

**ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**February 7, 2007**

**INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**TO:** Captain James Troiano  
Criminal Investigations Division

**FROM:** Jason E. Holthus  
Teen Court Coordinator

**VIA:** Chain of Command

**RE:** Teen Court Yearly Report for 2006

Please find attached the 2006 Teen Court Yearly Report. If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at 367-4125.

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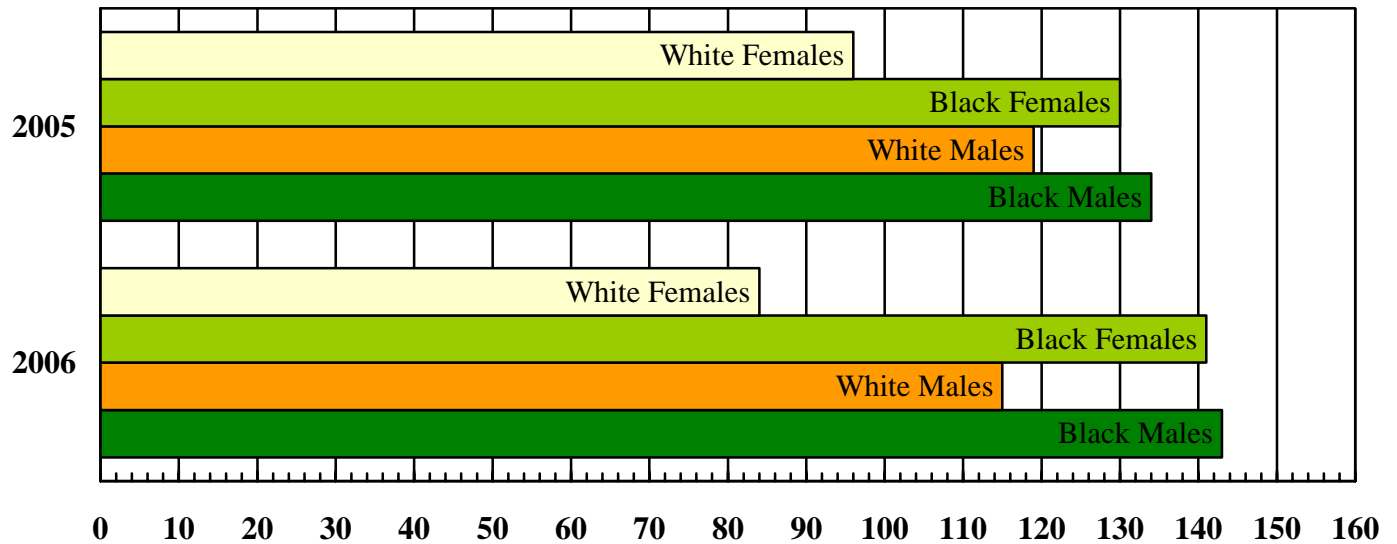
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<b>OBJECTIVE ITEMS</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Referrals to Teen Court Program (Includes re-referrals)	486	481	414	498	466
Referral Declines from Teen Court Program	204	210	137	203	158
Defendants that successfully completed their sanctions	248	252	277	316	287
Defendant sentencing trials held during court	304	301	325	366	383
Other trials, i.e. training or competition	5	6	6	5	4
Teens recruited to volunteer, i.e. bailiffs, attorneys, clerks, or jurors	102	118	101	107	233
Adults recruited to volunteer/intern, i.e. judges, staff, or program monitors	19	17	26	21	47
Adult volunteer and intern/practicum student community service hours (Approximation)	714	681	839	2827	2678
Hours of training provided to teen and adult Teen Court participants (Approximation)	141	155	152	168	273
Public awareness or media activities that occurred concerning Teen Court	11	10	14	6	11
Referrals to Corner Drug Store, Inc.	13	14	49	58	Not tracked until 2002
Teen Court group counseling sessions	25	36	66	91	Not tracked until 2002
Teen Court counselor individual sessions	0	0	0	334	Not tracked until 2002

**DEMOGRAPHICS:** (Includes Re-referrals)

DEMOGRAPHICS (Race/Gender)	2006	2005	2005-2006 TOTAL
Black Males	143	134	277
White Males	115	119	234
Other Males (Asian, Hispanic, American Indian)	1	2	3
Black Females	141	130	271
White Females	84	96	180
Other Females (Asian, Hispanic, American Indian)	2	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>967</b>

### Demographics



	2006	2005
White Females	84	96
Black Females	141	130
White Males	115	119
Black Males	143	134

