



Medina Municipal Court

2001 Annual Report

DALE H. CHASE, JUDGE

JUDY L. SCHWARTZ, CLERK

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YEARLY REPORT OF OPERATION FOR 2001

Medina City Council & Mayor
Medina County Commissioners

The following is the yearly report of operations of the Court as required by Sec. 1901.14 O.R.C.

The Court received new filings of 20,261 cases and terminated 20,475 cases.

This case load generated \$4,528,454.71 of disbursements. Driving under the influence of alcohol (O.M.V.I.) charges increased from 722 in 1999 to 840 in 2000 to 856 in 2001.

Brunswick Mayor's Court, which is in our court's jurisdiction, had 4,148 traffic cases filed, 160 O.M.V.I. cases filed and 889 criminal cases filed for a total of 5,197 cases. Two Hundred and fifty-four of these entered not guilty pleas and were transferred to Medina Municipal Court.

Among the significant events affecting the work of the Court during the calendar year of 2001 are the following:

NEED FOR NEW BUILDING AND SECOND MUNICIPAL JUDGE

The building for the Medina Municipal Court was completed in 1983 after a fire set by a disgruntled defendant destroyed the previous location. Judge Dale H. Chase has served as Judge since 1988. There is one judge elected to serve in this position.

The jurisdiction of the Medina Municipal Court includes the City of Medina, the City of Brunswick, Spencer and Chippewa Lake Villages, and the Townships of Brunswick Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer and York. The 2000 census counted a population of 116,329.

The most recently available statistics from the Ohio Supreme Court (*Ohio Courts Summary - 1999*) indicate that the average caseload for each municipal judge in Ohio is 12,681. There are 21 municipal courts in Ohio served by two judges. These courts had an average population of 107,186 and an average total caseload of 22,755, or approximately 11,377 cases per judge.

The existing facility, staff and number of judges -one- is not adequate to meet the present needs and the reasonably expected future needs of this jurisdiction. A second judge and a new facility have become a necessity.

The position of a municipal judge is an elected position, which must be created by the Ohio General Assembly on the recommendation of the Ohio Supreme

Court. This process can only proceed when we have committed as a community to construct an adequate facility to house a second judge plus the necessary staff to handle the caseload of the court.

Right now, one full-time and three part-time magistrates share one desk in one office. There are four bailiffs sharing two desks in two offices. On crowded mornings there are people sitting on the floor in the small court lobby because there is not enough space for everyone who is required to attend court. There is not enough parking for the people who drive to court along with space for our court staff.

There is no holding cell or secure location for prisoners. There are occasions when after the judge has sentenced someone to jail, they are kept 10 or 15 feet from the judge's office in an unsecured area until they can be transported to the jail.

Attorneys must meet with their clients in the halls or outside the building because there are no private locations available for these meetings. There is an existing need to hire new staff to deal with the increasing caseload of the court, but it is not possible to do so because there is currently no available space in which to put additional people.

Effective on January 1, 2001, the court created an additional court cost of \$10.00 per case, to help cover a portion of the cost of a new building. This means that part of the cost for this facility will be paid for by people convicted of criminal and traffic offenses and by participants in civil cases before the court. This cost generated \$161,362.20 in 2001. Judge Chase increased this to \$20.00 per case beginning January 1, 2002.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

The Probation Department continued regular operations with six probation officers: one intensive supervision officer, two general supervision officers (one of whom is part time), one pre-sentence officer and the chief probation officer. One full time and one part time secretary assisted officers in all aspects of their duties.

During the year, 862 people were placed on probation. 433 were for DUI convictions, and 86 were for drug charges, 44 were for domestic violence convictions, with an additional 74 disorderly conduct convictions whose original charge was actually domestic violence, for a total of 118 cases in the domestic violence category. 111 were for underage alcohol possession/consumption, and 26 were for operating a motor vehicle after underage alcohol consumption (O.M.V.U.A.C.). Twenty-five were for theft related offenses. The remaining 63 were for various criminal charges such as resisting arrest, obstructing official business, assault and menacing.

Five hundred twenty-six pre-sentence interviews/reports were completed pursuant to court order. An additional 1,110 abbreviated pre-sentence reports were completed for underage alcohol, drug paraphernalia/drug abuse and first and second (within 6 years) DUI offenses.

The overall caseload averaged 1,019 for the year. Probation officers held over 3,600 individual reporting appointments. Offenders on the caseload submitted to over 1,200 drug screens at the department's direction. One hundred twenty-three probationers completed 3,137 community service hours through the Medina County Volunteer Center.

The majority of the caseload participated in alcohol or other substance abuse counseling and/or mental health/behavior modification counseling as a condition of probation. One hundred fourteen individuals served 5,036 days of electronically monitored home arrest through the Medina County Sheriff's department, as coordinated by the probation department.

The Group Reporting Intervention Program (G.R.I.P. started in June of 2001. G.R.I.P. was established as a means of assisting low risk, first time drug offenders through education in a group setting and individual drug

screening. Thirty-six individuals entered the program between June and December. By the end of 2001, nineteen individuals had met all the requirements for successful completion of G.R.I.P.

Probation officers began a more structured approach to home visits with the assistance of the court liaison officer of the Medina County Sheriff's Department. The court liaison deputy is available on a regular basis to accompany officers in the field to search for absconders and meet with probationers in their homes. The court liaison officer is, in most instances, also personally familiar with the probationers and can play an important role in locating/assisting them.

Both of the aforementioned programs are scheduled to expand significantly in 2002.

COMPUTER DEVELOPMENTS

The court employs a Management Information Specialist to coordinate all technology applications. The current equipment in place consists of 5 terminals, 14 printers and 28 PC's plus the RS6000 main server. In 2001 all 28 PC's were upgraded to Windows 98 SE, Office 2000 Professional Version, and the upgraded version of Norton Antivirus.

Approximately 65% of the current forms used in the Court were converted to Word format in anticipation of the installation of the Word Server program in 2001. Extensive research was conducted on equipment required for the expansion of the Court facility and on electronic recording of court proceedings.

