



## 2018 Annual Report

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Preserving our past and Preparing for our future.



# Sheriff Introduction



On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Delaware County Office of Sheriff, I proudly submit the “Delaware County Sheriff’s Office 2018 Annual Report” for your review. This report gives me the opportunity to not only thank the public for their continued support, but also allows me to let the men and women who work for the Sheriff’s Office know how much I value their efforts.

As you review this document, I’m sure you will find it interesting as it clearly demonstrates the steadfast professional dedication of our Deputies, Correctional Officers and Civilian Staff in meeting the expectations of the citizens and taxpayers of Delaware County.

Throughout our long history as America’s first and premier lawmen, the mission of the Sheriff has remained constant: to protect the public peace and preserve the welfare of our citizens. In 2018, the men and women of this Office worked daily in support and meet that mission.

As a destination location for regional, national and international travelers; the law enforcement responsibilities in Delaware County are numerous and ever changing. However, rest assured, the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office works tirelessly to meet the needs of our residents and visitors alike.

All those that work for the Sheriff’s Office are dedicated to the same vision as I, namely, to provide the best possible public safety services to those who live within and visit Delaware County. Towards that goal, the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office has worked diligently and confidently to enhance the quality of life for our communities.

I hope the information provided in this annual report gives you a better understanding and perspective of the work the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office performs, and well as the essential services we deliver on a daily basis for the people of Delaware County. As the Sheriff of Delaware County it is truly my honor and pleasure to serve you every day.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig S. DuMond". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sheriff Craig S. DuMond

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## Delaware County Sheriff's Office Mission Statement and Code of Ethics

### Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to provide professional, high quality and effective police, correctional and civil services in partnership with the county residents. The sworn and civilian employees of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office believe that their work has vital impact on the quality of life in Delaware County, N.Y. By our commitment to professionalism, both on and off duty, we subscribe to the following values:

### **Pride, Integrity, Professionalism and Fairness**

### Code of Ethics

As a Deputy Sheriff, Correction Officer or Civilian Employee of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, my fundamental obligation is to protect the constitutional rights and freedoms of the people whom I have been sworn to serve and protect. I also understand it is my obligation to uphold the institution of the Office of Sheriff and not allow my conduct to diminish the integrity of that Office as well as the character of the Sheriff.

Although I realize the way I choose to conduct my private affairs is a personal freedom, I realize that I must accept responsibility for my actions, as well as my inactions, both on duty and off. I also realize that my behavior is closely scrutinized by the public at large and that the consequences of my actions have the capability of bringing either respect or disrespect on my employer, my fellow employees and the Office of Sheriff.

I vow to perform all of my duties in a professional and competent manner. I will be courageous in the face of danger; yet exercise restraint in the use of my power and authority to this, the ultimate public trust. I accept the challenge to consistently strive to achieve excellence and in so doing, to obtain the necessary knowledge and skills associated with my duties. I will keep myself physically fit and mentally alert; and thus capable of performing my duties at the caliber expected of one in my position.

I vow to be truthful and honest in my dealings with others. I deplore lies and half-truths that mislead or fail to fully inform those who are dependent upon my honesty. I will obey those very laws that I have sworn to uphold. I will seek affirmative ways to comply with the standards of my department and the lawful directions of my supervisors.

I vow to treat others with courtesy at all times. I consider it to be a professional weakness to allow another's behavior to dictate my response. I will not allow others' actions or failings to excuse me from performing my duties in a responsible and professional manner.

Although I will endeavor to empathize with the people with whom I come into daily contact, I will not allow my personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence the discretionary authority with which I have been entrusted. I will consciously seek ways to avoid any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest that have the capability of compromising either my official authority or the public's image.

I understand that my personal character and conduct must be beyond reproach, both on and off duty. I will not befriend or associate with known criminals, inmates or former inmates of any institution, or other people of unsavory moral character. This is to include personal relationships, social acquaintances, various mediums of social media, etc. I will only allow myself to be surrounded by individuals of strong moral character so as to not jeopardize the honor of the Office of Sheriff, which I am sworn to uphold and protect.

In my position, I hold the inherent expectation that the public's trust is well placed in my capability and good judgment. I do not take this trust lightly. As long as I remain in my position, I will dedicate myself to preserving this trust and in so doing uphold and promote the lofty ideals established by the Office of Sheriff.

## Meet Sheriff Craig DuMond

Sheriff Craig DuMond is a life-long resident of the Delaware County Town of Masonville. Upon graduating from Sidney High School, he initiated his law enforcement career as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany as well as the States of Alabama and Maryland. After being honorably discharged from military service, Sheriff DuMond returned home and became employed as a Correctional Officer by the NYS Division for Youth as well as a Police Officer for the Village of Walton. Over the next 22 years he ascended through the ranks with NYS DFY, and ultimately served as a Juvenile Correctional Facility Director; all while continuing to serve as a Police Officer for the Village of Walton.

In 2006, Sheriff DuMond was elected Supervisor for the Town of Masonville where he also served as a Legislator on the Delaware County Board of Supervisors and Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. In 2012 he was appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Tom Mills and became directly responsible for the executive oversight and supervision of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to include the Law Enforcement, Criminal investigations, Civil Enforcement and Jail Operation Divisions accordingly.

In 2017, he became acting Sheriff and was subsequently elected Sheriff of Delaware County in 2018. During the election, Sheriff DuMond was endorsed by both major political parties; a distinction for which he is proud as he believes the Office of Sheriff should never be politicized. During his tenure at the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff DuMond has been responsible for the creation of the K9 Division, Mounted Equine Division, School Resource Officer Program and Special Response Team. He is the past Chairman of the Delaware County Drug Task Force and an active member of the New York State and National Sheriff's Associations; serving as an Officer (Sergeant at Arms) with the NYS Association as well as various committees within both organizations.

