## **Van Wert County Court news**

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The following individuals appeared Tuesday before Judge Charles Steele in Van Wert County Common Pleas Court:

Changes of plea

Thomas Hathaway, 28, Grand Rapids, Mich., changed his plea to guilty to a charge of breaking and entering, a felony of the fifth degree.

The court ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set sentencing for July 31.

Darren Riggs, 42, Van Wert, entered a plea of guilty to an amended charge of attempting to corrupt another with drugs, a felony of the fifth degree. He was previously charge with corrupting another with drugs, a felony of the fourth degree, and with endangering children, a misdemeanor of the first degree. The misdemeanor was dismissed and the felony four amended for his plea.

The court ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set sentencing for Aug. 21.

**Violations** 

Zachary Brinkman, 25, Middle Point, appeared for a treatment in lieu violation for failing to report to probation and for a positive drug test. The case was ordered continued for more research into whether the drugs involved were prescribed to him.

Tasha Comment, 30, Van Wert, appeared for a probation violation for failing to report to probation, failing a drug test and failing to follow through with counseling.

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She admitted the violation and was re-sentenced to 3 years community control under the same conditions as before plus 73 days in the county jail. A 12-month prison term was deferred.

Alexandra Whisman, 19, Van Wert, appeared for a probation violation for failing a drug test.

She admitted the violation and was resentenced to three year community control with up to six months at the WORTH Center. An 11-month prison term was deferred.

Joshua Rager, 28, Van Wert, appeared for a bond violation for a positive drug test. He admitted the violation. He was ordered re-released on a surety bond until his next pre-trial hearing.

Waiver

Tracy Hartman, 38, Van Wert, requested to be excused from attending a deposition of a doctor in his pending case. He made the request and signed a waiver in open court to allow the deposition to be conducted without his presence.