

GENESEE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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2013- A BUSY YEAR FOR GCPD

Its been a busy year at the Genesee County Probation Department. In addition to the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives making significant changes to supervision rules in June, there have been several staff changes—including the Department's Director, an upgrade to the Caseload Explorer case management system, a switch to Office 2010 and a change to our network environment—we now have virtual desktops. With so much going on, we decided to bypass the July issue of our newsletter and publish again in January with the new Staff Listing.



Kevin R. Wright Probation Supervisor TAC Coordinator



Rachel A. Sanfratello Probation Supervisor Transfer Designee



Timothy J. Michalak Probation Director II

Michele A. Tucci Sr. Probation Officer



Jeremy M. Barber Sr. Probation Officer



Kevin P. Forsyth Sr. Probation Officer





Traci K. Russo Probation Officer



Sarah B. Welker Probation Officer



Matthew J. Garber Probation Officer



William J. Bogan II Probation Officer



Samantha Fisher Probation Officer



Carly Luttrell Probation Officer

Jason R. Mindler Probation Officer



Vicki A. Athoe Principal Clerk





Terri L. Buchholz Probation Officer



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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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Genesee County Probation Department bids "Farewell" to **Probation Director Julie Smith.**

Probation Department staff did not have much time to say goodbye to their department head. Director Julie Smith announced on June 17, 2013, that she was heading to Albany on June 19, 2013, to be appointed to the NYS Parole Board.

Julie will be remembered for her many years of service in Probation and her leadership as director of the Department.

She will be missed not just as a boss, but as a friend, and is wished all the best in her new position!

Favorite Probationer Quotes



"Why did you send me Failure to Report letter when all I did was forget to come if for my appointment?"

To PO W. Bogan

When questioned about a positive drug test...."I'm getting accused of selling it, so I may as well try it.

To PO C. Luttrell



GCPD DIRECTOR TAKES STATE POSITION PAUL MROZEK/BATAVIA DAILY NEWS ONLINE

Genesee County Probation Director Julie Smith was appointed a commissioner of the New York

State Parole Board this week, Gov. Andrew Cuomo M. Andrew announced on his website.

The Board of Parole is part of the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. The board is a 19-member body whose members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate.

The board's primary role is to decide which state prison inmates should be granted early release into the community.

Smith, of Batavia, will serve a sixyear term.. Smith has worked for Genesee County for more than 30 years, including 21 in Probation.

She's been department director since 2007.



Smith oversees supervision of approximately 700 adults and juvenile offenders.

"In addition to her knowledge and experience in felony offender supervision and treatment, she previously served as a caseworker for Genesee County Department of Social Services," according to Cuomo's announcement.

> Smith is married to former city of Batavia fire chief Larry Smith. She has an associate's degree in criminal justice from Genesee Community College, a bachelor's degree in community and human services from Empire State College and a master's degree in management from Keuka College.

> Genesee County Manager Jay Gsell said the appointment reflects well on Smith. "Quite the kudo for her and the county. They thought highly of her," Gsell said. Smith had to officially resign her county position "so the

state could make her their employee," Gsell said. The county manager said Smith's appointment to the Parole Board was the conclusion of a "long and drawn-out process" that began about two years ago.

GENESEE COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS CONDUCT SEARCH

Police Blotter

(The Batavia Daily News 3/18/13)

BENNINGTON — A town man was jailed March 7 after he was found in possession of 10 rifles and shotguns, state police said.

Mark R. Willard, 39, was taken into custody after an investigation into his activities by the Genesee County Probation Department, troopers said.

Willard had been convicted of felony DWI in 2009 and was not allowed to possess firearms, a trooper said.



He also allegedly possessed marijuana.

Willard was charged with fourthdegree criminal possession of a weapon and unlawful possession of marijuana.

The firearms were seized and he will also face a probation violation charge in Genesee County.

Note: On September 10, 2013, Willard's probation was revoked and he was sentenced to 1-3 yrs with NYSDOC.

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

BY TIMOTHY J. MICHALAK, PROBATION DIRECTOR

2013 was an eventful year for the Probation Department. We experienced substantial staff shortages throughout much of the year despite increased workloads. In the midst of this, we upgraded our case management system and implemented a new supervision rule promulgated by the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA). We said goodbye to former Probation Director Julie Smith in June and I was officially appointed as the new Pro-

bation Director in October. Rachel Sanfratello was promoted to Supervisor and Kevin Forsyth was promoted to Senior Probation Officer. We also hired three new probation officers in 2013; Carly Luttrell in January, Jason Mindler in November and Terri Buchholz in December. We are currently interviewing candidates to fill our remaining open probation officer position. In 2013, our Department prepared 743 Investigations; an increase of 63 Investigations over 2012. We also received

377 new cases on probation which was an increase of 35 cases over 2012. Even though 2013 proved to be a difficult year for our staff as a whole, our "new look" probation team rallied together and worked tirelessly to get things accomplished. As a Department we are also looking forward to collaborating with our partners in the criminal justice community to become more efficient and enhance the quality of services provided to the citizens of Genesee County.



You Can Run... But You Can't Hide

It all started with a phone call. Sr. P.O. Jeremy Barber received an anonymous phone call indi-

cating that wanted man Brant Arnold, Jr., was still in the area so he decided to go take a look around. Accompanied by Sr. P.O. Rachel Sanfratello, he started his search in Alden, NY, at a gas station where Arnold had a connections through a friend.

Although the attendants did not recognize the photo of Mr. Arnold, they did provide an address for his friend. The Probation team headed to the residence and fortunately, the resident of the house was there. And, Yes, they did know where he was and were happy to provide the address!