Entering his 32<sup>nd</sup> year in law enforcement, Sheriff DuMond has furthered his education at SUNY Empire State College as well as completed numerous law enforcement and executive-level training programs; to include graduating from the 115<sup>th</sup> session of the National Sheriff's Institute Executive Development Program and NYS Governor's Office of Employee Relations Executive Management Development Program. Further, prior to being elected, Sheriff DuMond was selected to attend the 272<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, however, declined the nomination due to his newly assumed duties as Sheriff of Delaware County.

Sheriff DuMond and his wife, Karleen, have (4) sons; two serving in the United States Armed Forces and (2) currently attending school.

## Promotions



On March 29, 2018 Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond announced several promotions and appointments within the Sheriff Office; installing several new supervisors within the chain of command:

John Demeo promoted to **Major**. Major Demeo previously served as supervising Sergeant within the Law Enforcement Division. Major Demeo will be responsible for the Office of Professional Standards. He reports the Undersheriff, and oversees all Divisions within the Sheriff's Office ensuring the highest quality of professional standards, integrity and performance are maintained by our members in service to our County.

Karl Vagts promoted to **Lieutenant**. Lieutenant Vagts previously served as Sr. Investigator and supervised the Criminal Investigations Division. Lieutenant Vagts will be responsible for the direct supervision of the Law Enforcement Division; to include Patrol, Criminal Investigations and Civil Divisions accordingly. He will also serve as the Sheriff's liaison within our joint supervision of the 911 Center with Emergency Services.

Joe Mauro promoted to **Senior Investigator**. Senior Investigator Mauro previously served as Investigator within the Criminal Investigations Division. He will be responsible for the direct supervision of the Criminal Investigations Division. Senior Investigator Mauro will also serve as commander of both the Narcotics Enforcement Unit as well as the Sheriff's Special Response Team.

David Barnes promoted to **Investigator**. Investigator Barnes previously served as Deputy Sheriff and School Resource Officer within the Road Patrol Division. Investigator Barnes will be responsible for the investigation of major crimes as well as narcotics investigations within the Criminal Investigation Division.

Kim Smith promoted to **Sergeant**. Sergeant Smith previously served as Corporal within the Sheriff's Administrative Division. Sergeant Smith will be directly responsible for the daily maintenance of the Sheriff's Accreditation Program, and as Training Administrator and Director of the Training Academy. She will also serve as the agency's Evidence Technician and maintain the evidence room accordingly. *\*On a special note – Sergeant Smith is first female to be appointed Deputy Sheriff Sergeant in the history of the Sheriff's Office (1797).*

Chris Erwin promoted to **Sergeant**. Sergeant Erwin previously served as Deputy Sheriff within the Road Patrol Division. Sergeant Erwin will be the direct supervisor of daily activities within the Road Patrol Division. He will also continue to serve as the agency's Drug Recognition Expert which is a special certification that very few police officers hold state-wide. DRE's directly assist police officers in the field (all agencies) with properly identifying, arresting and prosecuting drivers operating motor vehicles while being impaired by drugs.

Dan McGowan designated a **Corporal**. Corporal McGowan previous served as a Civil Officer with the Civil Enforcement Division. Corporal McGowan will now serve as the direct supervisor of daily activities within the Civil Enforcement Division.

Speaking on the promotions, Sheriff DuMond stated "The Office of the Sheriff remains one of the most trusted elected offices in our country and is the only elected law enforcement officer in the land. With this being said, it is imperative that every Sheriff carefully choose the members that work for the Sheriff's Office. Every member, whether sworn or civilian must endeavor to uphold the rich history, traditions and honor the Office of Sheriff deserves. This is especially important in selecting members to fill the various levels of leadership ranks within the organization. I am very fortunate to have had the ability to work with and be a part of this solid team of individuals. I am honored by the opportunity to provide these well-deserved promotions and have no doubt these members will represent the Sheriff's Office and the People of Delaware County with the integrity, honor and service the Office and People deserve".

## Administration



Sheriff Craig DuMond



Undersheriff Timothy Buckley



Major John DeMeo



Jessica Miller  
Administrative Assistant to Sheriff



Rebecca Townsend  
Personnel Clerk

The Administrative Division is responsible for the overall management of the Sheriff's Office, which includes:

- Budget/Accounting
- Legislative Initiatives
- Operations Management
- Personnel and Payroll
- Policy and Procedures
  - Purchasing
  - Strategic Planning
  - Training

The Administration also deals with processing and receiving grants. We are very appreciative of the opportunities that grant funding provides our Office.

## **Road Patrol Division**

Deputy Sheriffs assigned to the Road Patrol Division respond to calls for service from the general public. They have a diversified caseload, covering everything from animal nuisance complaints to homicides. Each deputy works four (4) ten (10) hour shifts. Since our County is remote and has no major cities, each deputy takes his/her car home so that he/she can respond readily to incidents near their residence --- even when not on duty. The deputies interview victims, witnesses, and alleged suspects. They write crime incident reports, and, when necessary, take people into custody and transport them to jail. As appropriate, the deputies refer cases to one of our Criminal Investigators for further action. The Deputies also testify in later court hearings and trials concerning their cases.



## **Criminal Investigations Division**

Criminal investigations are performed by our Investigators. These cases are more serious in nature get investigated in-depth and tend to be complicated and labor intensive. The investigations division is in charge of administrating the records pertaining to each investigation.

## Grant from Senator Seward



On 9/10/2018 Sheriff Craig DuMond welcomed State Senator James Seward at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. Senator Seward delivered some exciting news in the way of a \$25,000 State Grant. The Sheriff will be using the grant to purchase a vehicle to be used by an Investigator within our Criminal Investigations Division. Sheriff DuMond and all the members at the Sheriff's Office warmly thank Senator Seward for this grant and his steadfast support of law enforcement.

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/james-1-seward/seward-delivers-25000-grant-aid-delaware-county-sheriffs>



## 2018 Highlights

Our road patrol deputies respond to a wide variety of accidents in 2018, some small, some large:



Some accidents are not life threatening.

No lives were lost in the accident depicted here

(picture to the left).

