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

lan Taylor, 18, of Van Wert was sentenced on Wednesday on 11 felony charges including one count of burglary, five counts of theft, four counts of breaking and entering, and one count of trespassing in a habitation. He was sentenced to three years in prison for the burglary charge and 12 months for each of the other ten charges, but the terms are to be served concurrently, meaning Taylor will serve just three years. He was also ordered to pay restitution to the victims and court costs. Van Wert County Common Pleas Court Judge Charles D. Steele gave Taylor credit for 83 days already served in custody on these charges.

Chad Neuman, 27, Delphos, received a 12-month prison sentence for trafficking in drugs. Neuman had originally faced four drug counts, but he accepted a plea agreement last month. He pleaded guilty to one count of fifth-degree felony trafficking in drugs.

Neuman was given 70 days credit for time served. He must also pay court costs.

A 19-year-old Van Wert man is headed to prison for 12 months on a charge of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. David Boff Jr., Van Wert, was also declared a Tier Two sex offender and will have to register with law enforcement every 180 days for the next 25 years.

Boff admitted to having sexual conduct with a teen between the ages of 13 and 15 on Nov. 29, 2011.

Kristina Diltz, 32, Van Wert, was placed on community control for three years for drug trafficking, a felony of the fourth degree. Diltz was sentenced to a pair of 30-day jail terms with credit given for 30 days already served. She must also perform 200 hours of community service, complete a substance abuse treatment program, give up her drivers license for six months and pay fees and court costs. A nine-month prison sentence was deferred pending the successful completion of community control.

Justine Jerome, 26, Van Wert, was sentenced to spend up to six months in the WORTH Center in Lima as part of three years of community control. Jerome had previously pleaded guilty to felony domestic violence.

In addition, Jerome must complete both a substance abuse and a psychological treatment program, and pay fees and court costs. A 12-month prison sentence was deferred pending the successful completion of community control.

Zachariah Young, 23, Van Wert, admitted to a probation violation for failing to report his arrest for OVI, testing positive for drugs, and failing to report to his probation officer. He was re-sentenced to one year community control with 60 days jail. 180 days jail and \$1,000 fine were deferred.

Emily Leisure, 23, Van Wert entered a guilty plea to receiving stolen property, a felony of the fifth degree. She faces up to 12 months in prison when she is sentenced July 3.

Anthony Pavlides, 30, Van Wert, pleaded guilty to a fifth-degree felony drug trafficking charge. A second trafficking charge was dismissed in exchange for his guilty plea. Pavlides also faces up to 12 months in prison at his July 3 sentencing.

Four persons were arraigned on charges after being arrested during Operation Shield, a joint effort of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Delphos Police and Van Wert Police. Each of the four pleaded not guilty and were released on bond.

Taylor Agler, 19, Van Wert, was arraigned on two counts of fourth-degree felony drug trafficking. A pretrail hearing for Agler was set for June 13.

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Emily Lacy, 20, Van Wert, was arraigned on three drug trafficking charges -- two fourth degree and one fifth degree counts. A pretrial hearing for Lacy was scheduled for May 29.

Shane Seekings, 27, Van Wert, was arraigned on a pair of fourth-degree felony counts of drug trafficking. His pretrial hearing will be held May 29.

Jerad Caldwell, 25, Van Wert, was arraigned on a drug possession and a drug trafficking charge, each a felony of the fifth degree. A pretrial for Caldwell has been set for May 29.