

County seeing rise in number of felony indictments for year

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April 28, 2011 - On Thursday, April 21, the Fannin County Grand Jury met to review 47 cases presented for their consideration, and returned all of them as listed below. Of the new felony charges filed, 19 involved either drugs or burglaries while five cases of sexual assault and ten cases of forgery, theft or credit card abuse were other crimes impacting Fannin County.

In the first four months of 2011, a total of 157 new felony cases have been charged in Fannin County. Criminal District Attorney Richard E. Glaser reports that if Fannin County law enforcement continues to file cases at this pace, it will result in a 60 percent increase over felonies charged in Fannin County during the years 2009 and 2010. Despite the increase, Richard Glaser expressed confidence that his office and the District Court will work hard to keep up with the increased agency filings.

The law enforcement agencies filing cases were as follows: Fannin County Sheriff's Office - 16 cases; Bonham Police Department - 14 cases; Criminal District Attorney's Office - 9 cases; Ladonia Police Department - 4 cases; Leonard Police Department - 2 cases; Savoy Police Department - 1 case; and Department of Public Safety - 1 case.

It is important to note that an indictment is a formal charge and should not in itself be considered an indication of guilt. All persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The following people were indicted for the criminal offense and range of punishment indicated:

James Lee Boyd, 18, of Leonard - Burglary of a habitation, a second degree felony; assault of a public servant, a third degree felony; and engaging in organized criminal activity, a first degree felony.

Robert James Parker, 22 of Leonard - Burglary of a building, a state jail felony.

Larry Allen Zimmer, 31, of Leonard - Manufacture or delivery of a penalty group one controlled

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substance weighing more than one gram, but less than four grams, a second degree felony.

Joshua Roy Dean Price, 18, of Bailey - Burglary of a building, a state jail felony.

Weldon Leon Armstrong, 44, of Bonham - Forgery of a financial instrument - enhanced, a state jail felony carrying a penalty range of 2-20 years in confinement and a fine up to \$10,000.

Lasonya Lynn Elmore, 32, of Bonham - Manufacture or delivery of a penalty group controlled substance weighing more than one gram, but less than four grams, a second degree felony.

Brandon Leon Frazier, 19, of Bonham - Forgery of a financial instrument, a state jail felony.

Jimmy Dale Hall, Jr., 44, of Bonham - Burglary of a habitation - enhanced, a second degree felony carrying a penalty range of 5-99 years in confinement and a fine up to \$10,000.

Shelley Elizabeth Hill, 44 of Bonham - One count of fraudulent use or possession of identifying information (50 items or more), a first degree felony; one count of forgery of a financial instrument, a state jail felony; and two counts of forgery of a government/national government instrument money/security, a third degree felony.

Teresa Fay Hindsley, 34, of Bonham - Bail jumping and failure to appear on a felony, a third degree felony.

Colby Ladale Jones, 23, of Bonham - Manufacture or delivery of a penalty group one controlled substance weighing less than one gram, a state jail felony.

Adan Rivera Lopez, 23, of Bonham - Evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, a state jail felony.

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Christopher Bryan Miller, 23, of Bonham - Driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age, a state jail felony.

Ricky Pless II, 24, of Bonham - Sexual assault of a child, a second degree felony.

Jason Robinson, 34, of Bonham - Abandoning/endangering a child with criminal negligence, a state jail felony.

Victoria Kay Shockley, 51, of Bonham - Three counts of burglary of a building, a state jail felony, with two counts carrying a penalty range of 2-20 years in confinement and a fine up to \$10,000, and the third count carrying the regular penalty range for a state jail felony (listed below)

Marcus Ray Smith, 19, of Bonham - Burglary of a building, a state jail felony.

David Marion Roskowske, 51, of Dodd City - Evading arrest or detention with a vehicle - enhanced, a state jail felony.

Tammy Collinsworth, 39, of Honey Grove - Possession of a penalty group one controlled substance weighing less than one gram, a state jail felony.

Christopher Ray Orr, 19, of Honey Grove - Two counts of sexual assault of a child, a second degree felony.

John Hardy Taylor, 58, of Telephone - Two counts of attack by dog resulting in serious bodily injury, a third degree felony.

Trista Dann Farquhar, 18, of Wolfe City - Burglary of a building, state jail felony.

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Lapacus Dewayne Russell, 19, of Wolfe City - Sexual assault of a child, a second degree felony.

Chad Wayne Stovall, 36, of Greenville - One count of indecency with a child by sexual contact, a second degree felony; and one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child, a first degree felony.

Ashton Tyrell Jones, 19, of McKinney - Two counts of bail jumping and failure to appear on a felony, a third degree felony.

Amber Ahhaitty, 19, of Denison - Manufacture or delivery of a penalty group one controlled substance weighing less than one gram in a drug free zone, a first degree felony carrying a penalty range of 10-99 years in confinement and a fine up to \$20,000.

Miarrey Tyrell Grant, 22, of Denison - Possession of marijuana weighing more than four ounces, but less than five pounds - enhanced, a state jail felony; and delivery of marijuana weighing more than 1/4 ounce, but less than five pounds - enhanced, a state jail felony.

Iasias Antonio Mendez, 20, of Denison - One count of possession of marijuana weighing more than four ounces, but less than five pounds, a state jail felony; and one count of delivery of marijuana weighing more than 1/4 ounce, but less than five pounds, a state jail felony.

Christopher David Brown, 26, of Dallas - Prohibited substance - alcohol/drugs/phone/tobacco - in a correctional facility, a third degree felony.

Dustin Mark Jackson, 28, of Flower Mound - Bail jumping and failure to appear on a felony - enhanced, a third degree felony carrying a penalty range of 2-20 years in confinement and a fine up to \$10,000.

Shelly Henderson, 43, of Booneville, Mo. - Three counts of theft of a firearm, a state jail felony;

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and one count of credit or debit card abuse, a state jail felony.

Unless otherwise noted above, each count carries a fine up to \$10,000 and the following confinement ranges: state jail felony - 180 days to two years; third degree felony - two to ten years; second degree felony - two to twenty years; and first degree felony - five to 99 years or life.

Next month Grand Jury is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 19, at 8:30 a.m.