### **August 31, 2018**



At approximately 4:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon, August 30, 2018, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies, Walton Village Police, New York State Police, Walton and Franklin Fire Departments and Emergency Squads, along with Delhi and Sidney Emergency Squads and Cooperstown Medical Transport, responded to a 911 report of a head-on collision, with multiple victims and entrapment, on County Highway 21 near the intersection of Russell Road in the Town of Walton.

Upon arrival, responders determined that there were a total of five injured victims, including a driver that remained entrapped in one of the involved vehicles. Four victims that were occupants in one of the involved vehicles were transported to UHS Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton. The fifth victim, the driver of the other involved vehicle, was airlifted to Albany Medical Center by LifeNet Medical Transport following extrication from that vehicle.

County Highway 21 was closed to traffic due to the vehicles blocking the roadway and was re-opened at approximately 9:00 p.m. upon completion of the accident investigation. Investigation by Sheriff's Deputies and Investigators determined that 42-year-old Jeremy J. Shaw of Walton, NY was driving in a northerly direction on County Highway 21 in a pickup truck when he crossed over the center line and struck a SUV being driven in a southerly direction by 43-year-old Michael A. Franzese of Pearl River, NY. Michael Franzese was transported to Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton with head and facial injuries and was later transferred to UHS Wilson Hospital, Johnson City, for further evaluation. The passengers in the Franzese' vehicle, 41-year-old Diane M. Franzese, 12-year-old Anthony J. Franzese and 10-year-old Angelina R. Franzese were also transported to Delaware Valley Hospital. Anthony and Angelina also suffered head and facial injuries and were treated and released. Diane Franzese sustained minor injuries and declined medical treatment. Jeremy Shaw sustained injuries to his head and lower extremities, as well as possible internal injuries, and was airlifted to Albany Medical Center. The cause of this accident remains under investigation and completion of blood testing is pending. Sheriff's Deputies and emergency responders were assisted by the Delaware County Department of Public Works in maintaining the road closure.

## December 2018 - SJS Incidents by Incident Type

**2018 YEAR TO DATE TOTAL = 5,825 = *5.72% increase from 2017***

*70.37% increase over 2013*

**2017 – YEAR TO DATE TOTAL = 5,510**

Abandoned Vehicle	17
Accident – ATV	4
Accident – ATV Fatal	1
Accident – Fatal	4
Accident – Property damage	217
Accident – Personal Injury	37
Accident – Car/Deer	81
Accident – Hit & Run	27
Accidental Gunshot injury	1
Administrative Matter	27
Alarm activation	230
Assist Colchester PD	20
Assist Delhi PD	28
Assist Dog Control Officer	6
Assist D.S.S. Caseworker	34
Assist E.M.S.	42
Assist Fire Department	5
Assist Hancock P.D.	14
Assist NYSP	162
Assist NYC DEP Police	2
Assist OTHER DEPUTY	276
Assist other police agency	29

Assist Probation	3
Assist Roxbury Town Constable	17
Assist Sidney P.D.	7
Assist Walton PD	80
AUO	35
Aggravated Harassment	38
Animal Bite	4
Animal complaint	101
Animal struck by vehicle	35
Assault	7
Attempt to locate/Check Welfare	87
Bad Check	4
Burglary	42
Child Pornography	4
Civil matter	77
Attempted to serve Civil process	10
Civil process & Orders of Protection served	179
Computer crime	4
Confidential Informant	15
Attempted controlled buy	8
Crim. Poss. Controlled Substance	7
Crim. Sale of a Controlled Substance	31
Poss. Hypodermic Instrument	7
Criminal Contempt	40
Criminal Impersonation	3
Criminal Mischief	55
Crim. Poss. Weapon	8

Custody Dispute	21
Disabled vehicle / Assist Motorist	122
Disorderly Conduct	16
DNA collection	16
Dog Complaint	44
Domestic disputes	107
DRE Evaluation – other agency	10
DWI / DWAI Drugs	45
Drug complaint	14
Emotionally disturbed/Mental Health 9.41	50
Endangering welfare of a child	20
Endangering welfare of incompetent person	4
Fire	1
Fire – Vehicle	5
Firearms investigation	9
Firearms received	20
Fireworks	6
Forgery – Forged Instrument	1
Fraud	32
Fugitive from Justice	4
Harassment	146
Health/Safety Hazard	9
Identity theft	5
Information Received	2
Larceny	106
Landlord/Tenant dispute	23
Liquor Law violation	6

Littering	2
Lockout	2
Lost/Stolen license plate	2
Menacing	2
Missing person	15
Neighbor dispute	11
Noise complaint	16
Open door	3
Overdose (non-fatal)	6
PISTOL PERMIT INVESTIGATIONS	309
Firearms investigation – deceased licensee	23
Pistol Permit Suspension/Revocation	49
Poss. Stolen Property	5
Prison Contraband	12
Prisoner relay	41
Property dispute	8
Property lost / found	24
Property retrieval	8
Property check – Private sector	200
Property check – Andes School	97
Property check – Charlotte Valley School	63
Property check – Delaware Academy	74
Property check – Deposit School	47
Property check – Downsville School	106
Property check – Franklin School	107
Property check – Hancock School	104
Property check – Margaretville School	136

Property check – Roxbury Central School	76
Property check – Sidney Central School	28
Property check – South Kortright School	59
Property check – Stamford Central School	103
Property check – Walton Central School	66
Property check – BOCES – Grand Gorge	15
Property check – BOCES – Masonville	1
Property check – White Birch Airport	11
Property check – County owned properties	1
Property check – East Sidney Dam	4
Reckless endangerment	1
Runaway juvenile	3
School Presentation	2
School Violence/Threat	3
S.R.O. – Masonville BOCES	95
S.R.O. – Sidney School	91
Search Warrant	3
Security Detail	5
Sex Offense	31
Sex Offender Registry	195
Shooting complaint	7
Snowmobile complaint	1
S.R.T. Deployment	3
Attempted Suicide	1
Suicide	2
Suspicious activity	30
Suspicious package	3

