



PEND OREILLE
COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT
2005 REPORT

Seated from left: Claudia Krogh (District Court Clerk); Judge Philip Van de Veer; Margi Porter (Civil Clerk); standing, Rachel Johnson (Asst. Clerk); Scott Cornwell (Probation Director); Mia Harper (Asst. Clerk) and T.J. Keogh (Crim. Clerk)

DISTRICT COURT ONLINE

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CASELOAD OF THE COURT

| CRIMINAL FILINGS | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| DUI & PHYSICAL CONTROL | 165 | 122 | 129 | 147 | 161 | 160 | 111 | 91 | 91 | 87 | 108 |
| OTHER TRAFFIC | 442 | 433 | 272 | 234 | 372 | 180 | 238 | 203 | 203 | 146 | 130 |
| OTHER MISDEMEANORS | 543 | 523 | 473 | 432 | 476 | 414 | 380 | 354 | 341 | 325 | 477 |
| FELONY COMPLAINTS | 1 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 5 |
| FELONY IN-CUSTODY HEARINGS | | | | | 82 | 52 | 69 | 71 | 63 | 68 | 78 |
| TOTAL CRIMINAL FILINGS | 1151 | 1078 | 880 | 828 | 1106 | 812 | 804 | 721 | 679 | 634 | 798 |
| CIVIL | 179 | 192 | 178 | 135 | 164 | 193 | 196 | 187 | 189 | 169 | 175 |
| SMALL CLAIMS | 76 | 95 | 49 | 49 | 59 | 81 | 49 | 62 | 56 | 34 | 43 |
| TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS | 2140 | 1830 | 1658 | 1550 | 2107 | 1569 | 2034 | 1615 | 1472 | 1756 | 1412 |
| NON-TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS | 8 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 35 | 183 | 93 | 65 | 125 | 160 | 128 |
| PARKING INFRACTIONS | 104 | 315 | 14 | 8 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| TOTAL CIVIL/CRIMINAL | 3658 | 3524 | 2786 | 2579 | 3485 | 2846 | 3178 | 2554 | 2523 | 2126 | 2561 |

Other Traffic Offenses include negligent/reckless driving, hit & run, driving suspended. Other Misdemeanors include assault (domestic violence), resisting arrest, obstruction, disorderly conduct, trespass, malicious mischief, theft, possession marijuana/paraphernalia, violation of a no-contact order, animal cruelty, fish and game violations.

PROBATION

In 2000, the District Court initiated pretrial drug and alcohol testing for defendants who presented a significant risk of re-offending. The court also began post-conviction review

hearings to make sure that probationers complied with treatment and other requirements. The result has been a significant drop in subsequent criminal offenses.

Post-Conviction Monitoring The Court conducted 116 post-conviction compliance review hearings during 2005 to monitor probationers ordered to undertake drug, alcohol or perpetrator treatment as a result of a criminal conviction or deferred prosecution.

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
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| Individuals On District Court Probation | | 440 | 471 | 432 | 675 |
| Mandatory Compliance Review Hearings | 146 | 173 | 188 | 116 | 199 |
| Probationers In Compliance | 96 | 109 | 105 | 56 | 72 |
| Reset Hearing to Monitor Further Improvement | 35 | 25 | 27 | 22 | 47 |
| Probationer Not In Compliance | 9 | 20 | 31 | 24 | 39 |
| Warrant Issued | 6 | 19 | 25 | 14 | 41 |

District Court probation supervised 675 individuals. Seventy-two probationers complied with evaluation and treatment requirements. Forty-seven defendants made progress, but the Court set a further compliance review to monitor and verify full compliance. Thirty-nine defendants failed to demonstrate compliance and were taken into custody for violation of probation. A warrant issued after forty-one defendants failed to appear.

Pre-Trial Testing Thirty-eight criminal defendants with significant prior alcohol related convictions were required to test for alcohol several times per day as a condition of release pending trial to compel compliance with a no drugs or alcohol requirement. Defendants are given a choice of wearing a scam bracelet that monitors alcohol consumption or personally reporting several times per day to probation or the jail for alcohol/drug testing. A positive test results in immediate revocation of conditions of release.

Twenty-four defendants successfully remained alcohol/drug free during the monitoring process. Fourteen defendants tested positive for alcohol or drugs and were taken into custody until trial in order to insure public safety.

The continued result of the daily testing programs has enhanced public safety and reduced costs of incarceration. For the year 2005, the program resulted in savings in the cost of incarceration of \$32,625 for the City of Newport and \$79,785.00 for Pend Oreille County (figuring \$45 per day incarceration costs avoided).

