Year Comparison of Total Cases



Six-Year Comparison of Caseload Increase

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Total Cases	9,195	8,531	8,437	8,614	11,429	11,020
Percent Increase from 2001	-16.6%	-22.6%	-23.4%	-21.8%	3.7%	0.0%
Annual Percent Increase	7.8%	1.1%	-2.1%	-24.6%	3.7%	25.4%

II. Clerk of Court's Report

B. Financial

Six-Year Comparison of Combined Disbursements (Criminal & Civil)

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2006 over/ (under) 2005
City of Mason							
Criminal Division (Schedule A)	1,001,474.56	1,005,388.80	910,825.74	819,126.05	721,434.04	646,837.36	(3,914.24)
Civil Division (Schedule B)	100,687.53	103,821.80	105,226.11	84,624.25	41,939.35	37,532.17	(3,134.27)
Total	1,102,162.09	1,109,210.60	1,016,051.85	903,750.30	763,373.39	684,369.53	(7,048.51)
State of Ohio							
Criminal Division (Schedule A)	234,829.41	389,174.34	210,635.98	211,504.87	300,531.82	294,348.91	(154,344.93)
Civil Division (Schedule B)	28,811.97	18,997.25	14,785.00	12,810.00	9,742.00	8,044.00	9,814.72
Total	263,641.38	408,171.59	225,420.98	224,314.87	310,273.82	302,392.91	(144,530.21)
Warren County							
Criminal Division (Schedule A)	148,064.35	172,182.67	146,597.37	99,510.02	135,083.04	115,714.44	(24,118.32)
Other Disbursements							
Criminal Division (Schedule A)	140,065.51	161,726.81	148,763.26	83,658.45	108,755.71	90,267.21	(21,661.30)
Garnishments/Open Deposits							
Civil Division (Schedule B)	166,941.50	151,848.51	138,492.96	137,194.55	77,528.18	53,032.24	15,092.99
Total Disbursements							
	1,820,874.83	\$2,003,140.18	\$1,675,326.42	\$1,448,428.19	\$1,395,014.14	\$1,245,776.33	(182,265.35)

II. Clerk of Court's Report

B. Financial

Schedule A — Financial Statement for Criminal Division

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2006 over/ (under) 2005
City of Mason							
City ORD/Traffic	\$199,007.84	\$188,944.66	\$186,547.30	\$184,616.24	\$138,123.28	\$151,837.97	\$10,063.18
OSP other	\$3,059.55	\$3,206.25	\$2,539.08	\$3,702.91	\$5,106.30	\$4,425.50	(\$146.70)
OSP 45%	\$20,783.58	\$16,919.35	\$15,818.27	\$30,142.87	\$64,608.42	\$63,607.68	\$3,864.23
Court Cost	\$264,923.15	\$274,870.18	\$238,362.52	\$268,160.58	\$265,445.62	\$246,612.40	(\$9,947.03)
Computer Education	\$16,717.00	\$15,975.00	\$16,079.75	\$17,778.00	\$22,064.00	\$21,873.50	\$742.00
Special Projects	\$206,308.55	\$194,353.40	\$183,520.66	\$114,418.77	\$55,077.74	\$54,583.00	\$11,955.15
Probation	\$185,169.57	\$205,805.46	\$181,393.05	\$126,418.45	\$71,271.59	\$9,894.75	(\$20,635.89)
Translator	\$33.75	\$64.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$1,440.00	\$0.00	(\$30.25)
Computer Cost	\$50,286.00	\$48,049.39	\$48,524.61	\$53,481.50	\$66,317.26	\$65,752.29	\$2,236.61
Mileage	\$33,586.06	\$35,371.97	\$25,458.52	\$3,735.26	\$1,195.30	\$0.00	(\$1,785.91)
Indigent Driver Alc	\$5,041.38	\$5,779.12	\$5,003.58	\$5,864.42	\$6,830.00	\$7,605.00	(\$737.74)
Drug Law Enforcement	\$2,223.50	\$2,375.00	\$975.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,574.00	\$3,815.00	(\$151.50)
Prisoner House	\$1,781.25	\$1,901.00	\$1,278.65	\$2,117.35	\$3,047.00	\$3,870.00	(\$119.75)
Law Enforcement Ed.	\$2,214.90	\$2,139.00	\$1,254.00	\$1,698.00	\$1,828.00	\$2,745.00	\$75.90
Lock Bar	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$63.63	\$145.90	\$2,756.33	\$2,910.00	(\$150.00)
Public Defender	\$1,420.00	\$993.77	\$2,120.12	\$5,158.80	\$14,589.20	\$7,165.27	\$426.23
Expungements	\$420.00	\$257.00	\$480.00	\$120.00	\$160.00	\$140.00	\$163.00
Jury	\$2,560.00	\$2,555.00	\$1,040.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Jail Costs	\$5,838.48	\$5,579.25	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$259.23
Total	\$1,001,474.56	\$1,005,388.80	\$910,825.74	\$819,126.05	\$721,434.04	\$646,837.36	-\$3,914.24