Suspicious person	32
Suspicious vehicle	21
Transport	7
Trespass	73
Unattended Death	17
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle	4
Unlawful cultivation of marihuana	5
Unlawful possession of marihuana	21
Unlawfully dealing with a minor	1
V&T complaints	107
Arrest	10
Bench	33
Family Court	32
County Court	2
Probation	5
Indictment Warrant	9
Parole Warrant	1
911 hang-up calls	54



## Civil Division

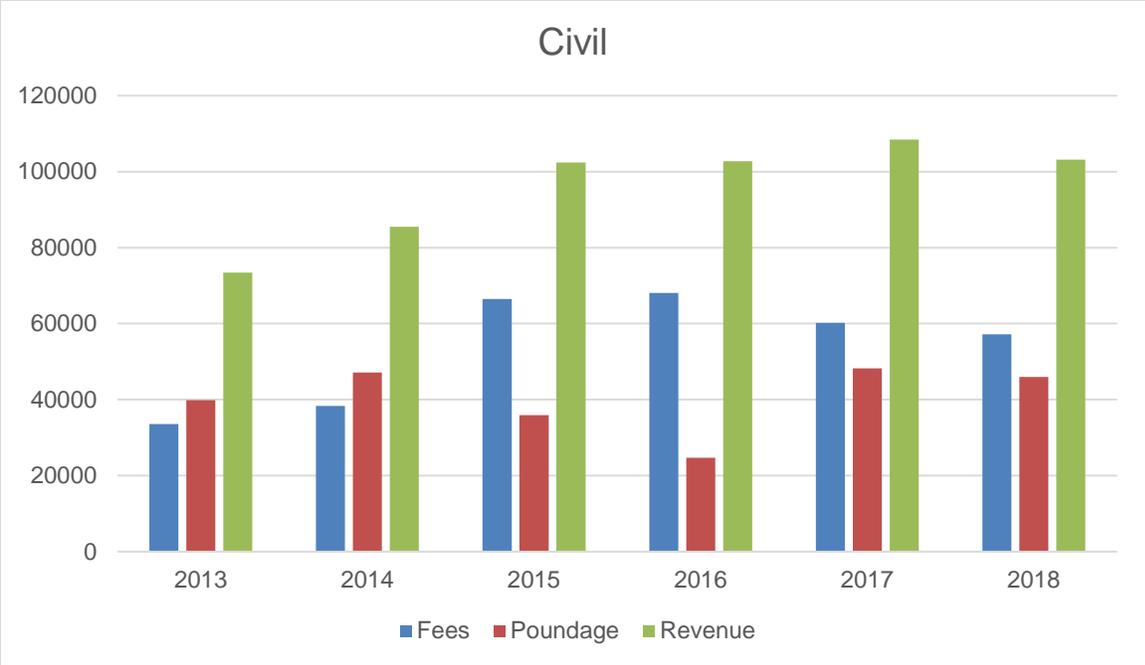
The Civil Division of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office is responsible for, but not limited to:

- The service of Notices, Summons, Subpoenas, Petitions, and Orders;
- Warrant of Evictions;
- Income, Personal, & Property Executions
- Court Orders

Members of the Civil Division attend conferences and trainings to keep up-to-date on all the current changes to State laws.

### 2018 Statistics

Total Papers Served:	846	Total Property Executions:	0
Total Income Executions:	500	Orders of Protection Served:	150
Pistol Permits:	303		





Lieutenant  
Harold Stanton



1<sup>st</sup>. Sergeant  
John Lehmann

## **Corrections Division**

### **2018 YEAR END REPORT**

During 2018 we experienced 102 reportable incidents, this number is up from the previous year due to an increase in the number of inmates we have had regarding boarders. Still, this is a relatively small amount for the numbers we keep in this facility. I still believe the conduct of our staff and the professionalism they display on a daily basis is the main factor in keeping this number to a minimum.

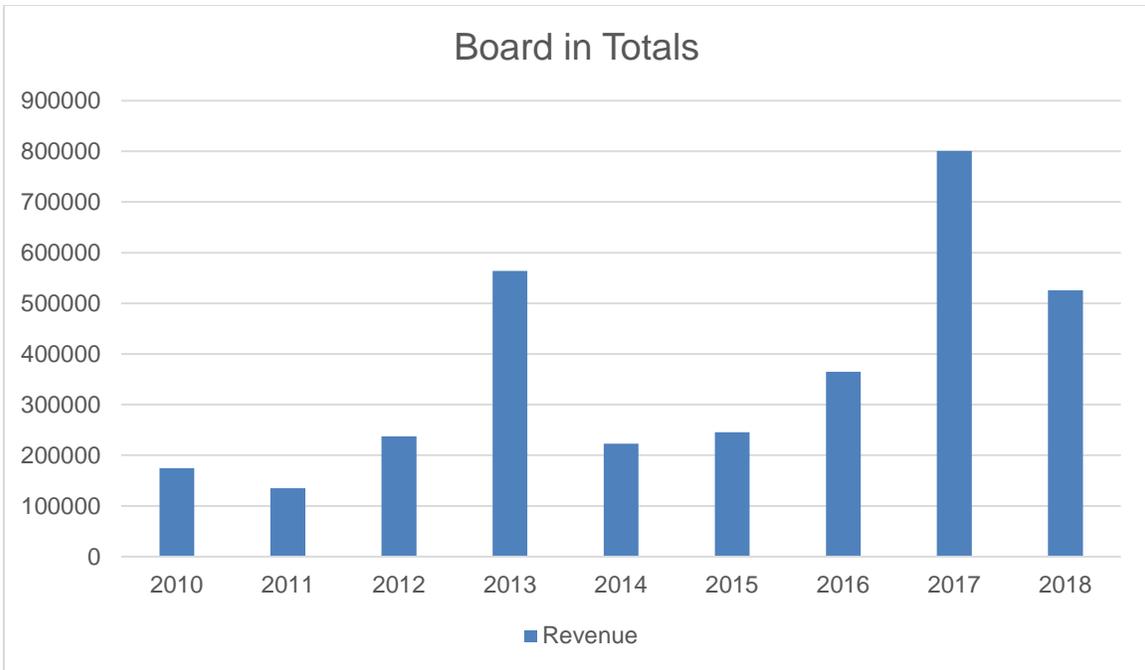
In 2018 we processed in 3111 inmates, 242 less than last year. Of those processed in, 622 were new bookings, 24 less than last year. Among those inmates committed to this facility we had 362 jail related transports.