The upgrade of the RS6000 main computer to the new F80 RS6000 was installed in the first quarter of 2001. This includes upgrades to convert all the printers to network communication as well as setting up the network logons for each individual PC.

The installation of a DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) was completed allowing high-speed access to the Internet and legal services. This gives the court access to Internet legal research resources as well as e-mail. It also allowed the court to eliminate two business phone lines previously used to access the Internet and reduce charges from our local support company and the network service provider. The installation consists of a high-speed connection to Verizon as well as a DSL modem and firewall router to protect the internal network.

The court software was upgraded by the vendor with many enhancements to conform with federal, state and local laws.

New reports were written for the probation department to assist probation officers in tracking and reporting on active probationers. A digital camera was purchased along with a printer and scanner to allow images and documents to be archived on line. Digital pictures are placed in each probationer's file for positive identification.

The Management Information Specialist attended numerous meetings throughout the year designed to keep the computer system up to date with new rules and regulations. The annual Sanderson/CMI user group meeting was held in October with 18 courts attending from among 150 total users.

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS

Video arraignments. Arraignments (initial appearances in criminal and traffic cases) are conducted by the magistrate. In 1997, the Court began conducting these proceedings via remote video link with the Medina County Jail. This continues to work well not only for security reasons but also saving police departments many man hours by not having to transport prisoners to and from the jail. Fiber optic cables connect the jail and the courthouse. The

equipment is connected to a video recorder in the magistrate's courtroom so that all video arraignments are recorded. Video arraignments dramatically reduce the ultimate cost to the community. The remote video process is less disruptive to other litigants and witnesses who are waiting to appear before the magistrate for other cases. Security at the courthouse is improved because unruly defendants pose no risk to court staff or the public.

INTERNET SITE (www.medinamunicipalcourt.org)

The court's site, which debuted in 1998, continues to provide information about the court, court staff, court programs, and the legal system to Internet users. Usage of the site, as indicated by the number of times it has been accessed, has increased dramatically. Average "hits" per week began at 64 in 1998. In 2000, it was 173 per week. The weekly average in 2001 is 223. Chief Magistrate Chuck Lawrie maintains the content of the site and insures that it is updated on a regular basis. Through the end of 2001, the court's site has been accessed 28,742 times. This is an increase of nearly 30% over last year's usage.

The Court's Annual Report is now available online also.

2000 Annual Report: www.medinamunicipalcourt.org/2000ann.htm

2001 Annual Report: http://www.medinamunicipalcourt.org/2001_annrpt.pdf

MAGISTRATES

In January, Judge Chase appointed Magistrate Lawrie Chief Magistrate of the court. In addition to his daily traffic, criminal and civil dockets, Magistrate Lawrie now supervises and schedules the magistrates, coordinates training for the magistrates and acting judges, is responsible for staff education and training and prepares and implements special programs and projects. In 2001 Magistrate Lawrie began conducting the "M Docket". This consists of 1st degree misdemeanor cases, previously scheduled before the judge, involving charges of Driving Under Suspension and driving without a valid Operator's License, as well as related traffic offenses. These are held on Monday afternoon in the main courtroom.

Also in January, Judge Chase appointed Linda A. Leggett as a part-time magistrate. Magistrate Leggett was born in Medina and graduated from Medina High School. In 1987, she graduated from Kent State University with a B.B.A. in Finance and Real Estate. In 1991, she received her law degree from the University of Akron School of Law. She has been engaged in the private practice of law with the firm of Reddy, Grau, and Meek since 1992. Since 1991, Magistrate Leggett served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Village of Oakwood. As an assistant prosecutor, she prosecuted traffic and other misdemeanor offenses. She has also handled these types of cases, as well as a variety of civil cases in her private law practice.

Magistrate Leggett served as an acting magistrate for the court since 1999. She began her appointment January 8, 2001. Magistrate Leggett joins Magistrate Susan Figler, who is also part-time. All the magistrates continue to be active members of the Ohio Association of Magistrates. In March, Magistrate Figler and Leggett attended the Judicial College of the Supreme Court of Ohio's seminar for new magistrates.

JUDICIAL SEMINARS

Magistrate Lawrie was selected by the National Center for State Courts (www.ncsconline.org) to be a faculty member for its 7th Court Technology Conference (CTC7). The conference was held in Baltimore August 14-16 with participants and attendees from around the world. All of his expenses were paid by NCSC. NCSC is a "nonprofit organization that promotes justice through leadership and service to the state courts. Through numerous programs and divisions, the NCSC is committed to improving the administration of justice in the United States and abroad". (www.ncsconline.org/About_the_NCSC/index.htm)

The educational session, Effective Court Web Site Design, was based on Magistrate Lawrie's paper The 10 Commandments of Court Web Site Design. The paper was published as part of the CTC7 materials that conference attendees received. In November, Magistrate Lawrie presented The 10 Commandments of Court Web Site Design for an Ohio audience as part of the Judicial College of the Supreme Court of Ohio's seminar for advanced magistrate skills: The Magistrate's Toolbox.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICE

In the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of criminal and traffic cases involving defendants who either do not speak English, or who need assistance in their native language in order to understand the court proceedings. When we are aware of this in advance, we arrange to have an interpreter physically present in court to translate. However, we often become aware of this need when a defendant is arrested and brought immediately to court the same day, or the defendant appears the next morning via video from the Medina County Jail. For these situations, the court has contracted with Language Line Services of Monterey, California to provide language translation for short court proceedings (about 5 to 10 minutes).

The company's interpreters are available by telephone. These preliminary proceedings are conducted in the magistrate's courtroom. A speakerphone and video recording system are all that is necessary to make a complete record of the proceedings. For longer legal proceedings, such as motion hearings or trials, the court arranges for translation services through Monarca Language Services, a Medina business.

CLERK'S OFFICE

In 2001 the records for 2000 were audited. Once again the Court had an excellent audit.