**REFERRALS RECEIVED:** (Includes Re-referrals)

<b>REFERRAL SOURCE</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
State Attorney's Office	390	393	303	361	287
Civil Citations (ACSO)	19	27	30	44	61
Civil Citations (GPD)	76	58	74	85	114
Civil Citations (UPD)	1	3	5	2	1
Other County/Circuit	0	0	2	6	0
Parent Referral	0	0	0	0	3
<b>TOTAL REFERRALS</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>466</b>

**DECLINES PROCESSED:** (Includes Re-referrals)

<b>REASON FOR DECLINE</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Defendant has prior delinquency	31	48	22	35	18
Unable to make contact with defendant	46	33	14	30	25
Defendant unwilling/unable to participate	33	41	25	34	18
Defendant reported Not Guilty	30	31	20	45	32
Per the Teen Court Office	5	2	2	5	5
Per the State Attorney's Office	14	8	5	7	8
Victim dropped charge(s) against Defendant	0	0	0	0	5
Defendant incurred new charge(s)/delinquency	4	6	6	10	7
Defendant failed to complete sanctions	41	41	43	37	40
<b>TOTAL DECLINES</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>158</b>

**CHARGES:** (Defendants may be charged with more than one offense)

<i>Theft Related Offenses</i>	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Grand Theft (Felony)	9	5	8	3	9
Grand Theft Auto (Felony)	0	0	0	1	1
Identity Theft (Felony)	0	0	0	0	1
Theft (Retail and Petit)	161	125	173	174	169
Dealing in Stolen Property: Trafficking (Felony)	0	0	0	1	1
Robbery (Felony)	0	1	0	1	0
<i>Drug Related Offenses</i>	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Giving False Information to Obtain Alcohol	0	1	0	0	0
Introduction of Contraband into Jail (Felony)	0	0	0	0	1
Manufacturing or Cultivation of Cannabis	0	0	0	0	2
Possession of Alcohol by a Person Under the Age of 21	3	18	15	14	20
Possession of Cannabis / Marijuana Less Than 20 Grams	10	19	16	40	43
Possession of Cannabis / Marijuana More Than 20 Grams (Felony)	1	0	0	0	0
Possession of Cannabis / Marijuana With Intent to Sell (Felony)	0	0	1	0	0
Possession of Controlled Substance (Felony)	0	1	1	1	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2	8	11	14	15
Sale of Alcoholic Beverage to a Minor	0	3	1	0	0
Sale of Controlled Substance Within 1000 Feet of a School or Child Care Facility (Felony)	0	0	0	0	1
Sale of Counterfeit Controlled Substance (Felony)	0	1	0	0	0

**CHARGES CONTINUED:** (Defendants may be charged with more than one offense)

<i>Other Charges (Continued)</i>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Affray	7	12	2	16	7
Aggravated Assault	0	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon (Felony)	2	1	1	5	0
Aggravated Assault With Intent to Commit a Felony (Felony)	1	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Battery (Felony)	0	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Woman (Felony)	0	0	2	0	0
Assault	4	0	0	0	1
Assault on Specified Official or Employee	0	0	3	1	1
Assault Upon Law Enforcement Officer	0	0	1	0	0
Attempted Burglary of an Occupied Structure/Conveyance (Felony)	0	0	0	2	0
Battery	34	37	22	29	30
Battery – Great Bodily Harm, Disability, Disfigurement (Felony)	1	0	0	0	0
Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer (Felony)	1	1	1	0	0
Battery on Specified Official or Employee (Felony)	2	3	3	2	0
Breach of Confidentiality (Teen Court Offense)	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary of a Dwelling (Felony)	1	0	2	0	0
Burglary of a Structure/Conveyance (Felony)	7	5	4	10	0
Burglary with Battery (Felony)	1	0	0	0	0
Carrying a Concealed Weapon	0	0	2	2	1
Conspiracy to Commit Burglary (Felony)	0	2	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	13	12	4	13	5