In the year 2018 we billed out boarding fees in the amount of \$525,745.00 which amounts to \$275,095 less than last year. These counties include Broome, Otsego, Herkimer, Ulster, Jefferson, Otsego, Sullivan, as well as the U.S. Marshall's service. This total reflects the fact that there is still a need for spaces for boarders.

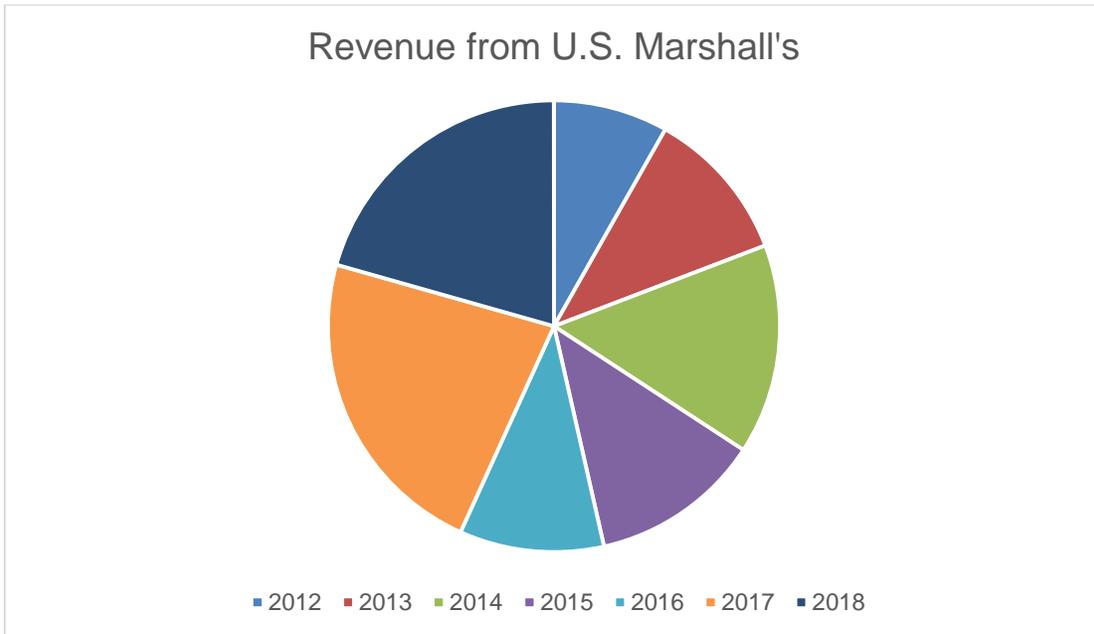
Overall, since we opened our new facility fifteen years ago we have taken in \$5,325,172 in boarding fees. Even though this facility is not considered an income producing facility, we are producing large amounts revenue for the County.

Other revenues taken in, for 2018 are reimbursements for transporting federal prisoners to and from Federal Courts and other correctional facilities. In 2018 this amount was \$19,971.00.

<b><u>Transports</u></b>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Mental Health	7	8	8	8	5	2	8	2	0	2				
Medical	195	193	160	204	142	101	100	66	48	53				
Dental	88	58	79	36	76	65	62	61	52	0				
Funeral	2	1	3	---	2	1	1	---	1	2				
County / Supreme Court	144	191	123	162	204	168	132	98	89	65				
Family Court	27	22	28	80	47	53	60	70	36	48				
Other Courts	252	253	229	235	231	324	228	175	160	141				
Other Corr. Facilities	42	53	40	36	28	27	13	6	30	38				
Work Detail	---	---	---	7	9	6	1	7	1	0				
Relay w/other agency	2	3	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---				
Federal Transports	31	4	---	19	19	10	9	10	23	13				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>362</b>				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022



The total Revenue for Board ins since 2004 is \$5,325,172.



The total Revenue from U.S. Marshall's service for transporting inmates since 2007 is \$123,408.



2018  
Delaware County Corrections Academy  
Sgt. Kim Smith, Director

On 5/11/2018 families, friends, co-workers and various Official personnel from across the state gathered at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to celebrate the graduation of 16 newly trained and certified Corrections Officers from Delaware, Otsego, Sullivan, Tioga and Tompkins Counties.

The new Corrections Officers were trained by law enforcement instructors over a period of approximately 6 weeks in which various skills and topics as required and set forth by The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Municipal Police Training Council were taught.

Although, NYS DCJS requires a minimum of 156 hours of training in the various topics including but not limited to defensive tactics, hostage survival, Penal Law, ethics, legal issues, first Aid, CPR and AED use, effective communication, suicide prevention, stress management, court room testimony, manipulation by inmates etc., the Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy adds additional courses and topics which in turn help the officers better meet the needs of the facilities inmates as well as to help create a safe and secure facility for all.



Pictured above from left to right are the new Delaware County Corrections Officers with Sheriff Craig DuMond, Sgt. Kim Smith, Officer Steven Vulaj, Officer Timothy Tryon, Officer Logan Flavell, Officer Dawson Beers, Officer Joelle Favret and Undersheriff Timothy Buckley.