Clerk of Courts Judy L. Schwartz continues to be active in both the Northeast Ohio Municipal Court Clerk's Association where she was President for the year 2001 and in the Ohio Municipal Court Clerk's Association where she continues to be head of the committee for new clerks orientation/mentors. The Ohio Association has also started a Clerk's certification program. In order to be certified each clerk must earn 50 points by attending educational programs, seminars etc. To date Judy has earned 54 points and will receive her certification at the Ohio Municipal Court Clerk's Association spring meeting in May, 2002.

The clerk's office had another very busy year training new personnel and implementing procedures as the laws continue to change. The majority of the clerks are being cross-trained so they can do several different positions in the clerk's office. There are 9 deputy clerks and 1 chief deputy clerk. The clerk's office is working diligently to finish microfilming the old cases that have been partially purged from the computer system so we can begin scanning

all documents into the cases on the computer with the new scanning equipment that was purchased in 2001. Many of the clerks have been trained on the new scanning equipment and the new clerks will be trained soon.

In 2001, the court purchased a new Kardex filing system and moved all of the old finished cases and disposed of cases out of convoy boxes and into the new filing system. This cleared a large portion of the basement in preparation for the basement-remodeling project, which would move the Civil and Small Claims to the lower level and add a new magistrate's court room and office.

CUSTODIAN

The court's full-time custodian has been a big asset this past year, moving all of the old files from convoy boxes to the new filing system and handling all of the property inventory, while continuing to maintain the interior and exterior of the building and grounds. The custodian continues to order all his own supplies and help with deliveries to all areas of the building. The high volume of people coming through the building requires constant attention to maintain a clean facility.

COURT REPORTER

The Medina Municipal Court currently employs one court reporter who is responsible for making a verbatim record of all proceedings held before the Judge. All proceedings are stenographically recorded by the Court Reporter and are recorded on paper as well as computer disk for storage and maintenance. There is also a log kept and maintained by the Court Reporter of all proceedings held before the Judge.

Proceedings held in front of the Magistrate are recorded electronically via videotape and the Court Reporter is responsible for the maintenance of the videotape log and the filing of all videotape proceedings.

The Court Reporter is also responsible for producing transcripts, when requested, and the preparation and filing of transcripts on appeal.

The Court Reporter is an active member of the Ohio Court Reporters Association and the National Court Reporters Association which provides information and seminars on court reporting issues and education.

BAILIFF'S OFFICE

The Court employs Bailiff William Saus and three Deputy Bailiffs, Richard Leggett, Carl Meding and Curt Bell. Bailiffs are responsible for various duties and responsibilities for the court by the Ohio Revised Code and by local rule of the court. These duties included providing security and support service for all court personnel, lawyers and the general public. The bailiffs office provides routine assistance and general guidance during the court sessions and for matters such as docket management, witness protection and administering oaths during trials. The Judge can order special security for high risk cases, and the bailiff's office arranges for extra safety and security measures.

The bailiff's office also coordinates the transportation of jail inmates for court hearings, and helps coordinate the video arraignments with the Medina County jail staff. The bailiff and deputy bailiffs are responsible for preserving order and proper decorum in the courtroom.

The bailiff's office is responsible for the expeditious service of civil and criminal process for cases in our jurisdiction. The bailiff's office

operates a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria "Police Model" for serving process and executing arrest warrants.

In 2001, the bailiff's office received authority by Judge Chase and the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (L.E.A.D.S.) to obtain a L.E.A.D.S. computer terminal. Deputy Bailiff Carl Meding was put in charge of training court personnel for proper use of the L.E.A.D.S. computer. As the designated Terminal Agency Coordinator for Medina Municipal Court, Deputy Bailiff Meding handles L.E.A.D.S. Technical problems and updates problems and policy relating to the use of the computer. The L.E.A.D.S. computer allows the court to access Bureau of Motor Vehicle records and criminal justice information relating to cases before the court.

Bailiff Saus continued to serve as a member of the Court Personnel Education & Training Committee, which is under the auspices of The Supreme Court of Ohio and The Ohio Judicial College in Columbus.

The four bailiffs' participated in firearms training under the auspices of The Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy. The bailiffs office continued to participate in training through The Ohio Judicial College, The Ohio Bailiffs and Court Officers Association, and The Ohio Peace Officer Training Council in programs on court security and related topics.

The bailiff's office continued to monitor bench warrants and assist in the recovery of outstanding fines and costs. Deputy Bailiff Meding continued to serve as the Bench Warrant enforcement officer, using both telephone contact and personal visits to execute warrants. The bailiffs' office worked with other law enforcement agencies to locate and serve bench warrants in Northeast Ohio communities on individuals where they reside.

WARRANT REPORT FOR 2001

TOTAL NUMBER OF WARRANTS RESOLVED:	501
TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS	454

WARRANTS RESOLVED BY ACTION TAKEN:	
EXECUTED BY ARREST	84
CAME TO COURT/AFTER HOME VISIT	149
CAME TO COURT/AFTER PHONE CONTACT	183
CAME TO COURT/AFTER WARRANT LETTER	85

NUMBER OF HOME VISITS MADE:	628
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TYPE OF WARRANT RESOLVED:	
FTA/ARRAIGNMENT	100
FTA/PROBATION VIOLATION/SHOW CAUSE	60
FTA/CHANGE OF PLEA	8
FTA/TRIAL	29
FTA/SENTENCING	47
FTA/JAIL	3
FINE & COSTS DUE	254

TOTAL FINE & COSTS RECOVERED:	\$88,333.24
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SUMMARY OF OFFENSES INVOLVED:	
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	319
CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS	151
CIVIL MATTERS	31

PRIMARY OFFENSE TYPES:	
DUI	91

DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION/NO O/L	203
MISC. TRAFFIC	25
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ASSAULT	30
DRUG POSSESSION/PARAPHERNALIA	28
ALCOHOL VIOLATION	14
MISC. CRIMINAL	79
CIVIL MATTERS	31

In 2001, Bailiff Carl Meding, who as Warrant Officer follows up on cases in which warrants have been issued, resolved 501 warrants. Warrants are most often issued in traffic and criminal cases when a defendant fails to make a scheduled court appearance, or fails to pay fine and costs as ordered. Warrants are sometimes issued in civil cases when a party fails to follow a court order. Warrants in traffic and criminal cases accounted for about 94% of all the warrants issued in 2001.

