

**Historic Prosecutions by Gregg Marx  
and other members of the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office**

**John Theodore Engle, Jr.** In March, 1989, John Engle put his son, Christopher Engle, age 4, in scalding water that proximately caused the death of Christopher. John would not permit anyone in his home to get help for Christopher and upon Christopher's death, John burned the child's body. The crime was not discovered until July of 1991. In 1992, John Engle was convicted of Murder, 2 counts of Gross Abuse of a Corpse, Obstruction of Justice, Theft, Perjury, 5 counts of Forgery, Rape, 2 counts of Felonious Assault, and 16 counts of Endangering Children. John Engle received a sentence of 18 years, consecutive to a sentence of 20 years to life. John Engle entered prison on May 1, 1992 and is currently in prison.

<b>JOHN ENGLE JR</b>	
<b><u>Number:</u></b>	A254759
<b><u>DOB:</u></b>	
<b><u>Gender:</u></b>	Male
<b><u>Race:</u></b>	White
<b><u>Admission Date:</u></b>	05/01/1992
<b><u>Institution:</u></b>	Chillicothe Correctional Institution
<b><u>Status:</u></b>	INCARCERATED

A mugshot of John Engle Jr. He is a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a light blue or grey collared shirt. The background is a solid, bright yellow color.

**John Wesley Frazier** On February 21, 1993, Lancaster Police Officer Brett Markwood was shot and killed while chasing John Wesley Frazier after a robbery. On May 16, 1996, John Wesley Frazier was convicted of Aggravated Murder, a felony of the first degree and Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree. The Defendant was sentenced to life imprisonment, with parole eligibility after serving 30 full years of imprisonment for the murder, consecutive to 10 to 25 years in prison for the robbery. John Wesley Frazier died in prison.

**Elsie Sheets** In the fall of 1994, A.W. and J.K., both 16 years old, were shot and killed. Their bodies were found in a burning barn. Elsie Sheets recruited two minors and one young adult for the murder of A.W. and J.K. She planned the crime and destroyed evidence. After the murders took place, she then made pizza for the murderers. After a jury trial, she was convicted of Complicity to commit Murder and Aggravated Murder, Abuse of a Corpse, and other felonies. She received a sentence of 11 years consecutive to a sentence of 35 years to life. Elsie Sheets entered prison on February 13, 1995 and is currently in prison.

**ELSIE A. SHEETS**

**Number:** W035507  
**DOB:**  
**Gender:** Female  
**Race:** White  
**Admission Date:** 02/13/1995  
**Institution:** Ohio Reformatory for Women  
**Status:** INCARCERATED




**Clifton Hill** In September, 1997, H.S. was shot and killed in the front of his residence. Clifton Hill was the step-son of H.S. In September, 1998, a jury found that Clifton Hill was guilty of Aggravated Murder with firearm specifications. The case was appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court where it was reversed. In July, 2003, Clifton Hill was again tried for this crime, and a jury again found that Clifton Hill was guilty of Aggravated Murder with firearm specifications. Clifton Hill was sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility for parole until 20 years, consecutive to a mandatory sentence of 8 years for firearm specifications. He entered prison on September 25, 1998 and is currently in prison.

<b>CLIFTON HILL</b>	
<b><u>Number:</u></b>	A363647
<b><u>DOB:</u></b>	
<b><u>Gender:</u></b>	Male
<b><u>Race:</u></b>	White
<b><u>Admission Date:</u></b>	09/25/1998
<b><u>Institution:</u></b>	Chillicothe Correctional Institution
<b><u>Status:</u></b>	INCARCERATED

A mugshot of Clifton Hill, a middle-aged man with a mustache, wearing a light-colored shirt, against a plain yellow background.

**Jason Earl Wagner** In April, 1999, the Fairfield County Community was devastated over a missing 4 year old girl, A.T. As law enforcement and the community searched for her for four (4) days, Jason Wagner was hiding her in his attic. She was rescued and Jason Wagner was convicted of Kidnapping, Felonious Assault, Attempt to Commit Murder, Rape, and other felonies. Jason Wagner received a sentence of life in prison for the Rape, to be served consecutively to 3 life sentences for kidnapping, felonious assault, and attempted murder. The Defendant died in prison.