County of Warren

Other Sheriff	\$1,603.25	\$1,789.45	\$1,673.89	\$1,447.88	\$1,757.55	\$1,552.65	(\$186.20)
Overload	\$27,696.00	\$47,502.54	\$17,908.75	\$6,109.50	\$12,342.25	\$7,951.53	(\$19,806.54)
OSP 10%	\$10,582.36	\$8,678.60	\$8,105.50	\$7,674.17	\$16,426.78	\$16,189.30	\$1,903.76
OSP Other	\$19,951.32	\$22,991.14	\$27,351.07	\$22,008.77	\$34,180.91	\$27,740.00	(\$3,039.82)
Local Sheriff	\$68,559.24	\$72,591.07	\$80,514.13	\$49,672.76	\$51,640.56	\$44,770.32	(\$4,031.83)
Sheriff Misc	\$1,544.05	\$1,531.82	\$1,599.83	\$2,126.19	\$2,289.49	\$2,098.64	\$12.23
King's Island	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$315.00	\$474.00	\$2,708.00	\$750.00	(\$250.00)
Liquor	\$3,652.50	\$5,305.00	\$1,374.25	\$742.50	\$1,597.50	\$2,597.50	(\$1,652.50)
PUCO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dog	\$3,582.00	\$5,323.00	\$2,519.00	\$3,179.00	\$2,550.00	\$3,073.00	(\$1,741.00)
Expungements	\$120.00	\$280.00	\$240.00	\$440.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	(\$160.00)
Prisoner House	\$1,367.00	\$3,341.05	\$3,481.95	\$4,123.75	\$5,625.00	\$5,591.50	(\$1,974.05)
KI Drug Education	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Indigent Driver	\$668.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$668.00
Drug Education	\$1,250.00	\$2,599.00	\$1,339.00	\$1,511.50	\$3,665.00	\$3,000.00	(\$1,349.00)
KI Law Enforcement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Indigent Application Fee	\$3,821.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,821.63
Public Defender Reimb	\$3,567.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,567.00
Total	\$148,064.35	\$172,182.67	\$146,597.37	\$99,510.02	\$135,083.04	\$115,714.44	-\$24,118.32