Of the 470 traffic/criminal warrants resolved by Bailiff Meding, about 54% were issued because the defendant did not pay fine and costs ("F & C") as ordered. Over 80% of the time, these F & C warrants are concluded by the defendant paying the entire amount that is owed to the court. Of the over \$88,000 that was due on these F&C warrant cases in 2001, the court collected about \$71,000 in 2001.

ALCOHOL TREATMENT FUND AND JAIL COSTS

In 2001 the Court collected \$22,481.25 in fines for the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Act. These fines can be used to pay for long term treatment of indigent defendants. The Court also collected \$43,098.00 for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Jail Costs, which was paid to the Medina County Auditor. The Court disbursed to Townships, Cities, and the State of Ohio a total of \$20,062.00 under the Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Act, which arresting agencies can use for equipment, training and enforcement of driving under the influence of alcohol laws.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER CRIMINAL CASES

In 2001 there were 168 domestic violence cases filed compared to 191 in 2000 and 171 in 1999, 200 in 1998 and 251 in 1997.

The domestic violence law passed by The Ohio General Assembly effective December 9, 1994, established a State policy that the "preferred course of action" in a domestic violence incident is arrest and requires county, city, village and township law enforcement agencies to have written domestic violence policies and procedures for these cases.

Underage consumption of alcohol cases decreased to 248 in 2001 compared to 262 in 2000, 114 cases in 1999. Drug paraphernalia cases decreased from 496 cases in 2000 to 393 cases in 2001.

WEDDINGS

In 2001 the Judge performed 102 weddings compared to 119 weddings in 2000, 130 weddings in 1999, 116 weddings in 1998, 118 weddings in 1997, 125 weddings in 1996.

CASE LOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES - (TOTAL CASES FILED)

AGENCY	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
BRIARWOOD BEACH	0	0	0	1	117	26
BRUNSWICK HILLS	1357	1051	1214	627	897	549
BRUNSWICK CITY	555	571	557	571	478	389
CHIPPEWA LAKE	40	28	51	68	1	0
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE	31	49	49	43	53	66
HINCKLEY TWP.	774	716	933	874	1247	822
LAFAYETTE TWP.	215	237	411	325	221	298
LITCHFIELD TWP.	0	0	0	2	4	12
LIVERPOOL TWP.	18	30	49	43	32	39
MEDINA CITY BLDG. DEPT.	4	1	2	6	5	2
MEDINA COUNTY PARKS	37	26	21	15	2	1
MED.CO. DRUG TASK FORCE	0	12	0	2	0	3
MEDINA DOG WARDEN	11	10	7	7	11	9
MEDINA CITY	4431	5176	4785	4287	4149	3410
MEDINA CITY FIRE INSP.	3	2	3	2	0	0
MEDINA TWP.	663	860	408	417	128	379
METRO PARKS	169	39	46	41	53	41
MONTVILLE TWP.	1110	943	875	892	761	875
NORTH ROYALTON	1	1	3	5	1	1
OHIO DEPT. AGRICULTURE	3	0	1	0	0	0
OHIO DEPT. LIQOUR CONT.	12	6	8	1	5	2
OHIO STATE PATROL	6192	7464	8699	5730	5794	6690
PRIVATE CITIZENS	31	67	73	75	95	155
SHERIFF DEPT.	1273	1688	1444	998	1003	1230
S.P.C.A.	2	2	5	0	0	0
SPENCER VILLAGE	170	112	139	269	158	144
STRONGSVILLE	0	0	2	5	0	2
ZONING VIOLATIONS	1	0	0	0	0	2
REACTIVATED CASES	944	700	503	480	507	707
TOTAL	18,047	19,791	20,288	15,786	15,722	15,854

CASE LOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES - O.M.V.I. (D.U.I.) CASES

AGENCY	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
BRUNSWICK HILLS	17	29	28	13	26	20
BRUNSWICK CITY	87	113	63	87	73	65
CHIPPEWA LAKE	0	3	2	4	5	2
HINCKLEY TWP.	22	9	20	18	16	12
LAFAYETTE TWP.	16	5	9	5	1	3
LIVERPOOL TWP.	0	0	0	0	0	1
MEDINA CITY	153	192	165	111	149	127
MEDINA TWP.	17	13	9	10	5	10
METRO PARKS	1	0	0	2	1	0
MONTVILLE TWP.	38	31	62	66	25	17
NORTH ROYALTON	0	0	1	0	0	0
OHIO STATE PATROL	375	318	294	230	303	399
SHERIFF DEPT.	57	75	53	62	52	43
SPENCER VILLAGE	7	7	6	2	2	5
STRONGSVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
REACTIVATED CASES	66	45	10	19	20	26
TOTAL	856	840	722	629	678	730

CASE LOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES - OTHER TRAFFIC CASES

AGENCY	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
BRUNSWICK HILLS	1274	963	1,144	571	806	494
BRUNSWICK CITY	262	285	332	321	264	200
CHIPPEWA LAKE	24	17	41	5	77	9
HINCKLEY TWP.	713	668	872	800	1,184	780
LAFAYETTE TWP.	174	201	361	310	211	277
LITCHFIELD TWP.	0	0	0	1	5	12
LIVERPOOL TWP.	18	30	49	43	32	38
MEDINA CITY	3540	4,176	3,812	3,334	3,183	2,713
MEDINA TWP.	582	785	378	363	99	351
METRO PARKS	107	11	7	15	14	6
MONTVILLE TWP.	957	798	704	735	678	826
NORTH ROYALTON	1	1	2	5	1	1
OHIO STATE PATROL	5747	7,002	8,334	5,439	5,435	6,200
SHERIFF DEPT.	1020	1,317	1,110	681	656	968
SPENCER VILLAGE	144	83	104	247	144	125
STRONGSVILLE	0	0	2	5	0	2
REACTIVATED CASES	691	551	433	445	395	599
TOTAL	15,254	16,888	17,685	13,320	13,184	13,601

CASE FILINGS AND TERMINATION STATISTICS

The following is a report of the Medina Municipal Court on cases filed and terminated for each case type as established by the Ohio Supreme Court. The information provided is taken from the Administrative Judge Reports of the Ohio Supreme Court from January through December, 2001. The previous years are shown for comparison purposes.

CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC CASES

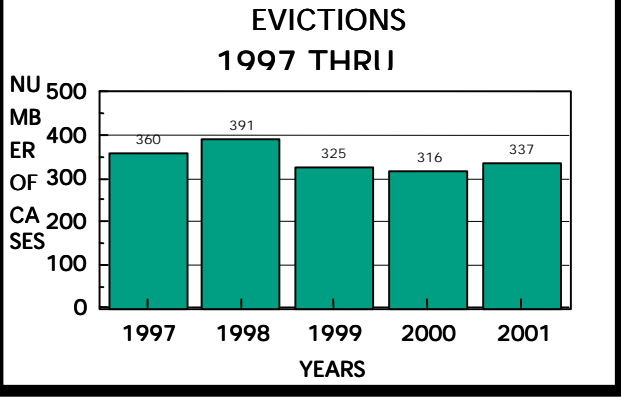
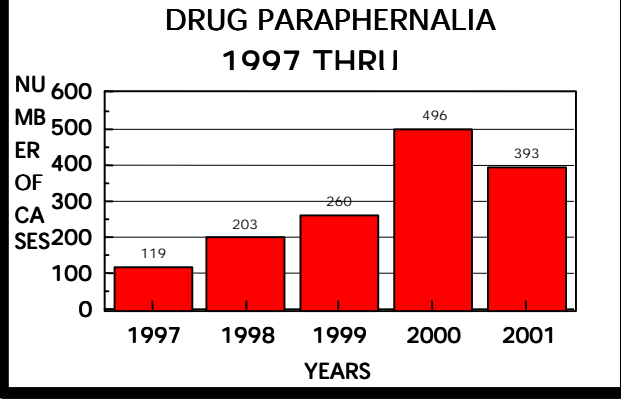
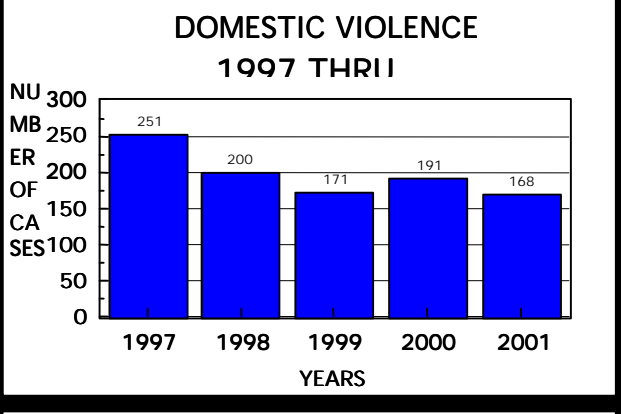
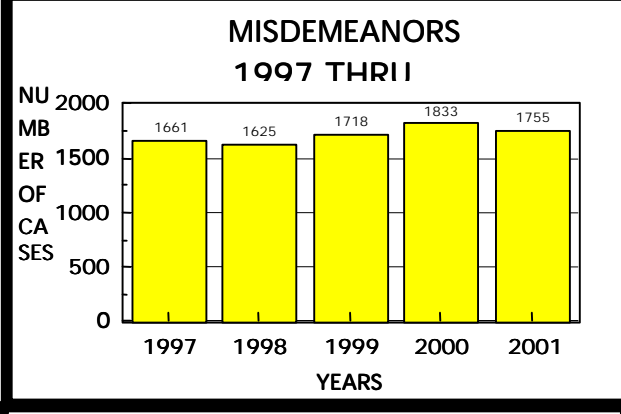
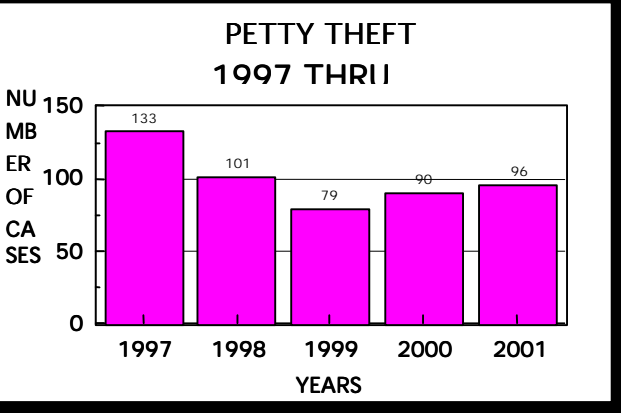
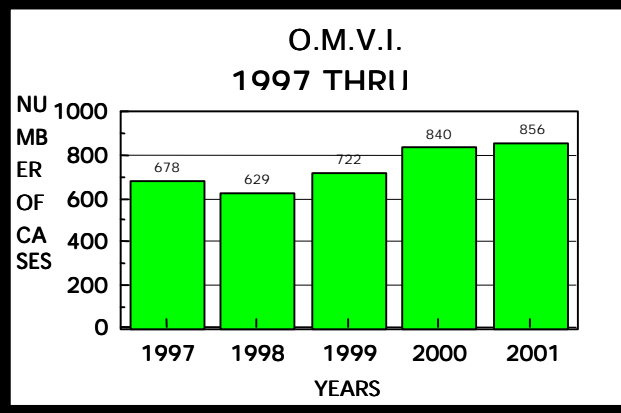
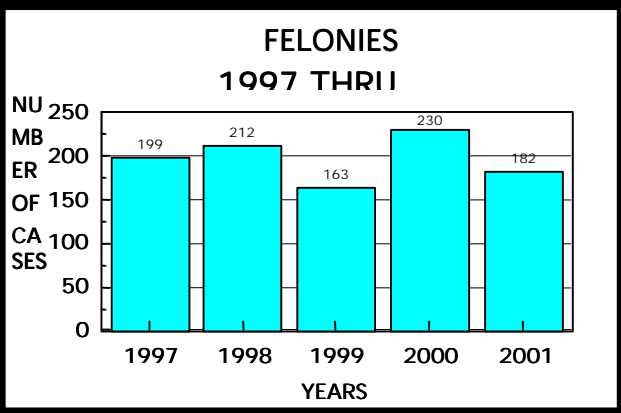
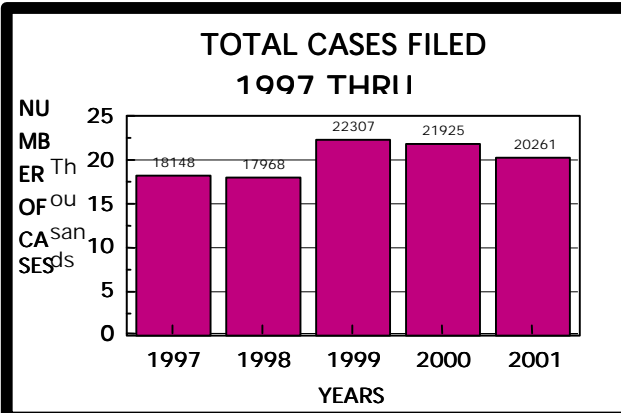
	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
FELONIES						
Cases filed:	182	230	163	212	199	179
Cases terminated	189	228	160	214	188	192
MISDEMEANORS						
Cases filed:	1,755	1,833	1,718	1,625	1,661	1,344
Cases terminated:	1,764	1,841	1,711	1,626	1,671	1,273
O.M.V.I (Operating Motor Vehicle Under The Influence of Alcohol) (D.U.I.)						
Cases filed:	856	840	722	629	678	730
Cases terminated:	929	799	690	645	757	686
TRAFFIC						
Cases filed:	15,254	16,888	17,685	13,320	13,184	13,601
Cases terminated:	15,453	16,837	17,444	13,339	13,126	13,592