## Programs

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office participates in many programs designed to keep our citizens safe, which include:

**“RU OK” is an automated process which telephones participants who live alone. It is offered free of charge to the citizens of Delaware County**

**Each morning (at a pre-arranged time) the Sheriff's Office checks in on the participants by placing an automated call.**



**If the phone call is not answered, another attempt is made to contact the participant by telephone.**

**If unsuccessful, an Officer is dispatched to the location.**

**Those interested in participating in this program may fill out the RU Okay Application Form and submit it to the Sheriff's Office. The form is available on our website or one may be obtained by calling the Sheriff's Office Communications Division at 832-5555 and asking for same.**

**Project Lifesaver - a proactive response which helps to locate wandering patients before they fall victim to the elements, accidents, or predators is administered by Corporal Dan McGowan.**

**According to their web site, “Project Lifesaver has over 1,200 participating agencies across the U.S., Canada, and Australia, and has performed over 2,600 searches in the last 13 years with no serious injuries or fatalities ever reported.”**



*Promoting victim  
rights in the  
Empire State*

**VINE NY**

**1-888-VINE-4NY**

The Victim Information and Notification Service (“VINE”) was created in 1994 following the murder of Mary Byron in Louisville, KY. She and her parents had asked to be notified when Mary’s ex-boyfriend was released from jail. They were never told that he was released, and this man murdered Mary on her 21st birthday. Today, the New York Sheriffs’ Victim Hotline delivers an average of 90,198 phone calls and 7,024 e-mail notifications to registered victims each year in the State of New York.

The Delaware County Sheriff’s Office supports VINE. It is administered by the Correctional Division of the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office.



### **YELLOW DOT PROGRAM**

**(This program is offered free of charge.)**

#### **Personal Medical Info Sheet & Decal**

**Every Decal in every automobile should be similarly placed on the lower left side of the left rear side window.**

**In your home, the decal should be placed near front entrance.**

**Every packet of medical information should be placed either in the glove compartment of an automobile or in the freezer compartment of your refrigerator.**

**Please contact us to request the authentic bright yellow decals and yellow information form/folders. These forms will also be available at the Fair and are handed out routinely by the Office of the Aging and various other civic groups.**

**You may want to order multiple kits; for use in your home(s) and automobile(s.)**

### **BICYCLE HELMETS:**

The pricey helmets may provide an easier fit, more vents and stylish graphics. But the inexpensive models “get the job done.” The Sheriff’s Office routinely solicits funding to support giving away bicycle helmets.



## Training Highlights



Cpl. McGowan and Officer Mantzouratous attends Project Lifesaver Training at the State Preparedness Training Center. Cpl. McGowan and Officer Mantzouratous were practicing training exercises with the Project Lifesaver equipment.



### Deputy Sheriff Cody Tromblee Graduates From Police Academy

Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announces that Deputy Sheriff Cody Tromblee of Delhi, NY has graduated the 2018 Session of the Broome County Police Academy on October 26th, 2018. Deputy Tromblee's graduation marks the completion of a 6-month grueling military-style training regimen; earning his Police Officer certification by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. Prior to attending the Police Academy, Deputy Tromblee served as a Corrections Officer within the Sheriff's Corrections Division.

Speaking on the graduation, Sheriff DuMond remarked, "this is a very proud day for Deputy Tromblee, his family and the Members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. I am more than confident in his abilities and know that he will serve the Office of Sheriff and the citizens of Delaware County with pride, honor and integrity"

## **Special Response Team (SRT)**

Delaware County and Otsego County Sheriff's Offices have come together to form a Special Response Team or SRT. The Special Response Team is responsible for high risk situations, and dangerous incidents.

The SRT is made up of personnel from each agency. Each individual on this team had to go through a series of rigorous tests to become a member. Once a member, the individuals have to participate in extensive training to make sure they properly prepared for our critical assignments.

The Special Response Team has been very beneficial to both Sheriff's Offices. They have provided Deputies assistance when executing high risk warrants and hostage situations. They have been instrumental in making a difference in apprehending felony-level drug dealers throughout Delaware County.



## Deputy for a Day

Jonathan Jackson is a 15-year-old boy from Unadilla who wrote Sheriff DuMond a letter showing his appreciation for the work the Sheriff's Office does for Delaware County. Sheriff DuMond wanted to honor Jonathan and make him an honorary member of the Sheriff's Office for a day.



Jonathan getting sworn in by Sheriff DuMond



Jonathan on Duty

## Deputy for a Day



**A Job Well Done!!**



## Press Releases

[https://www.thedailystar.com/news/local\\_news/sheriff-takes-unadilla-teen-under-his-wing/article\\_f555bfb3-47de-5462-bd82-61cc3f438e65.html](https://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/sheriff-takes-unadilla-teen-under-his-wing/article_f555bfb3-47de-5462-bd82-61cc3f438e65.html)

<https://wbng.com/news/local-news/2018/11/13/local-teen-becomes-deputy-for-a-day-at-delaware-county-sheriffs-office/>

**Community Events/Delaware County Fair**



Sheriff DuMond attended the Senior Picnic in Delhi at Camp Shankitunk. Sergeant Kim Smith also attended providing information to seniors.



Deputy Sheriff Eric Alexander and Undersheriff Buckley attend the 2018 Meredith Dairy Fest.



On Wednesday August 22, 2018 Deputies Eric Alexander and Joseph Petriella attended the Great NYS Fair in Syracuse. Deputies Alexander and Petriella assisted Onondaga County Sheriff's Office and Livingston County Sheriff's Office in the NYS Sheriff's Association Operation Safe Child identification booth



During the month of October 2018, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office displayed its support to help bring awareness to the devastating disease of Breast Cancer. Sheriff's Office members displayed the iconic pink Breast Cancer Awareness ribbon as part of their uniform.

Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond supported to the cause by authorizing the wearing of the ribbon as a part of the uniform for all employees. Further, he advises that "everyone knows someone who has been affected by breast cancer and awareness is the first step in battling this awful disease".

As your Sheriff, I am humbled to stand with you in strengthening our support for this most important cause!



Delaware County Fair





## K-9 Unit



Our K-9 Unit continues to take an active role in drug seizures, raids and round-ups.

Our K-9, Osman Steele (“Ozzie”) was purchased using public donations. Many individual supporters, school groups, businesses, and clubs have come together to support him. School children have baked cookies and held fund raisers to help meet his basic needs. The community support for Ozzie cannot be thanked enough.

Major DeMeo and Ozzie continue to work hard at getting the drug dealers off the streets, making Delaware County communities safer. Ozzie trains hard and works diligently. His performance is never less than exceptional.





## **Mounted Patrol**

Delaware County Sheriff's Office continues the tradition of a Mounted Patrol for the Sheriff's Office. We have 8 personnel from the Delaware County Sheriff's Office assigned to the patrol.

