

ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

February 1, 2010

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Captain Don Tyson
Criminal Investigations Division

FROM: Jason E. Holthus
Teen Court Coordinator

VIA: Chain of Command

RE: Teen Court Yearly Report for 2009

Please find attached the 2009 Teen Court Yearly Report. If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at 352-367-4125.

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cc: William P. Cervone, State Attorney, Eighth Judicial Circuit;
Rebecca Mickholtzick, Assistant State Attorney, Eighth Judicial Circuit;
Honorable Mark W. Moseley, Eighth Judicial Circuit;
Honorable William E. Davis, Eighth Judicial Circuit;
Family Law Division, Eighth Judicial Circuit;
Chief Tony Jones, Gainesville Police Department;
Patrick Treese, Newberry High School's Academy of Criminal Justice Program

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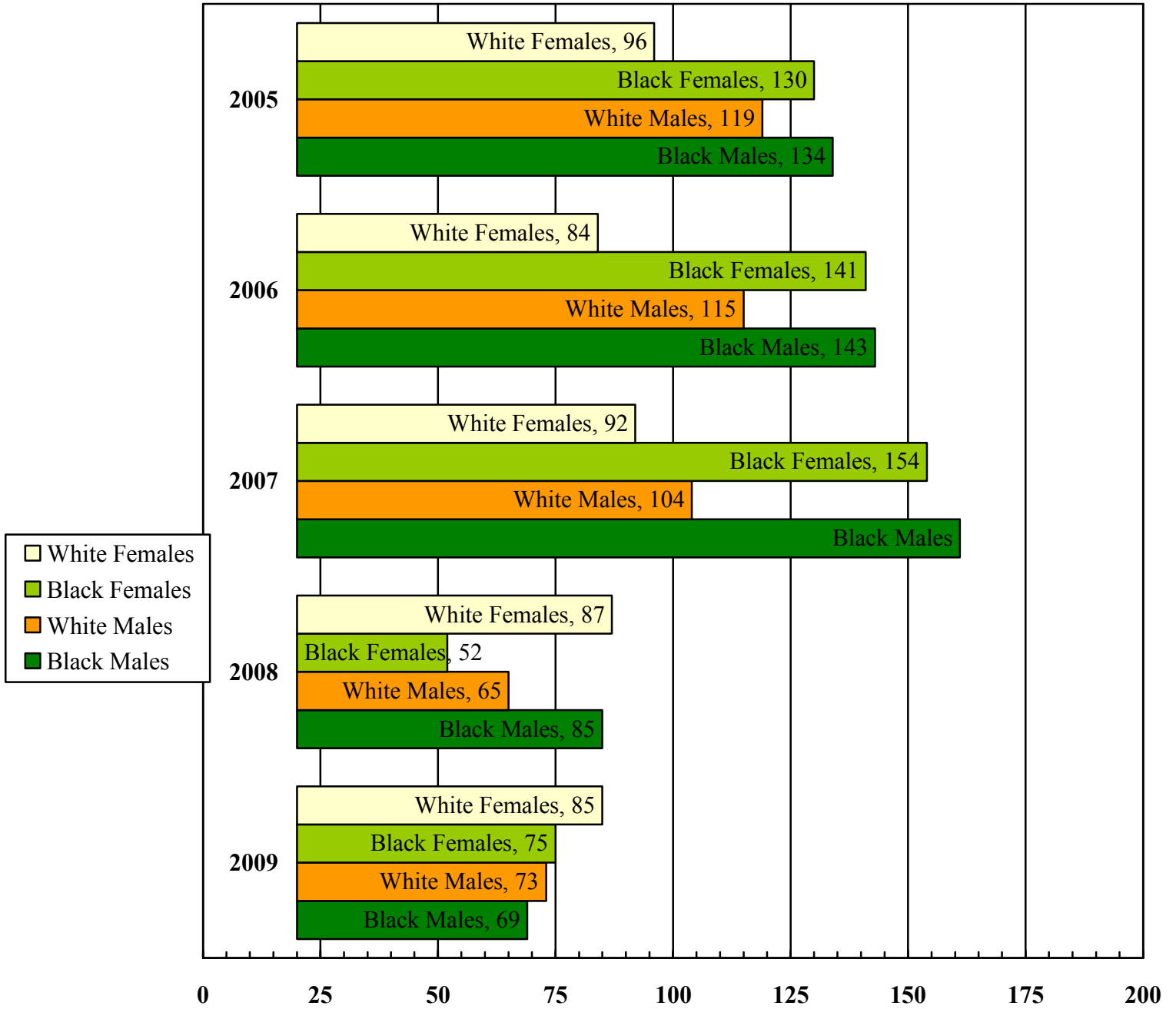
OBJECTIVE ITEMS	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Referrals (Includes re-referrals)	312	293	517	486	481	414	498	466
Re-referrals Received	19	17	49	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Defendants that successfully completed their sanctions	206	238	292	248	252	277	316	287
Referral Declines (Please Refer to Page Five (5) for Decline Reason)	126	120	215	204	210	137	203	158
Defendant sentencing trials held during court	231	222	305	304	301	325	366	383
Defendants sanctioned by Teen Court Staff	5	15	47	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Teens recruited to volunteer, i.e. bailiffs, attorneys, clerks, or jurors	193	119	153	102	118	101	107	233
Adults recruited to volunteer/intern, i.e. judges, staff, or program monitors	13	15	15	19	17	26	21	47
Adult volunteer and intern / practicum student community service hours (Approximation)	861	1811	791	714	681	839	2827	2678
Hours of training provided to teen and adult Teen Court participants (Approximation)	162	156	150	141	155	152	168	273
Public awareness or media activities concerning Teen Court	24	21	22	11	10	14	6	11
Referrals to outside counseling agencies, i.e., CDS, Inc.	14	6	19	13	14	49	58	No data
Group counseling sessions conducted (i.e., educational, counseling, therapeutic groups)	48	74	71	25	36	66	91	No data
Individual counseling sessions conducted by Teen Court counselor	106	195	193	0	0	0	334	No data