CIVIL CASES

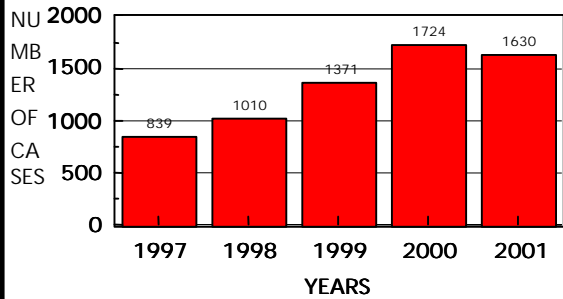
	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
PERSONAL INJURY/PROPERTY DAMAGE						
Cases filed:	62	68	53	49	58	47
Cases terminated:	68	56	57	52	51	51
CONTRACTS						
Cases filed:	492	430	396	456	451	372
Cases terminated:	499	387	398	494	422	347
F.E.D.						
Cases filed:	337	316	325	391	360	332
Cases terminated:	297	323	297	405	355	325
OTHER CIVIL						
Cases filed:	819	800	739	724	787	674
Cases terminated:	822	790	751	735	770	657
SMALL CLAIMS						
Cases filed:	504	520	506	562	770	586
Cases terminated:	454	524	511	661	655	575
TOTAL FILED:	20,261	21,925	22,307	17,968	18,148	17,865
TOTAL TERMINATED:	20,475	21,785	22,019	18,171	17,995	17,698

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

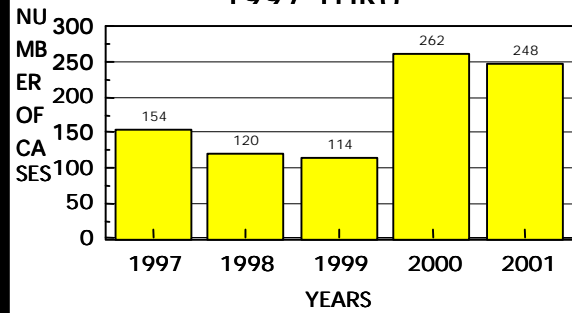
The following charts demonstrate the changes in the numbers of certain types of cases which are filed in the Medina Municipal Court.



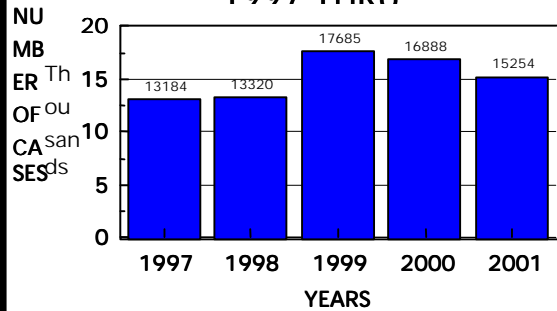
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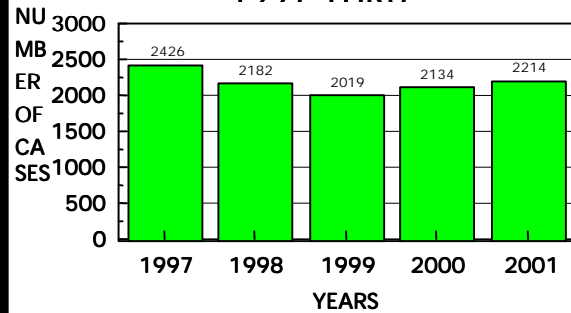
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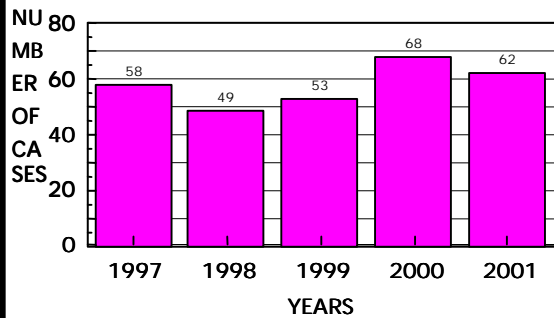
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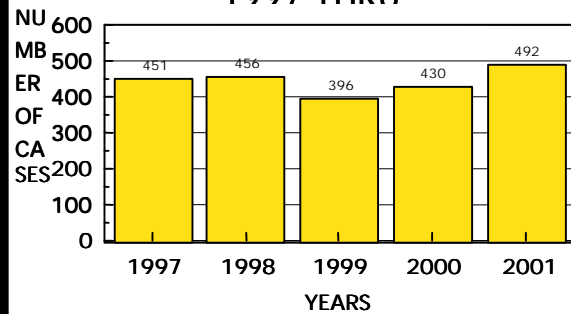
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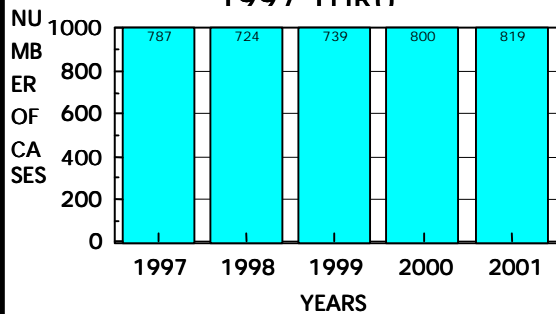
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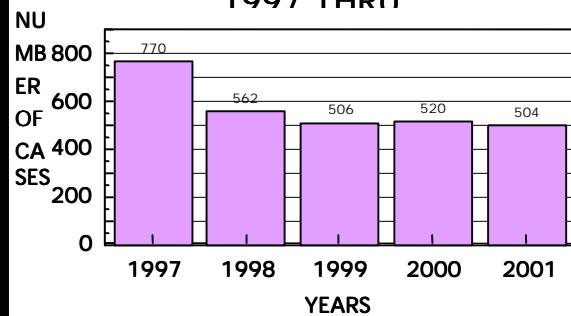
**CONTRACTS
1997 THRU**