II. Clerk of Court's Report

B. Financial

Schedule A — Financial Statement for Criminal Division

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2006 over/ (under) 2005
State of Ohio							
State 45%	\$56,656.43	\$47,305.30	\$43,604.17	\$42,910.02	\$88,007.12	\$85,099.51	\$9,351.13
Expungement	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$1,087.00	\$900.00	\$697.00	\$810.00	\$0.00
Pharmacy	\$2,724.00	\$5,201.00	\$5,383.13	\$4,498.70	\$6,320.00	\$7,328.70	(\$2,477.00)
VCR & General Revenue	\$155,171.48	\$145,564.52	\$140,759.76	\$134,383.24	\$165,805.00	\$163,673.90	\$9,606.96
Seatbelt	\$10,999.00	\$7,032.00	\$9,046.00	\$15,771.00	\$24,973.00	\$23,920.00	\$3,967.00
Liquor	\$4,687.50	\$5,861.00	\$1,418.25	\$1,057.50	\$2,847.50	\$2,847.80	(\$1,173.50)
OSP Law Enforcement Education	\$1,187.00	\$1,705.00	\$1,614.90	\$1,683.10	\$2,609.00	\$2,561.00	(\$518.00)
OSP Drug	\$250.00	\$850.00	\$100.00	\$375.00	\$600.00	\$1,550.00	(\$600.00)
ODNR	\$150.00	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$250.00)
Child Safety	\$474.00	\$225.00	\$185.00	\$523.00	\$640.00	\$1,223.00	\$249.00
State Suspension	\$600.00	\$1,050.00	\$2,780.00	\$5,020.00	\$4,410.00	\$4,540.00	(\$450.00)
County Natural Resource	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Warrant Blocks	\$1,120.00	\$2,236.00	\$4,557.77	\$4,183.31	\$2,963.20	\$795.00	(\$1,116.00)
Total	\$234,829.41	\$218,239.82	\$210,635.98	\$211,504.87	\$300,531.82	\$294,348.91	\$16,589.59
Other							
Warren County Sheriff	\$3,832.04	\$4,017.12	\$3,342.88	\$815.40	\$1,063.60	\$1,673.90	(\$185.08)
Deerfield DUI Law Enforcements	\$1,751.00	\$1,941.00	\$2,541.00	\$2,219.00	\$2,491.00	\$2,864.00	(\$190.00)
Deerfield Township	\$113,698.89	\$138,849.34	\$121,121.61	\$77,485.00	\$100,943.46	\$81,802.41	(\$25,150.45)
Law Library	\$20,783.58	\$16,919.35	\$21,757.77	\$3,139.05	\$4,257.65	\$3,926.90	\$3,864.23
Total	\$140,065.51	\$161,726.81	\$148,763.26	\$83,658.45	\$108,755.71	\$90,267.21	-\$21,661.30
Total Disbursements	\$1,524,433.83	\$1,557,538.10	\$1,416,822.35	\$1,213,799.39	\$1,265,804.61	\$1,147,167.92	-\$33,104.27

II. Clerk of Court's Report

B. Financial

Schedule A — Financial Statement for Civil Division

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2006 over/ (under) 2005
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RECEIPTS

Total Receipts	\$300,102.46	\$281,649.28	\$258,622.97	\$240,029.63	\$127,339.56	\$92,221.47	\$18,453.18
Balance End of 2005	\$17,249.83	\$10,596.00	\$10,205.86	\$5,305.86	\$1,786.35	\$6,387.12	\$6,653.83
Total Receipts	\$317,352.29	\$292,245.28	\$268,828.83	\$245,335.49	\$129,125.91	\$98,608.59	\$25,107.01

DISBURSEMENTS

City of Mason	\$65,180.03	\$59,492.04	\$59,452.61	\$56,819.75	\$33,468.35	\$30,456.17	\$5,687.99
Computer Fund	\$6,623.00	\$6,774.00	\$6,186.00	\$5,412.00	\$4,254.00	\$3,541.00	(\$151.00)
Computer Education Fund	\$1,080.00	\$1,129.00	\$1,031.00	\$902.00	\$682.00	\$590.00	(\$49.00)
Special Projects Fund	\$27,804.50	\$36,426.76	\$38,556.50	\$21,490.50	\$3,535.00	\$2,940.00	(\$8,622.26)
	\$100,687.53	\$103,821.80	\$105,226.11	\$84,624.25	\$41,939.35	\$37,527.17	(\$3,134.27)
State of Ohio	\$28,811.97	\$18,997.25	\$14,785.00	\$12,810.00	\$9,742.00	\$8,044.00	\$9,814.72
Return/Apply	\$166,941.50	\$151,848.51	\$138,492.96	\$137,194.55	\$72,222.32	\$51,246.07	\$15,092.99
Adjustments	\$177.86	\$327.89	(\$271.24)	\$628.08	(\$83.62)	\$0.00	(\$150.03)
Balance End of 2006	\$20,733.43	\$17,249.83	\$10,596.00	\$10,205.86	\$5,305.86	\$1,786.35	\$3,483.60
	\$216,664.76	\$188,423.48	\$163,602.72	\$160,838.49	\$87,186.56	\$61,076.42	\$28,241.28
Total Disbursements	\$317,352.29	\$292,245.28	\$268,828.83	\$245,462.74	\$129,125.91	\$98,603.59	\$25,107.01

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B. Financial

City of Mason General Fund Expenses for 2006¹

Personnel

Court Salaries-Wages ⁴	\$	403,881.50
Retirement ⁴	\$	56,599.18
Medical-Ins.	\$	128,936.99
Medicare	\$	5,724.09
Workmen's Compensation	\$	6,504.92
Subtotal \$		601,646.68

