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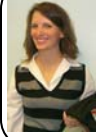
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Mission Statement

The Mission of the Genesee County Probation Department is to enhance the safety of victims and communities through the fair and effective supervision of community-based offenders, community partnerships, and results-driven management practices.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

JULIE A. SMITH, PROBATION DIRECTOR



July 13-19, 2008, is National Probation and Parole Week. Nationwide probation supervises nearly 4.1 million adult men and women. Additionally, almost 400,000 juveniles are ordered to some form of community supervision.

The staff of the Genesee County Probation Department currently supervises nearly 700 offenders. Approximately 50% of these individuals are state prison eligible. Probation is a cost effective form of alternative to incar-

ceration which provides for offender accountability and community protection. The staff of the Genesee County Probation Department strives to make a difference in the adult and juvenile justice system.



PROBATION OFFICER TRAINING

TIM MICHALAK, PROBATION SUPERVISOR/FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR

Once hired at the Probation Department, new officers must successfully complete a 47-hour Initial Firearms Course. In May of 2008 our three newest officers, William Bogan, Timothy Shaughnessy and Edward Engle participated in this mandatory training at the Genesee County Fire Training Center. The trainees received three days of classroom instruction in topics that included the basic rules of firearms safety, weapon nomenclature, the basics of marksmanship and Penal Law Article 35: Use of Force/Deadly Physical Force.

In addition, the trainees spent three days on the range and they were ultimately required to fire at least two qualifying scores with service/duty ammunition. The probation officers in our Department carry Sig Sauer 9mm semiautomatic pistols. We are pleased to report that due to their diligence and dedication, our trainees successfully completed the Initial Firearms Course and will receive certificates from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the near future.

Of note, our new officers recently spent an additional three weeks in Albany, NY, and successfully completed other state-mandated instruction. This training included Basic Peace Officer Course, Officer Safety and Survival Training and 70 hours of instruction in Fundamentals of Probation Practice. The trainees have since returned to the Department and are back to performing their regular duties. Later this summer they will participate in ASP Tactical Baton Training and Aerosol Subject Restraint (pepper spray) Training.



TRAINING FROM THE PROBATION OFFICER'S VIEW

Timothy J. Shaughnessy

“The first day on the range, I was nervous. After going through the training and shooting over a thousand rounds, I felt very confident.

Two weeks at Fundamentals taught me that there is a lot more involved with being a Probation Officer than I had thought. Both the Range and Fundamentals were great experiences!”

William J. Bogan

“Training was a lot of fun overall. It was nice to get away from the office and learn the reasons why we do the things we do.

Firearms was definitely my favorite part. It was fun going back and forth with Ed and Tim for top scores.”

Edward E. Engle

“Training has been a very good experience. I definitely enjoyed learning fundamentals of the job from different probation officers. However, firearms was the most enjoyable week of training. I enjoyed the competition with my fellow officers for top score while also fine tuning my marksman skills.”

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SEARCHES

CONTRIBUTED BY SR. P.O. MICHELE TUCCI-WALKER

Depending on the type of offense that an individual is placed on probation supervision for, the sentencing Court may impose a Condition of Probation subjecting them to random searches of person, place or vehicle. The probationer must be present during searches. Searches are conducted by a minimum of two probation officers.

Items searched for include firearms, incendiary materials, illicit drugs, alcohol, knives, drug paraphernalia and pornographic material. In addition, searches of persons may include obtaining urine samples for drug screening. See the Search Results article below to view some of the items seized during random searches.

Some searches have resulted in new criminal charges, Violations of Probation petitions, or both.

Most sex offenders on probation are subject to a search of their computer, if they are allowed to possess one. Additional information relating to sex offender supervision will be covered in the next issue.

SEARCH RESULTS

Drug Paraphernalia, Weapons, lots of alcohol, drugs and pornography. These pictures show some of the items confiscated through Probation searches.



SURPRISE VISIT: Genesee County Probation Department officers say they found a large quantity of marijuana at a Woodstock Gardens apartment during an unannounced visit Saturday to a Batavia man on probation.

Surprise probation visit results in added charges

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It was a routine visit with not-so-rosy results. Genesee County probation officers decided Saturday afternoon would be a good time to head out and make unannounced visits to people on probation. Three officers went to 83 Woodstock Gardens, where Curtis Gallagher lives. "We were working a small detail, hitting people during off-hours to keep them honest," Officer Jeff Mileham said. "We found a box in his bedroom." Officers opened the box and found it was loaded with marijuana, probably the most marijuana found during a probation visit. City police were called. The pot weighed in at about 12 ounces and Gallagher, 25, was charged with third-degree criminal possession of marijuana. He also will be charged with violation of probation. A second man at the residence who was on probation left the apartment before the pot was found. Once officers found the pot, they notified city police, who stopped the man's car and found him with a small amount of marijuana. He was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. Genesee County has between 650 and 700 people on probation and 12 officers, Supervisor Tim Michalski said. "Some on probation have conditions that allow us to search their residences at any time," Michalski said. "We just happened to go out on a Saturday, during non-traditional hours. It's a way to be more effective." Probation officers also often go into bars looking for probation violators. Gallagher was one of several residences targeted Saturday. Mileham, Amanda Pasquale and Rachel Mathers made the discovery at Gallagher's. "It's good for us to get a grab like this," Mileham said. "Most of what we do doesn't get much attention."