Jeremy and Rachel made their way to Mr. Arnold's address in Cowlesville, NY. Mr. Arnold was home and surrendered without incident.

He was sentenced on the violation to 1-3 years with the NYS Department of Corrections.

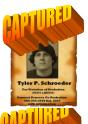
GENESEE COUNTY PROBATION'S MOST WANTED



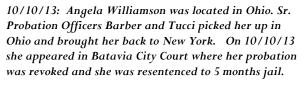
CAPTURED: On February 21, 2013, Michael Mairose turned himself in to Sr. Probation Officer Jeremy Barber; one day after SPO Barber had obtained and executed a search order at Mr. Mairose's residence. Although the defendant was not at home, SPO Barber established contact with a relative who was able to persuade Mr. Mairose to report to the Probation Department. Mr. Mairose appeared in Stafford Town Court, his probation was revoked and he was resentenced to 4 months jail.



CAPTURED: At 3:30 AM on January 30, 2013, Cara Skye was apprehended by Genesee County Sheriff's Deputies following the report of a disturbance on the Tonawanda Indian Reservation. In addition to the Violation of Probation she was charged with Bail Jumping. She appeared in Alabama Town Court where her probation was revoked and she was resentenced to 6 months jail.



2/9/11: Tyler Schroeder turned himself into the Genesee County Sheriff's Department. On 2/19/13 he appeared in Elba Town Court on the Violation of Probation. His probation was revoked and he was resentenced to 180 days jail.



























EMPLOYEE NEWS



Congratulations!

Former Sr. Probation Officer Rachel Sanfratello was awarded the 2013 Adult Youth Worker Award by the Genesee County and City of Batavia Youth

Boards! The award was presented by former Probation Supervisor Tim Michalak at the 17th Annual Youth Recognition Banquet at Terry Hills Restaurant.

Note: Congratulations to Rachel and her husband Tom on the birth of their daughter, Alexis, in October and for her promotion to Supervisor!

2013 Adult Youth Worker Award

This award is presented to a youth-serving paid professional whose work exceeds expectations

Rachel Sanfratello has been working quietly behind the scenes making a difference in the lives of troubled youth in Genesee County. As a probation officer Rachel guides each young person through an intake process getting to know them and designing an individualized plan for them and their families. She works closely with many agencies such as Mental Health, substance abuse, and STAR. She radiates warmth and compassion to the families with whom she deals. Many probation officers have set schedules, but Rachel often finds herself changing her schedule in order to accommodate her cliental, or to work with the schools, parents or police agencies. In spite of her hectic schedule, her number one priority is the needs of the

boys and girls who pass through her door. The probation department has received numerous compliments regarding Rachel's work. It has been said "Rachel Sanfratello is a beacon of light in a bureaucratic world of public service. She is a sincere advocate for kids..." Many of the youth that Rachel have worked with still come back to visit and update her on what is going on with their lives. Thank you Rachel for your excellent service to our county and to our youth!





Probation, new charges preceded Taser arrest

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By Scott DeSmit/Batavia Daily News

A Darien man who was Tasered after he led deputies on a high-speed motorcycle chase Saturday night may have had a reason to run: He was on probation for two 2011 convictions in Genesee and Wyoming counties and had been arrested the night before.

Nicholas C. Doell, 22, was sentenced in January 2011 to weekends in jail and five years probation for stealing all-terrain vehicles from a residence in the town of Darien.

Doell was operating a 2003 Harley Davidson on Route 20 Saturday night when a Genesee County sheriff's deputy attempted to stop him for traffic violations. Doell refused to stop and led deputies on a chase through Batavia, Alexander and Darien, before he got off the motorcycle and ran. A pursuing deputy fired a Taser at him and he was taken into custody. ...

The night before, Doell was charged with misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance not in its original container. His probation officer (Sr. PO J. Barber) found him with prescription drugs hidden in a cigarette pack.

Doell had been in Genesee County Jail but was released after \$500 bail was posted on that charge. He was sent to jail, with bail set at \$5,000.







New Faces

The Genesee County Probation Department welcomes three new Probation Officers:
Carly Luttrell, Jason Mindler, and Terri Buchholz bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our Department.

Welcome Carly, Jason and Terri!!

GENESEE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN THE NEWS

RAPIST FACES CHILD PORN CHARGE FROM THE BATAVIA DAILY NEWS

BY SCOTT DESMIT FEBRUARY 6, 2013



A 20-year-old man on probation for raping a 14-year-old girl last year was arrested and charged with possessing child pornography, Genesee County sheriff's deputies said.

Jonathan E. Garcia of 4054 West Main Street Rd., No. 8, was charged with possessing a sexual performance by a child. The charge followed an investigation after a probation officer's visit to Garcia's residence on Jan. 28. The probation officer

found several nude images of a juvenile girl on his cellular phone, Investigator Kristopher Kautz said.

Garcia is a Level 2 sex offender registered with the New York State Sex Offender Registry.

He pleaded guilty in September to second-degree rape. Garcia admitted having sex with the 14-year-old girl in May 2012.

He was sentenced in November to six months in jail and placed on 10 years of probation.

The rape charges came after an investigation into a report of a missing girl in Batavia. She was found at Garcia's residence and he was charged with forcibly preventing her from leaving his apartment. Garcia was also changed with violation of probation.

Note: Sr. Probation Officer Michele Tucci discovered the child pornography on Mr. Garcia's phone while conducting a search on a home visit to his residence. On 3/15/13, Jonathan Garcia was sentenced to 2-4 years in state prison for the possession of a sexual performance by a child charge.