Employee Development

Training/Meeting Expense	\$	1,948.98
Membership/Subscriptions	\$	1,330.00
Subtotal \$		3,278.98

Contractual Services

Telephone/Pager	\$	13,715.63
Rents & Leases ³	\$	-
Professional Services ⁴	\$	8,366.70
Legal Services ^{3 & 4}	\$	-
Contracts/Agreements ³	\$	21,085.38
Insurance ³	\$	-
Printing Advertising	\$	-
Prisoner Expense	\$	-
Subtotal \$		43,167.71

Supplies and Materials

Office Supplies	\$	7,701.53
Operational Supplies	\$	22,169.79
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	2,259.75
Small Tools/Minor Equipment	\$	392.00
Postage	\$	13,351.84
Subtotal \$		45,874.91

Capital Outlay

Buildings & Bldg. Improvements	\$	-
Furn., Fixtures & Off. Machinery	\$	-
Computers/Comp. Equipment	\$	-
Machinery & Equipment	\$	-
Computer	\$	-
Subtotal \$		-

Refunds & Remittances

Refunds	\$	100.00
Remittances to Law Library	\$	-
Subtotal \$		100.00

Total Mason General Fund \$ 694,068.28

¹These figures are based in part on the City of Mason's Combined YTD Expenses for the Month Ending 12/31/06

²These figures are based in part on Warren County's YTD Monthly Expenditures for the Month Ending 12/31/06

³These figures exclude city imposed expenses for years 2006

⁴This figure excludes expenses for city prosecutor

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B. Financial

Court Special Projects Funds & Warren County Share of Salaries for 2006^{1&2}

Indigent Alcohol Driver Fund

Professional Services	\$	2,230.87
Total \$		2,230.87

Clerk Computer Fund

Court Salaries-Wages	\$	20,617.52
Retirement	\$	2,818.49
Medical-Ins.	\$	6,446.85
Medicare	\$	297.31
Workmen's Compensation	\$	143.26
Training Meeting Expense	\$	-
Telephone/Pagers	\$	-
Rents and Leases	\$	-
Office Supplies	\$	-
Operational Supplies	\$	1,466.87
Contracts/Agreements	\$	34,357.77
Repairs, Improvements	\$	2,057.72
Small Tools/Minor Equipment	\$	-
Computers/Computer Equip.	\$	1,297.48
Total \$		69,503.27

Court Computerization Fund

Operational Expenses	\$	-
Small Tools/Minor Equipment	\$	-
Training Meeting Expense	\$	-
Computers/Computer Equip.	\$	-
Total \$		-

Special Projects Fund

Court Salaries-Wages	\$	176,355.30
Retirement	\$	26,295.29
Medical-Ins.	\$	32,234.25
Medicare	\$	2,009.35
Workmen's Compensation	\$	1,977.99
Telephone Pager Service	\$	-
Training	\$	-
Furniture/Fixtures	\$	-
Professional Services	\$	-
Printing Advertising	\$	-
Contracts/Agreements	\$	22,875.41
Office Supplies	\$	-
Operational Supplies	\$	-
Transport Van For Police	\$	22,440.00
Total \$		284,187.59

Vehicle Immobilization Fund

Professional Services	\$	-
Supplies & Materials	\$	-
Total \$		-

Warren County Share of Salaries²

Salaries	\$	198,692.22
Other Benefits	\$	1,262.50
	\$	12,012.50
Derrfield Overload Fine Dist	\$	11,928.09
Total \$		223,895.31

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Probation Department Report



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Mason Municipal Court Probation Department Year-End Report: 2006

The past year has seen improvement, elevation and a sense of growth for the probation department. The probation department itself has experienced a necessary and needed growth of one officer. The department has revamped much of its organizational, monitoring management and infrastructure, all for the better. The department's mission continues to permeate with every individual monitored and supervised in the department:

- Treat every probationer with dignity, respect, and a willingness to positively affect every individual.
- Make every interaction impactful.
- "Make things happen..." at all times and in spite of circumstances and hurdles.

This past year has seen growth in the number of individuals placed on probation. Those individuals doing well with their supervision, performing their programs, obtaining treatment and satisfying their financial obligations and restitution are often recommended and granted early termination.