SPECIAL DETAILS

CONTRIBUTED BY P.O. JEFFREY MILEHAM

The New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (DPCA) defines effective supervision as "The sum of activities of a Probation Officer, or Probation Officers or other personnel acting as a team, which includes monitoring and holding a Probationer accountable for his or her conduct, habits, associates, employment, recreation and whereabouts."

supervision in the community. Specifically, this Department has worked with City of Batavia Police Department and Genesee County Sheriff's Office to assist in Probation searches. On two occasions recently, drugs and drug paraphernalia were located and the offenders were charged accordingly.

This Department has also partnered with NYS Parole as well as Batavia Police and

Genesee Co. Sheriff's in conducting bar sweeps through Batavia and Genesee County and neighborhood sweeps in Batavia. Recently this Department conducted surveillance along with NYS Parole at the Stafford Carnival. On another detail, our Department working with Parole, City Police and the GCSO K9 unit, found a probationer with drugs and located a parole violator. The Probation Department would like to thank local law enforcement agencies who partner with us in community protection. We look forward to working together in the future!

The Genesee County Probation Department has exemplified this by partnering with local law enforcement agencies to enhance offender

POLICE BLOTTER The Daily News 6/21/08

BATAVIA — A 35-year-old city woman was charged with second-degree criminal possession of marijuana Wednesday after a search — which included a K-9 unit — uncovered marijuana and related equipment and a man who violated his parole stipulations, city police said.

Landrea Ames, of 44 South Main St., was also charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. The investigation involved the city police NET officer and Genesee County's Drug Task Force and Probation Department.

Landrea was released on her own recognizance and \$1,000 bail. She was to appear Thursday in City Court.

The search team also discovered 32-year-old Leaddice J. Daniels, who reportedly was also living at 44 South Main St. Daniels was on parole. He was arrested by the state Parole Department for parole violations and also faces charges of seventh-degree

unlawful possession of a controlled substance, criminally using drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of marijuana.

Daniels was committed to the Genesee County Jail on the parole violations. He will be arraigned on the charges at a later date.



GENESEE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT HISTORY CORNER

GRAND JURY RANKS
PROBATION DEPT. 11/27/
AS A KEY AGENCY 1957

In an unusual recommendation, the November Grand Jury suggested Wednesday that "every financial consideration" be given to the Genesee County Probation Dept. because of its "great importance in combating future crime."

Reporting to Supreme Court Justice Carlton A. Fisher, the jury made the following statement:

"The Grand Jury recommends to the Board of Supervisors that, as a result of the cases which were presented to the Grand Jury, it was very evident that a strong Probation Dept. was of great importance in combating future crime."

"The Grand Jury did not investigate or evaluate the County Probation Dept., but wishes to recommend that every financial consideration be given to it because of its importance."

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Batavia Daily News

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PROBATION

PROTECTING GENESEE COUNTY

PROBATION AND PAROLE WEEK

A MESSAGE FROM MARK CAREY, PRESIDENT
AMERICAN PROBATION & PAROLE ASSOCIATION

Those who work with offenders understand that there can be many reasons why the individuals they supervise struggle with life.

Perhaps they have an alcohol or substance abuse problem that interferes with work and family and that has led them into breaking the law. Maybe they lack job skills or education that hinders them in finding employment to support themselves and their families.

Probation, parole and community supervision officers can help offenders gain skills, get treatment and community support that will enable them to live successful, crime-free lives.

These officers can also recognize when an offender may not be ready or able to make the changes necessary to ensure public safety.

The Keys to a Better Tomorrow are right in your own agency. It's the work you do to balance providing assistance to offenders while ensuring public safety. The work is not easy. It's often frustrating, time consuming and exhausting, but greatly rewarding.



PROBATION TRIVIA

Question:


When was the Probation Department first created in Genesee County and who was the County's first Probation Officer?

Answer: February 1, 1947; Nicholas G. Farrow

EMPLOYEE NEWS

The Genesee County Probation Department would like to recognize Linda Gibson for her 27 years of service to Genesee County. Linda has been the Principal Financial Clerk for the Probation Department for over 20 years. Prior to her employment with Probation, she worked for Genesee County Mental Health. Linda will be retiring on July 13, 2008. Linda plans to relax, do some traveling (and shopping!) and spend some time with her family.

Congratulations and Best Wishes!!



PROBATION

"Society has a right to be protected from persons who cause its members harm, regardless of the reasons for such harm.

It is the right of every citizen to be free from the fear of harm to person and property. Belief in the necessity of law to an orderly society demands commitment to support it.

Probation accepts this responsibility and views itself as an instrument for both control and treatment appropriate to some, but not all, offenders. The wise use of authority derived from law adds strength and stability to its efforts. Where public safety is not compromised, society and most offenders are best served through community correctional programs. Most offenders should be provided services within the community in which they are expected to demonstrate acceptable behavior. Community correctional programs generally are cost-effective and they allow offenders to remain with their families while paying taxes and, where applicable, restitution to victims."

(APPA, 2004)