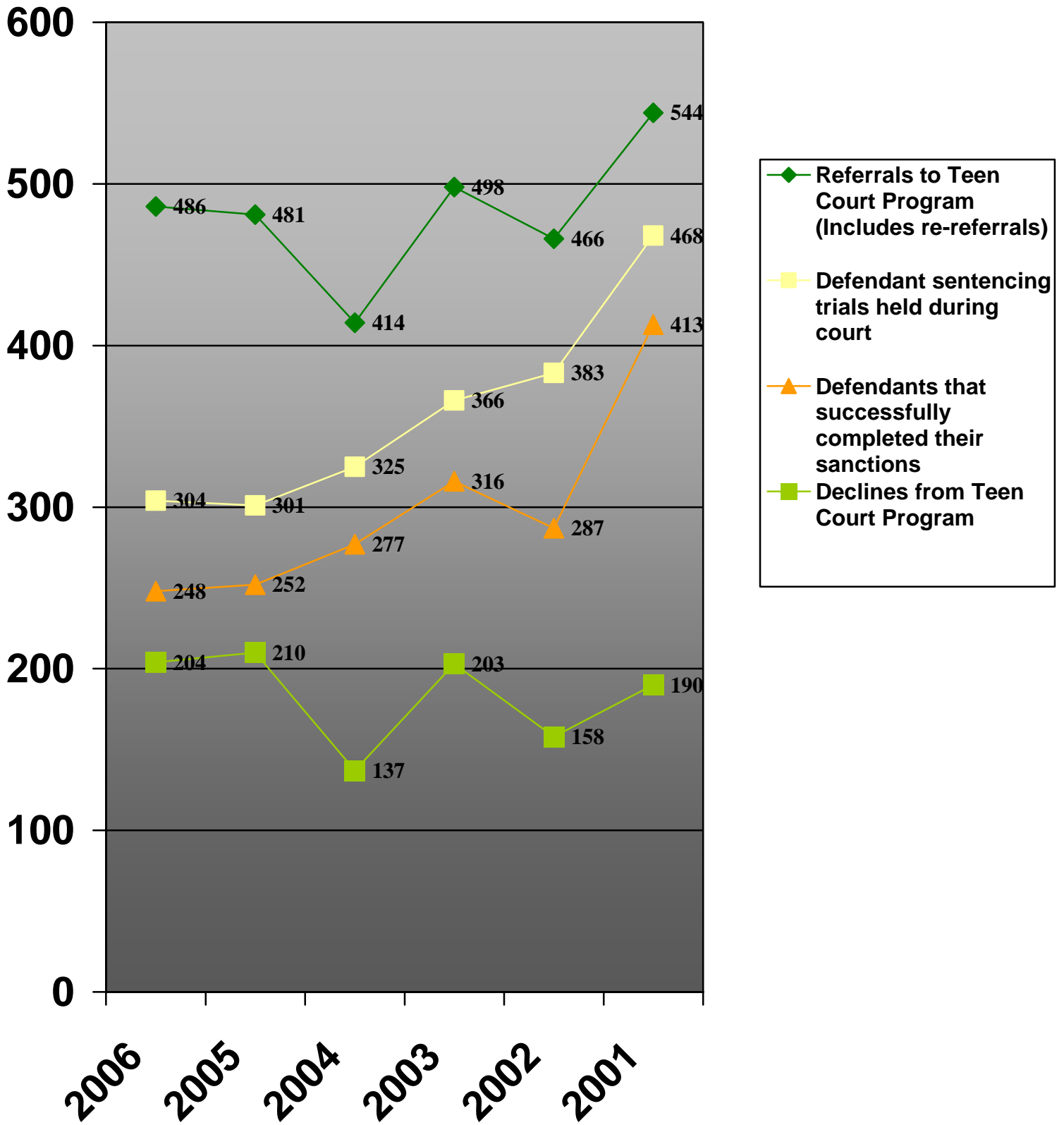
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<i>Other Charges (Continued)</i>	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Culpable Negligence – Exposure to Injury (Felony)	0	0	1	0	0
Destroying Fire Equipment (Felony)	0	0	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	32	24	22	4	1
Disruption of School Function	1	15	5	3	16
Domestic Battery	4	1	13	3	10
Escape (Felony)	0	1	0	0	0
Entering or Exiting Other Than a Designated Entrance	0	0	0	1	0
Filing a False Report With a Law Enforcement Officer	0	0	0	2	0
Forgery (Felony)	0	0	0	1	1
Giving False Information Regarding a Crime	1	0	0	0	0
Giving False Name/Information to a Law Enforcement Officer	1	4	3	3	4
Illegal Taking of Deer	0	0	2	0	0
Interfering With Educational Institution	0	0	5	12	4
Introduction of Contraband Into Jail or Detention Facility (Felony)	1	0	0	0	0
Loitering or Prowling	2	4	3	0	5
No Valid Driver's License	0	0	0	0	2
Obscene or Harassing Telephone Call	0	2	0	2	0
Obstructing Extinguishment (Felony)	0	0	2	0	0
Obstruction by Disguise	0	0	1	0	0
Possession of a Firearm by a Minor	1	0	0	0	0
Possession of Tobacco by a Person Under 18 Years of Age	0	1	0	0	0