Individuals on probation for crimes of drug abuse, drug paraphernalia, OVI, alcohol-related offenses tend to need supervision, monitoring, guidance and review. This supervision comes in the way of meetings with the Officers. Meetings review the probationer's progress with their court orders, terms of probation, adherence to programs, financial responsibilities and overall elevation to being free of the criminal justice system. Bare in mind, those individuals who become involved with the criminal justice system need attention that, previously sought, would have otherwise prevented them from being in trouble in the first place. The mission is to enhance the positive and eliminate the negative, or more aptly said: train the individual to be better than when he/she came in.

Often times, those individuals under monitoring have few, if any at all, support systems in place. In many instances, the probation officer **becomes** the support system the individual needs to become free of the "pit" he/she has been in for so long. Some are drug addicts, some are alcoholics, some act out in anger towards others, some continue to drive on suspended licenses, some incur new charges for the same incident while on probation. Where does the answer lie?

This past year, this probation department initiated the S.A.M. [Substance Abuse Monitoring] program. Many individuals are on this random-screen management system in which the individual calls an automated line daily [even weekends] and is told whether he/she needs to respond in for a drug screen or a breath test. The detections are for illegal drugs and alcohol. The SAM program forces the individual to think and re-think his/her decisions on whether to take drugs or drink alcohol that will, ultimately, lead to a violation in their probation and possible jail-time. Several individuals have even indicated they like the SAM program, as it forces a change in the negative behaviors that have led them to the problems they encounter

present day.

This past year also saw the implementation of M.R.T. [Moral Reconciliation Therapy], a structured group-therapy program designed for those individuals in significant despair/ repeat charges/active recidivism. The program has been extremely successful for most who attend and the empowerment and support these individuals receive has also been stellar in quality. Those individuals who have graduated from this typically six month program have not re-engaged in the criminal justice system, thus presenting a zero [0%] recidivism percentage, unseen in the treatment and recovery world.

This department has, in the past year, tuned up its training program, both internal and external, resulting in more training, more accountability and a higher level of confidence. Four officers are sworn, firearms qualified and capable in performing field monitoring [home visits, physical violation / apprehensions, prisoner transports]. One probation employee serves as the administrative assistant, ensuring appointments are made, calling those who have missed, those who are deficient in meeting attendance, following up with financial obligations, etc. The probation department is also charged with the responsibilities of pre-sentence investigations, pre-trial supervision, warrant applications, warrant service, field monitoring visits, drug screening, BAC screening, program and treatment adherence, follow-ups with active and new criminal charges.

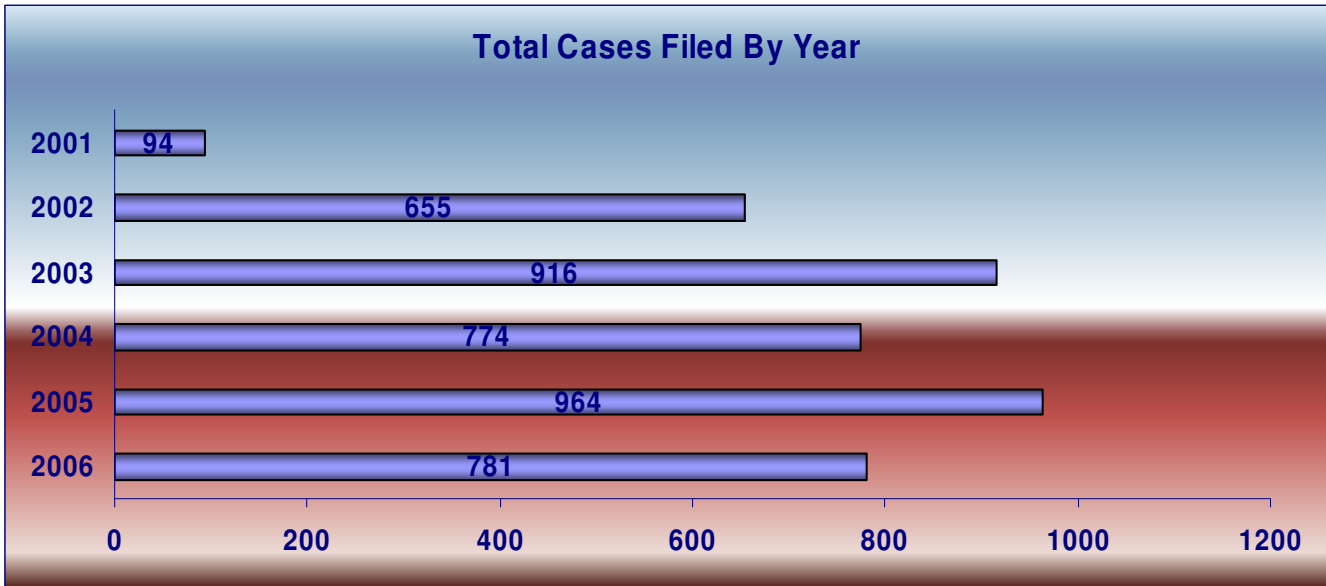
The “probation review” with the Chief of Probation has yielded very encouraging and positive results. The C.O.P. REVIEW PROCESS is another layer of protection for the probationer, as he/she is encouraged to make positive momentum and movement, make good decisions, cease negative behaviors and be a productive member of society for the Mason/Deerfield townships. Due to the jails being overcrowded, an answer must be achieved. Through this review, the probationer, the officer and the Chief discuss the alleged violation of probation and configure an action plan to avoid a return to jail. In some instances, the violation is too egregious and the individual is transported to jail for impending re-sentencing by the court.