**OTHER CIVIL FILINGS
1997 THRU**



**SMALL CLAIMS
1997 THRU**



The following is a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Medina Municipal Court for the period of January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

TRUSTEESHIP DIVISION

Cash receipts:		
Balance on hand 12-31-00	\$	-0-
Receipts for 2001		-0-
Disbursements:		
To the City		-0-
Other Disbursements		-0-
Balance on Hand 12-31-01	\$	-0-

LANDLORD-TENANT DIVISION

Cash Receipts:		
Balance on Hand 12-31-00	\$	-0-
Total Receipts for 2001		1,290.00
Disbursements:		
Court costs to the City		-0-
Civil State Fee		-0-
Computer Legal Service Fee		-0-
Other Disbursements		1,230.00
Balance on hand 12-31-01	\$	60.00

BOND ACCOUNT

Cash Receipts:		
Balance on Hand 12-31-00	\$	202,988.74
Total Receipts for 2001		800,332.53
Disbursements:		
Total Disbursements for 2001		850,897.38
Balance on Hand 12-31-01		152,423.89

CIVIL DIVISION

Cash Receipts:		
Balance on hand 12-31-00	\$	27,364.58
Total Receipts for 2001		662,957.27
Disbursements:		
Court Costs to the City		108,924.85
Bailiff Fees to the City		5,427.50

Returned Security for Costs	3,475.14
Paid Judgments	437,055.54
Foreign Sheriff Fees	355.01
Witness fees and Jury fees	72.50
Computer Legal Service fees - To City	6,705.00
Medina Sheriff Fees	66.10
State fees	29,460.00
Computer Capital Improvement Fund	22,350.00
Special Projects Fund	20,550.00
Misc.	3,806.00

Balance on Hand 12-31-01 \$ 52,074.21

CRIMINAL ACCOUNT

Cash Receipts:

Balance on Hand 12-31-00	\$ - 0 -
Total Receipts for 2001	3,038,079.69

Disbursements:

City Disbursements: Finance Director - City of Medina:

City Police Fines	\$ 271,066.52
State Highway Patrol Fines	183,846.66
Parking Meter Fines	17,540.00
Building Code Fines	400.00
Reimbursed Jury & Witness Fees	562.00
Court Costs	489,238.17
Court Reporter Costs	29,518.80
Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treat. Act	22,481.25
Computer Legal Service Fee	48,719.00
Medina City DUI Enforcement Act	2,951.00
Medina City Drug Enforcement Act	9,838.90
Probation Service Fees	181,387.81
Computer Capital Improvement Fund	160,778.70
Special Projects Fund	140,812.20

COUNTY DISBURSEMENTS: TREASURER - COUNTY OF MEDINA

Brunswick City Fines:

4511-4513 Sections	34,120.00
All Other Sections	9,573.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	18,238.75
Highway Maintenance	125.00

Medina City Police Fines: State Code

4511-4513 Sections	42,443.50
All Other Sections	25,378.11
Aud. Cir. 81-5	17,309.52
Highway Maintenance	2,874.00

10% Ohio State Patrol Fines:

4511-4513 Sections	40,800.08
All Other Sections	743.96
Aud. Cir. 81-5	3,429.39
Highway Maintenance	250.00

Lafayette Police Fines:

4511-4513 Sections	13,405.00
All Other Sections	2,550.50
Aud. Cir. 81-5	1,860.00
Highway Maintenance	50.00
Montville Police Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	57,479.25
All Other Sections	9,430.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	16,215.00
Highway Maintenance	50.00
Brunswick Hills Police Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	90,692.50
All Other Sections	6,115.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	7,048.00
Highway Maintenance	25.00
Hinckley Police Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	54,793.50
All Other Sections	4,938.50
Aud. Cir. 81-5	3,650.00
Highway Maintenance	686.00
Medina Township Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	28,006.00
All Other Sections	8,935.50
Aud. Cir. 81-5	14,771.25
Expungements:	500.00
Medina County Dog Warden Fines:	
Medina City	375.00
Montville Twp.	100.00
Hinckley Twp.	325.00
Lafayette Twp.	50.00
Brunswick City	50.00
Litchfield Twp.	50.00
Granger Twp.	100.00
Spencer Twp.	20.00
York Twp.	30.00
Spencer Police Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	1,950.00
All Other Sections	1,750.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	50.00
Highway Maintenance	304.00
Reimbursed Jury & Witness Fees	895.78
Metro Park Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	1,680.00
All Other Section	375.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	275.00
Liverpool Twp. Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	50.00
All Other Sections	221.90