**Ralph Blaine Smith** In February, 2000, Ralph Smith knocked on the door of a residence in Pickerington, Ohio. When the homeowner answered the door, Ralph Smith and an accomplice forced their way into the home, put a gun to the homeowner's head, and demanded to be taken to the safe. After a jury trial, he was convicted of 2 counts of aggravated burglary, 3 counts of aggravated robbery, and one count of kidnapping along with a firearm specification. On September 12, 2000, Ralph Smith received a total sentence of 67 years in prison. Ralph Smith entered prison on April 27, 2000 and is currently in prison.

<b>RALPH BLAINE SMITH</b>	
<b><u>Number:</u></b>	A392562
<b><u>DOB:</u></b>	
<b><u>Gender:</u></b>	Male
<b><u>Race:</u></b>	Black
<b><u>Admission Date:</u></b>	04/27/2000
<b><u>Institution:</u></b>	Marion Correctional Institution
<b><u>Status:</u></b>	INCARCERATED
	

**Willie J. Cooper** In August, 2000, in a portion of Columbus, Ohio that is located within Fairfield County, the body of A.G. was found by Columbus Police Officers. A.G. had been stabbed twenty-seven times and her skull was crushed. In May, 2001, after a jury trial, Willie Cooper was convicted of one count of Murder and one count of kidnapping. Willie Cooper was sentenced to 15 years to life and he died in prison.

**Anthony C. Pryor** The occurrence of sexual abuse of children took place so frequently that it was difficult to determine the time period as to when Anthony Pryor's crimes took place. In the fall of 2002, a jury convicted Anthony Pryor on 4 counts to complicity to Commit Rape, Rape, Kidnapping, and Abduction, and he received 3 consecutive sentences of life imprisonment. Anthony Pryor entered prison on November 7, 2002 and is currently in prison.

**ANTHONY PRYOR**

**Number:** A437185  
**DOB:**  
**Gender:** Male  
**Race:** White  
**Admission Date:** 11/07/2002  
**Institution:** Ross Correctional Institution  
**Status:** INCARCERATED



**David L. Bruce** In January, 2005, R.B. was stabbed to death in a home that was under construction. There was a bloody palm print on one of the walls of that home. The palm print belonged to David Bruce and the blood belonged to R.B. A jury convicted David Bruce of Aggravated Murder, Kidnapping, and Aggravated Robbery. David Bruce received a sentence of life imprisonment with parole eligibility after 20 years to be served consecutively to 10 years in prison. David Bruce entered prison on July 7, 2006 and is currently in prison.


**DAVID L BRUCE**

**Number:** A526704  
**DOB:**  
**Gender:** Male  
**Race:** Black  
**Admission Date:** 07/07/2006  
**Institution:** Chillicothe Correctional Institution  
**Status:** INCARCERATED




**Marcus Hickman** On March 30, 2008, Marcus Hickman shot D.W. in the neck. She survived. Marcus Hickman was convicted of Attempted Murder, Complicity to Kidnapping and Complicity to Aggravated Robbery. He was sentenced to 26 years in prison. Marcus Hickman entered prison on March 6, 2009 and is currently incarcerated.

<b>MARCUS T HICKMAN</b>	
<b>Number:</b>	A598815
<b>DOB:</b>	
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Race:</b>	Black
<b>Admission Date:</b>	03/06/2009
<b>Institution:</b>	Ross Correctional Institution
<b>Status:</b>	INCARCERATED

A mugshot of Marcus T Hickman, a Black male with short hair and a goatee, wearing a light blue shirt. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Timothy Azbell** – On March 30, 2008, Timothy Azbell held D.W. at gunpoint prior to her being shot in the neck by Marcus Hickman. Timothy Azbell was convicted of felonious assault and kidnapping and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. Timothy Azbell entered prison on March 5, 2009 and is currently in prison.