Implemented this past year is further accountability and ownership of probationers by the assignment of specific officers to an individual for meetings, field visits, possible violations, warrant follow-up, etc. The officer is assigned to carry out the mission for each of their assigned probationers, which amount to an average of 500 probationers per officer. This case load is inordinately higher than sister probation departments, yet we are well known as holding to accountability, being effective and aggressive in changing negative behaviors and encouraging and supporting positive ones.

The jails are overcrowded. This court’s probation department is tasked with the responsibilities of monitoring, supervising, ensuring treatment and positive momentum with life-long resolution. To serve this mission, we “make things happen” in the lives of those struggling and less fortunate in most cases.

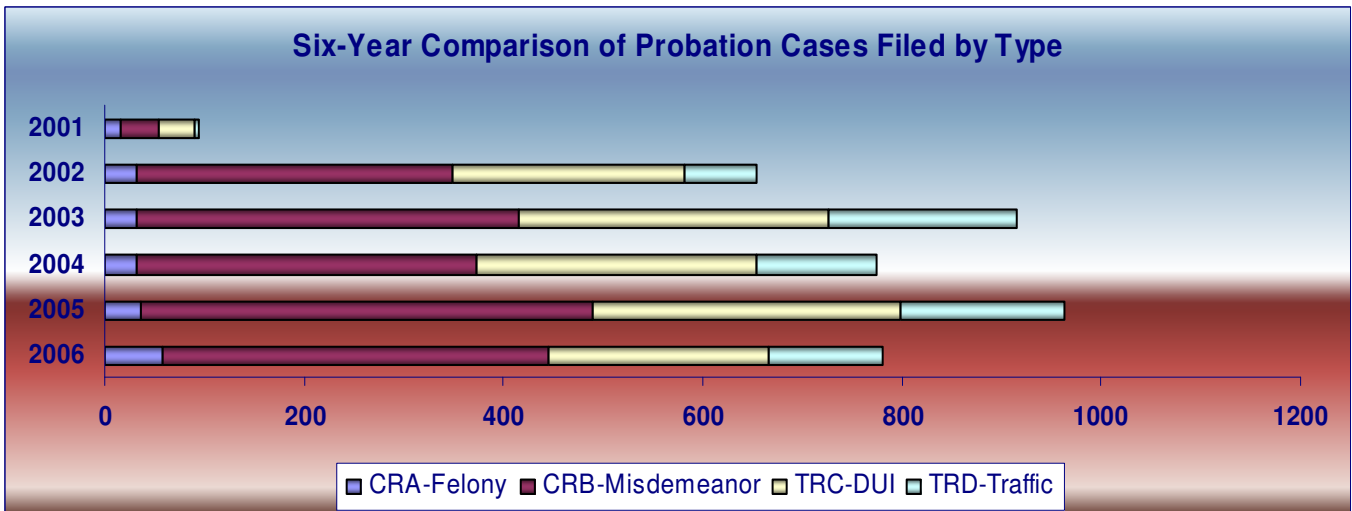
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Mason Municipal Court