The Sheriff's wife, Karleen DuMond is a certified DCJS Instructor for the Mounted Police Officer course. This training allows for Sheriff's Office Personnel to be fully prepared to respond to a variety of specialized details when needed.

The course curriculum includes:

- ❖ Basic Formation
- ❖ Tactical Formation
- ❖ Crowd Control
- ❖ Sensory and Obstacle Training
- ❖ Patrol Techniques and Office Procedures
- ❖ Search and Rescue
- ❖ Press, Public, and Community Relations
- ❖ Horse Abuse Laws for New York State

Sheriff Craig DuMond supervises the Mounted Patrol at various appearances throughout Delaware County. The Sheriff's Mounted Patrol participates in civic events throughout the year.

## Mounted Patrol



## School Resource Officer



“A school resource officer, by federal definition, is a career law enforcement officer with sworn authority who is deployed by an employing police department or agency in a community-oriented policing assignment to work in collaboration with one or more schools.”

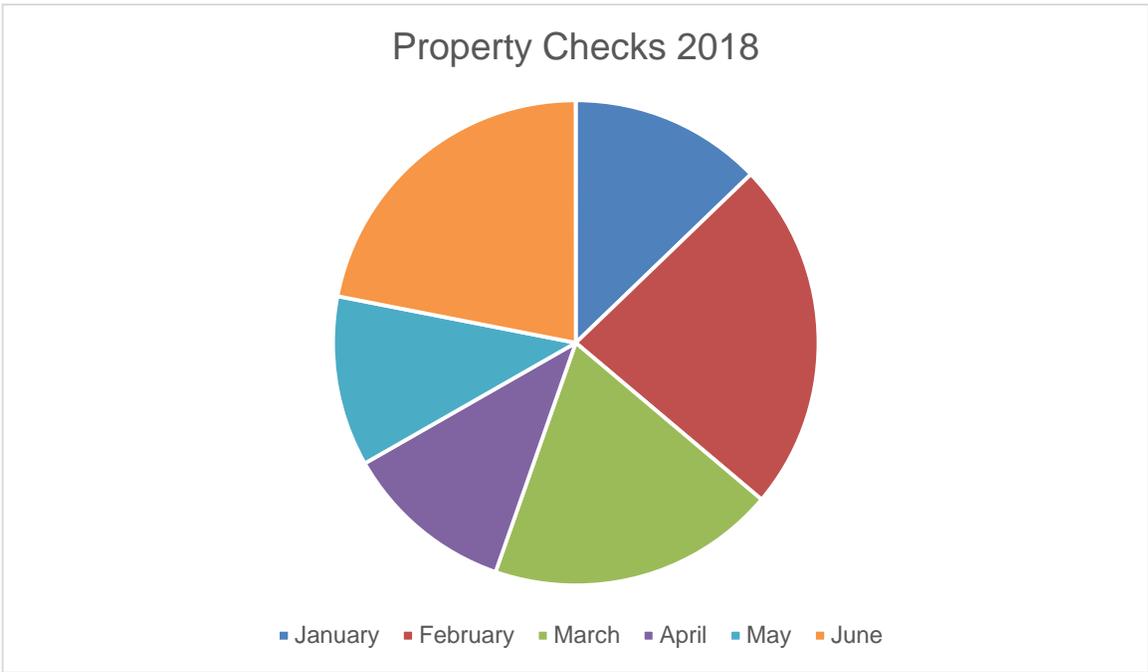
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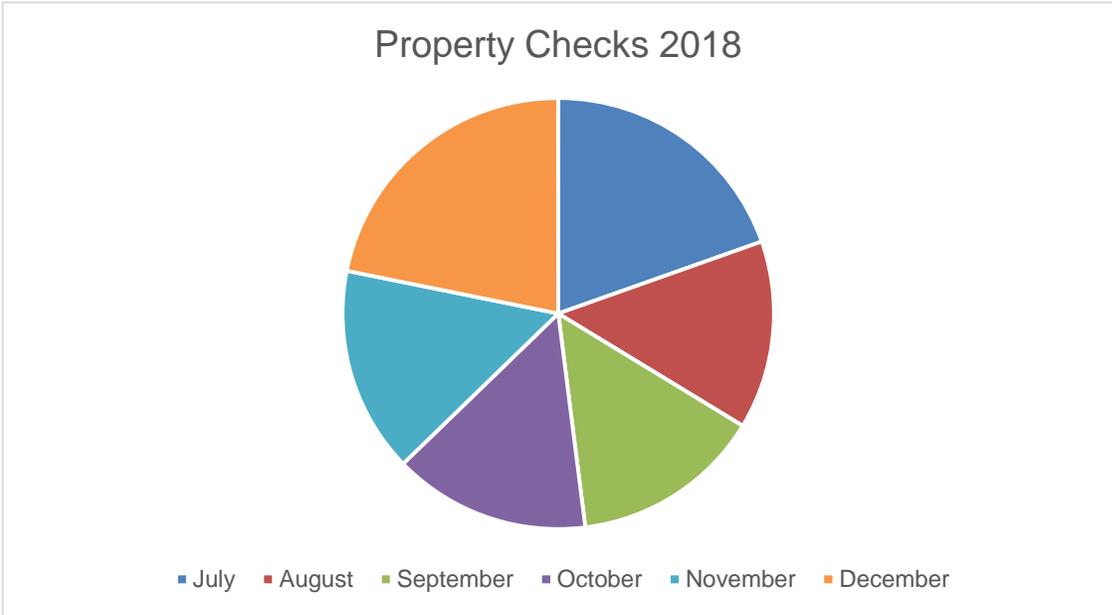
Deputy Jeffrey Clark spends the majority of his time as a school resource officer at Sidney Central School, and Masonville BOCES. Deputy Clark interacts with students within the school, and provides school personnel with valuable resources. A school resource officer is a law enforcement officer, mentor, and educator.