<b>TIMOTHY D AZBELL</b>	
<b>Number:</b>	A598771
<b>DOB:</b>	
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Race:</b>	White
<b>Admission Date:</b>	03/05/2009
<b>Institution:</b>	Lebanon Correctional Institution
<b>Status:</b>	INCARCERATED

A mugshot of Timothy D Azbell, a white male with short hair and a goatee, wearing a light blue shirt. He has extensive tattoos on his neck and upper chest. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Lendy Dysart** On February 2, 1989, the Fairfield County community was by the death of S.F. Only 17 years old, the body of S. F. was found in the Hocking River on February 5, 1989. Countless hours were spent by law enforcement and the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office to discover her killer. Her death remained a mystery for approximately 20 years. In 2007, Lendy Dysart was convicted of breaking and entering, and went to prison for 6 months. While Lendy Dysart was in prison, a DNA sample was taken from him. On September 4, 2007, law enforcement received the information that there had been a match between Lendy Dysart's DNA and DNA evidence from the murder of S.F. Lendy Dysart was convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter, and Felonious Assault. Lendy Dysart was sentenced to 7-25 years in prison, consecutive to a sentence of 10 years for an unrelated robbery. Lendy Dysart entered prison on November 3, 2008 and is currently in prison.

**LENDY WILLIAM DYSART**

**Number:** A589510  
**DOB:**  
**Gender:** Male  
**Race:** White  
**Admission Date:** 11/03/2008  
**Institution:** Southeastern Correctional Institution  
**Status:** INCARCERATED





**David J. O'Neal** On July 17, 2012, David O'Neal broke into the residence of D.T., 21 years of age. D.T. called 911 and Columbus Police Officers responded. D.T. came out of his residence holding a handgun and was shot and killed by a Columbus Police Officer. The Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office charged David O'Neal for the murder of D.T., as the death was the proximate result of O'Neal committing or attempting to commit the felonies of Aggravated Burglary and/or Aggravated Robbery. After a jury trial, David O'Neal was convicted of Complicity to Commit Murder, 2 counts of Aggravated Burglary, and additional felony charges. The Defendant received a sentence of 18 years in prison to be served consecutively to 15 years to life. David O'Neal entered prison on November 26, 2013 and is currently in prison.

**DAVID J ONEAL**

**Number:** A695956  
**DOB:**  
**Gender:** Male  
**Race:** Black  
**Admission Date:** 11/26/2013  
**Institution:** Southeastern Correctional Institution  
**Status:** INCARCERATED



**George Conrad** On January 7, 2012, George Conrad was lying in wait inside the vehicle of M.C. When M.C. opened her car door, George Conrad shot her. She ran from the vehicle and George Conrad chased her while firing his gun at her. George Conrad caught M.C., held her by her arm, and pressed his handgun into her chin and fired. M.C. survived, but had massive injuries to her face and jaw requiring numerous surgeries. George Conrad was convicted of Felonious Assault, and other felonies. He was sentenced to 33 years in prison. He entered prison on January 29, 2013 and he is currently in prison.

**GEORGE F CONRAD**

**Number:** A677036  
**DOB:**  
**Gender:** Male  
**Race:** White  
**Admission Date:** 01/29/2013  
**Institution:** Lebanon Correctional Institution  
**Status:** INCARCERATED



**Kenneth N. Miller** On September 27, 2014, the body of K.T. was found in the trunk of her car that had been set on fire. It was determined that Kenneth Miller had choked K.T. until she was unconscious and then shot her in the head with a .22 caliber rifle. Kenneth Miller was convicted of Murder, Kidnapping, Aggravated Robbery, Tampering with Evidence, and Arson. Kenneth Miller received a total sentence of 15 years to life to be served consecutively to 25 additional years. Kenneth Miller entered prison on July 23, 2015 and is currently in prison. The appeal on this case is scheduled to be argued by Prosecutor Gregg Marx on March 15, 2016, at the Fifth District Court of Appeals.

**KENNETH N MILLER**

**Number:** A717450  
**DOB:**  
**Gender:** Male  
**Race:** White  
**Admission Date:** 07/23/2015  
**Institution:** Lebanon Correctional Institution  
**Status:** INCARCERATED