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<i>Other Charges (Continued)</i>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Possession of a Weapon on School Property (Felony)	11	9	7	8	7
Possession of False/Altered I.D.	0	0	0	1	1
Possession of Forged, Stolen, or Fictitious License (Felony)	0	0	1	0	0
Prohibited Use of Certain Lights	2	0	0	0	0
Resisting Arrest With Violence (Felony)	2	0	0	0	0
Resisting Arrest Without Violence	7	4	7	5	5
Resisting Detainment by a Merchant	3	1	1	0	1
Selling Tobacco to a Minor	0	0	1	0	0
Shooting Into Occupied Building/Motor Vehicle (Felony)	0	1	1	0	0
Tampering With Evidence, Witness, Victim, or Informant (Felony)	0	0	1	0	0
Threat to Discharge a Destructive Device (Felony)	1	0	0	0	0
Threat to Place a Destructive Device (Felony)	1	0	0	0	0
Throwing a Deadly Missile Into an Occupied Dwelling (Felony)	0	1	0	0	1
Trespass After Warning	12	2	5	2	8
Trespass in Park After Hours	0	0	1	1	2
Trespass in Structure/Conveyance	1	1	5	1	0
Trespass on Construction Site	0	0	1	0	0
Trespass on School Grounds or Facilities	17	7	7	1	2
Unsafe Housing For Captive Wildlife Resulting in Escape	1	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>380</b>

**TEEN COURT OBJECTIVE ITEMS:**



**Teen Court Staff/Volunteer Activities and Events:**

- § Participated in the Santa Fe Community College Career Expo.
- § Conducted Teen Court sentencing hearings held at Newberry High School=s Academy of Criminal Justice Program (x5).
- § Conducted Theft Awareness Classes for Teen Court defendants who committed theft-related offenses (x12).
- § Greg Pelham of the Corner Drug Store, Inc. and Teen Court staff conducted monthly Aggression Management Groups for defendants who committed battery-related offenses (x12).
- § Attended the Annual Spotlight on Youth held at the Center for the Performing Arts.
- § Attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Serving Youth: Strategies That Work held at Trinity United Methodist.
- § Conducted In-service training for ACSO patrol deputies on the topic of Juvenile Civil Citations.
- § Attended multi-passenger van training at IPS in Gainesville.
- § Served as youth counselors during a week-long summer camp at the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, Caruth Camp, in Inglis, Florida.
- § Participated in the University of Florida's 2006 Homecoming Parade showcasing the Teen Court Program to the community.
- § Attended the Florida Association of Teen Courts, Inc. Annual Conference held in Lake City, Florida.
- § Participated in the Adult Challenge Day held at Metcalfe Elementary School.
- § Served as consultants and community partners to assist in the development and implementation of the Corner Drug Store's Civil Citation Program known as Project Turnaround.
- § Attended the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Relations Bureau staff meetings.

**Volunteer Training:**

- § Teen Court Staff and law students from the University of Florida conducted three separate attorney training for approximately 20 teenage volunteers at the Alachua County Courthouse.
- § Conducted attorney/juror training for approximately 60 students enrolled in the Academy of Criminal Justice Magnet Program at Newberry High School.
- § Conducted new volunteer juror training on a weekly basis at the Alachua County Courthouse.

**Jason E. Holthus:**

- § Member of the Board of Directors for the Florida Association of Teen Courts, Inc.
- § Member of the Alachua County Juvenile Justice Council (JJC).
- § Member of Newberry High School's Academy of Criminal Justice Advisory Board.
- § Member of the Partners In Prevention of Substance Abuse Coalition (PIPSA)
- § Member of the Minority Overrepresentation Sub-Committee of the Juvenile Justice Council.
- § Hosted an end of the year ceremony for Newberry High School's Academy of Criminal Justice students.
- § Supervised three University of Florida undergraduate/graduate student interns.
- § Participated in a week long supervisor training program at the Institute of Public Safety.

**Cara Evans:**

- § Attended the Ambassadors for Prevention Statewide Conference in Orlando, Florida hosted by the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- § During Black History Month, Cara Evans spoke to approximately 40 Lincoln Middle School students about her life story and her role as the Assistant Teen Court Coordinator.
- § Assisted in the preparation for Safety Patrol Trip to Washington, D.C.
- § Participated in the Community Agency Fair held at the Martin Luther King Center in Gainesville, Florida.
- § Presented with 5 Year Service Pin.
- § Member of the Florida Association of Teen Courts, Inc.
- § Member of the Alachua County Juvenile Justice Council (JJC).

**Cara Evans (Continued):**

- § Member of the Minority Overrepresentation Sub-Committee of the Juvenile Justice Council.
- § Conducted Peer Circle groups for Teen Court volunteers and defendants at the Alachua County Courthouse.
- § Assisted in the supervision of three University of Florida undergraduate student interns.

**Christy Darji:**

- § Hired as the Teen Court Counselor/Case Manager on November 27, 2006
- § Member of the Florida Association of Teen Courts, Inc.
- § Member of the Alachua County Juvenile Justice Council (JJC).
- § Member of the Minority Overrepresentation Sub-Committee of the Juvenile Justice Council.
- § Attended a meeting of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) held at Corner Drug Store, Inc.