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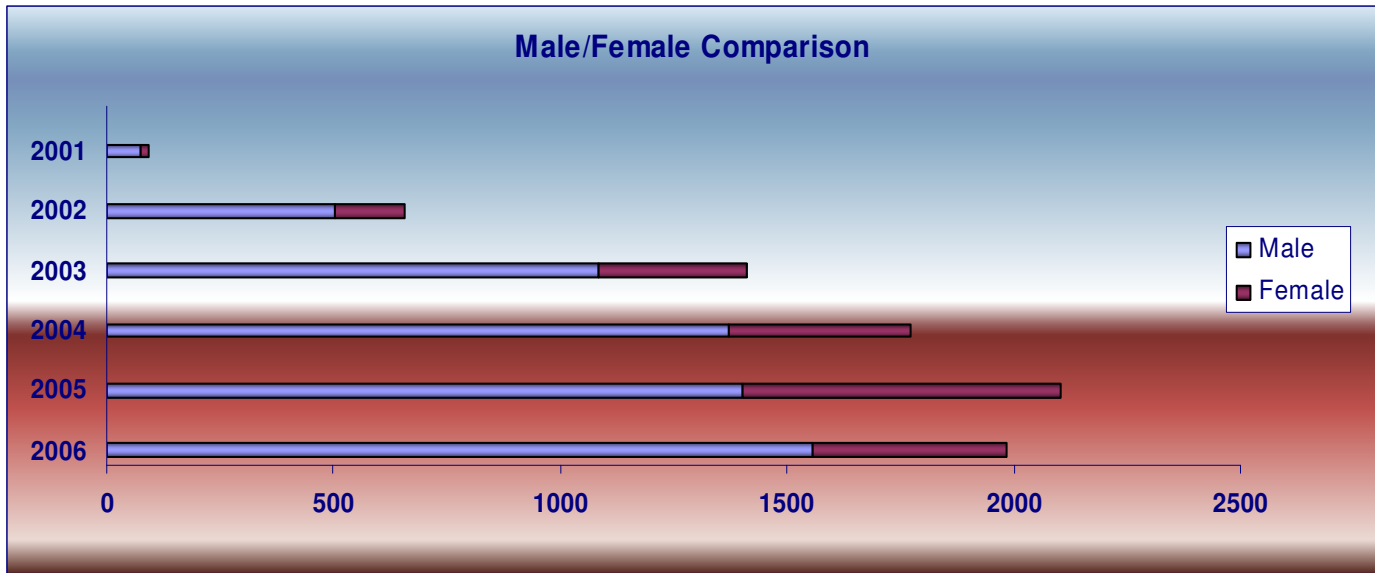


Six-Year Comparison of Probation Cases by Filed Type

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2006 Over/ under 2005
CRA-Felony	58	37	33	32	33	16	21
CRB-Misdemeanor	388	453	340	384	316	38	-65
TRC-DUI	220	309	282	310	232	37	-89
TRD-Traffic	115	165	119	190	74	3	-50
Total	781	964	774	916	655	94	-183



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Six-Year Comparison Probationer Gender

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2006 Over/ (Under) 2005
Male	1555	1402	1371	1086	504	73	153
Female	427	701	402	325	151	21	-274

Six-Year Comparison Other Probation Statistics

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2006 Over/ (Under) 2005
Entered the Program	681	964	774	916	-283
Currently in Program	1,982	2,103	1773	1411	-121
Pre-Trial Diversion	0	2	113	79	-2
Pre-Trial Supervision	112	45	37	2	67
Successful Completion	744	634	412	226	110

III. Probation Department Report

Court Special Projects Probation Fund Expenses for 2006 ¹

<u>Probation Fund</u>	2006
Court Salaries-Wages	\$ 176,922.44
Retirement	\$ 24,992.91
Medical-Ins.	\$ 51,574.80
Medicare	\$ 2,558.68
Workmen's Compensation	\$ 1,690.99
Professional Services	\$ 4,950.18
Training Meeting Expense	\$ 8,441.49
Membership/Subscriptions	\$ 210.00
Contracts/Agreements	\$ -
Prisoner Expense	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 1,481.96
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 4,566.24
Fuel	\$ 669.67
Postage	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 14,486.39
Total	\$ 292,545.75