When the designated school resource officer is absent, we have several other deputies that cover in his absence.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office has a sub-stationed program that the office participates in. The sub-station program entails an area designated within a school that a deputy would be able to operate out of. The sub-station program allows for deputies to interact with the staff, students, and ensure safety of the facility.



The pie charts listed include the school checks our deputies due throughout the year. It demonstrates how many property checks were completed within a particular month. Delaware County Sheriff's Office provides property checks for all schools located in Delaware County, as well as BOCES, the White Birch Airport, County Owned properties, East Sidney Dam, Oquaga State Park, and Private Sectors. The Sheriff's Office has a program that individuals can use to register their homes with the Sheriff's Office when unoccupied. For more details regarding the program, please contact Rebecca Townsend at 607-832-5593 or [Rebecca.townsend@co.delaware.ny.us](mailto:Rebecca.townsend@co.delaware.ny.us).



## Sheriff's Camp

The Sheriff's Summer Camp on Keuka Lake in Yates County can be a life-changing experience for some children. Each County is assigned a certain week that enables kids from their county to camp. This is a weeklong camp and allows children to interact with Police and with other children. At the end of their stay, all children are awarded a diploma for their participation in a program called the "Good Citizenship and Law Enforcement Studies Program." The camp has made a significant difference in many children's lives. Each year, many of the same kids desire to attend again.



The camp information is distributed to the Sheriff's Offices in the spring each year. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Miller at [Jessica.miller@co.delaware.ny.us](mailto:Jessica.miller@co.delaware.ny.us) or 607-832-5594.



Sheriff's Camp



Sheriff DuMond speaking at Sheriff's Camp





View from  
Cabins to Lake

K-9 Officer



## **Drug Enforcement**

These few cases are just a representation of the several drug cases that were handled over 2018. Our team of Criminal Investigators and Deputies are doing a fantastic job removing these individuals from our communities.

I commend those who have stepped forward and provided information to law enforcement to help rid their community of drug dealers. I strongly encourage others to call our toll-free tip line, 1-888-914-9111, or to personally meet with a Deputy, or Investigator to report suspicious activity or to provide drug related information. No matter how insignificant you believe it may be, the information you provide may be the final piece we need to rid your community of one or more sources of these deadly drugs. You may just help save the life of a friend or family member.

The drug related arrests help illustrate that, as a part of our commitment to make our communities, we will act swiftly, tirelessly and collaboratively with our law enforcement partners on all actionable tips and information received to bring these drug dealers to justice.

## **Drug Enforcement Unit**



On Tuesday, October 16, 2018 members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office arrested Mark A. Tubbs and Angela J. Huggins both 36 years of age and residing in the Village of Sidney, for one count each of Unlawful Possession of Marijuana and one count each of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.



It is alleged that Huggins and Tubbs possessed a quantity of marijuana in their apartment and this marijuana was accessible to a nine-year-old child. These arrests came during the execution of arrest warrants at the Huggins and Tubbs residence by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team. Both Angelia Huggins and Mark Tubbs will appear in the Village of Sidney Court to answer these charges.

**December 13, 2018**

Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that a Delaware County Grand Jury handed down several Sealed Indictments Thursday afternoon, December 13, 2018, after considering evidence relating to three separate narcotics trafficking investigations conducted in the Grand Gorge, Roxbury and the Village of Delhi areas by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division. Sealed Indictment Arrest Warrants issued by the Delaware County Court Thursday afternoon were executed Thursday evening and Friday morning by Sheriff's Investigators and Deputies.

As a result, the following individuals were arrested on those Sealed Indictment Warrants:



**Ramar Hassell**, 50, of Delhi, NY. He has been charged with two class B felony offenses of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. He is accused of selling quantities of Heroin in the Village of Delhi during October of this year.

**Valerie L. Alexander**, 54, of Delhi, NY. She has been charged with one class B felony offenses of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. She is also accused of selling quantities of Heroin in the Village of Delhi during October of this year.



In addition, Hassell, Alexander and 25-year-old **William J. Effner**, of Delhi, were also indicted by the Grand Jury on a number of charges as the result of the execution of a search warrant at a Meredith Street, Delhi, residence on November 5<sup>th</sup> and their subsequent arrests that day by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. A search of that residence that day led to the seizure of more than one half (1/2) ounce of bulk packaged heroin and three bundles (*thirty bags*) of packaged heroin having an estimated street value in excess of \$5,000.00, a quantity of marihuana, a scale and drug packaging paraphernalia.



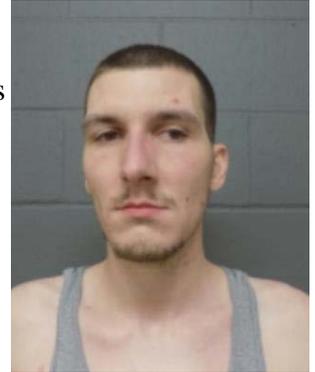
Hassell was indicted on charges of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony; Resisting Arrest, a class A misdemeanor; and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana, a violation. Alexander was indicted on a charge of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. Effner was indicted on charges of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Criminally Possessing a Hypodermic Instrument, a class A misdemeanor.

Hassell, Alexander and Effner were arrested Friday morning in the Delaware County Correctional Facility where they have been held by court order since their arrests on November 5, 2018.



**Lorelei A. Hayden**, 53, of Grand Gorge, NY. She has been charged with one class B felony offense of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and one class C felony offense of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree. Hayden is accused of selling quantities of Oxycodone (*a narcotic drug*) and Hydrocodone (*a narcotic preparation*) from her Grand Gorge residence during January of this year.

**Michael V. Johnson**, 27, of Roxbury, NY. He has been charged with three class C felony offenses of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree. Johnson is accused of selling quantities of Suboxone from his Roxbury residence during April of this year.



Each of the defendants were arraigned in Delaware County Court on Friday afternoon before County Court Judge Richard D. Northrup, Jr., who remanded Hassell, Alexander, Effner and Johnson to the Delaware County Correctional Facility to be held without bail pending further court action. Hayden was remanded to the DCCF in lieu of \$10,000.00 cash bail or \$20,000.00 bond.