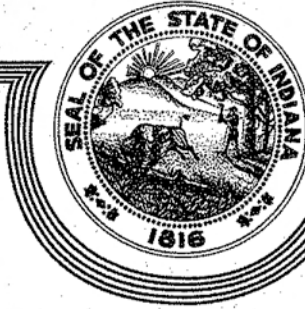


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RE: Annual Report of Criminal and Child Support Activity/
Wells County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

The following is a report of the activities of the Wells County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the year 2007. The report includes both criminal actions filed in the Wells Circuit Court and the Wells Superior Court, as well as child support collections efforts by the Child Support Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Enclosed with this report is a statistical breakdown of the charges filed in 2007, broken down according to the type and severity of the crime. In 2007, the Wells County Prosecutor's Office handled 1,161 adult criminal charges and 78 juvenile criminal matters. Among the more serious adult charges were one (1) Aggravated Battery, fifteen (15) Child Molestings, twenty-one (21) Burglary-related crimes, seventy-three (73) Drug-related offenses, fourteen (14) Sexual Misconducts with a Minor, four (4) Armed Robberies, and five (5) Rapes. The most committed crimes were those involving "Driving While Intoxicated" which accounted for one hundred eighty-eight (188) charges in 2007.

The Wells County Prosecutor's Office also handles numerous cases involving delinquent child support. In 2007, the Prosecutor's Office handled 1,196 cases, and collected \$3,091,837 in child support. If anyone in the community needs assistance collecting delinquent child support, they are encouraged to contact our Child Support Division at 824-6409 or visit our offices on the 4th floor of the Wells County Courthouse.

As in the past, I would like to publicly thank my Deputy Prosecutors, my excellent staff, the Judges, and the entire law enforcement community for all the hard work they do to handle the massive volume of cases dealt with by the Prosecutor's Office.

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