Liverpool Constable Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	873.00
Litchfield Twp. Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	50.00
All Other Sections	850.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	100.00
Litchfield Constable Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	75.00
All Other Sections	200.00
York Twp. Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	250.00
All Other Sections	100.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	25.00
Chatham Twp. Fines:	
Aud. Cir. 81-5	25.00
Granger Twp. Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	50.00
All Other Sections	400.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	25.00
Highway Maintenance	50.00
Chippewa Lake Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	2,225.00
All Other Sections	350.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	650.00
P.U.C.O. Fines:	150.00
Medina County DUI Jail Costs:	43,098.00
Medina County Parks Fines:	1,650.00
Medina County Liquor Fines	749.60
Medina County Sheriff Fines:	
4511-4513 Sec.(Medina City)	2,025.00
All Other Sec (Medina City)	950.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5(Medina City)	3,334.00
Highway Maint.(Medina City)	3,021.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Chippewa Lake)	375.00
All other Sec.(Chippewa Lake)	300.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5(Chippewa Lake)	50.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Brunswick City)	1,335.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5(Brunswick City)	1,200.00
Highway Maint.(Brunswick City)	408.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Bruns. Hills)	1,562.25
Aud. Cir.81-5 (Bruns. Hills)	875.00
Highway Maint.(Bruns. Hills)	498.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Chatham Twp)	7,538.00
All Other Sec.(Chatham Twp)	1,600.00
Aud. Cir.81-5 (Chatham Twp)	1,370.00
Highway Maint.(Chatham Twp)	318.00

4511-4513 Sec.(Granger Twp)	11,893.00
All Other Sec.(Granger Twp)	2,375.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5(Granger Twp)	3,275.00
Highway Maint.(Granger Twp)	1,407.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Hinckley Twp)	200.00
Highway Maint.(Hinckley Twp)	529.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Lafayette Twp)	6,116.00
All Other Sec.(Lafayette Twp)	1,232.50
Aud. Cir. 81-5(Lafayette Twp)	2,623.00
Highway Maint.(Lafayette Twp)	1,144.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Litchfield Twp)	7,048.50
All Other Sec.(Litchfield Twp)	2,769.00
Aud.Cir.81-5 (Litchfield Twp)	2,839.00
Highway Maint.(Litchfield Twp)	3,996.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Liverpool Twp)	8,865.25
All Other Sec.(Liverpool Twp)	3,795.00
Aud. Cir.81-5 (Liverpool Twp)	4,065.00
Highway Maint.(Liverpool Twp)	318.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Medina Twp)	5,057.25
All Other Sec.(Medina Twp)	1,775.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5(Medina Twp)	1,822.00
Highway Maint.(Medina Twp)	6,162.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Montville Twp)	2,662.25
All Other Sec.(Montville Twp)	250.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5(Montville Twp)	775.00
Highway Maint.(Montville Twp)	5,039.00
4511-4513 Sec.(Spencer Village)	4,687.00
All Other Sec.(Spencer Village)	1,775.00
Aud.Cir.81-5 (Spencer Village)	975.00
Highway Maint.(Spencer Village)	738.00
4511-4513 Sec.(York Twp)	13,232.25
All Other Sec.(York Twp)	2,025.00
Aud.Cir.81-5 (York Twp)	3,561.00
Highway Maint.(York Twp)	2,702.00

MISC. DISTRIBUTIONS:

Neil Hassinger, Medina Co. Sheriff - Fees	15,363.89
Medina County Auditor- Sheriff Drug Enf.	100.00
Medina County Auditor- Sheriff D.U.I. Enf.	1,408.00
Brunswick City Clerk - Fines & Costs	50,792.50
Brunswick City Clerk - DUI Enforcement	2,876.00
Lafayette Police Fees	900.00
Lafayette DUI Enforcement	318.00
Hinckley Police Fees	3,730.00
Hinckley DUI Enforcement	380.00
Brunswick Hills Police Fees	6,405.00
Brunswick Hills DUI Enforcement	673.00
Montville Twp Police Fees	5,120.00
Montville DUI Enforcement	938.00
Medina Twp. Police Fees	3,020.00
Medina Twp. DUI Enforcement	200.00

Chippewa Lake Fines	700.00
Chippewa Lake D.U.I. Enforcement	95.00
Spencer Village Fines	10,284.50
Spencer D.U.I. Enforcement	85.00
Ashland County Sheriff	15.46
Tuscarawas County Sheriff	9.88
Franklin County Sheriff	22.90
Cuyahoga County Sheriff	278.06
Summit County Sheriff	120.08
Richland County Sheriff	13.40
Wayne County Sheriff	145.19
Henry County Sheriff	4.69
Portage County Sheriff	4.40
Lorain County Sheriff	52.14
Cleveland Metro Parks	3,332.00
BMV Reinstatement fees	6,642.00
Medina County Treasurer - Law Library	7,000.00

STATE DISBURSEMENTS:

Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources - Fines	2,599.00
Treas. St.of Ohio (OSP Fines)	221,142.70
Treas. St of Ohio (OSP DUI enforcement)	10,138.00
Treas. St.of Ohio (Victims of Crime)	125,289.00
Treas. St.of Ohio (General Fund)	153,351.90
Treas. St of Ohio (Expungements)	750.00
Treas. St of Ohio (Seat Belt Fines)	91,673.00
Treas. St of Ohio (Drug Fines)	2,219.00
Treas. St of Ohio (Bd. of Pharmacy)	27,368.30
Treas. St of Ohio (Liquor Fines)	749.60
Treas. St of Ohio (State Trauma Fund)	1,058.25

TOTAL CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2001 = \$3,038,079.69

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR ALL DIVISIONS FOR 2001 = \$4,528,454.71

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS TO THE CITY OF MEDINA FOR 2001 = \$1,723,170.86

Respectfully Submitted,

MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

DALE H. CHASE, JUDGE

MARCH 27, 2002

JUDY L. SCHWARTZ, CLERK