DEMOGRAPHICS: (Includes Re-referrals)

Demographics: Race & Gender - Including Arrest, Sworn Complaint, or Civil Citation	2009	2008	2007
<u>Black Males</u>			
- Arrests	24	47	76
- Sworn Complaints	26	33	71
- Civil Citations	11	5	14
TOTAL	69	85	161
<u>White Males</u>			
- Arrests	14	27	48
- Sworn Complaints	21	23	44
- Civil Citations	34	15	12
TOTAL	73	65	104
<u>Other Males (Asian, Hispanic, American Indian)</u>			
- Arrests	0	2	0
- Sworn Complaints	0	0	2
- Civil Citations	2	1	2
TOTAL	2	3	4
<u>Black Females</u>			
- Arrests	29	29	92
- Sworn Complaints	27	17	52
- Civil Citations	13	6	10
TOTAL	75	52	154
<u>White Females</u>			
- Arrests	14	23	37
- Sworn Complaints	23	22	23
- Civil Citations	42	42	32
TOTAL	85	87	92
<u>Other Females (Asian, Hispanic, American Indian)</u>			
- Arrests	0	1	1
- Sworn Complaints	6	0	0
- Civil Citations	2	0	1
TOTAL	8	1	2
GRAND TOTAL	312	293	517

Demographics: Age of Defendant on Date of Incident	2009	2008	2007
Age 7	0	0	0
Age 8	1	0	0
Age 9	0	0	2
Age 10	4	1	12
Age 11	4	12	17
Age 12	21	36	37
Age 13	29	31	62
Age 14	54	30	93
Age 15	49	48	87
Age 16	73	58	111
Age 17	77	77	96
TOTAL	312	293	517

Demographics: Race/Gender



	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
White Females	85	87	92	84	96
Black Females	75	52	154	141	130
White Males	73	65	104	115	119
Black Males	69	85	161	143	134

REFERRALS: (Includes Re-referrals)

REFERRAL SOURCE	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
State Attorney's Office - Arrests	84	127	254	390	393	303	361	287
State Attorney's Office - Sworn Complaints	126	94	191					
Civil Citations (ACSO)	24	11	8	19	27	30	44	61
Civil Citations (GPD)	72	57	59	76	58	74	85	114
Civil Citations (UPD)	2	1	4	1	3	5	2	1
Other County/Circuit	4	3	1	0	0	2	6	0
Parent Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL REFERRALS	312	293	517	486	481	414	498	463

REFERRAL DECLINES PROCESSED: (Includes Re-referrals)

REASON FOR DECLINE	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Defendant has prior delinquency	20	21	24	31	48	22	35	18
Unable to make contact with defendant	13	10	52	46	33	14	30	25
Defendant unwilling/unable to participate	31	18	43	33	41	25	34	18
Defendant reported Not Guilty	9	11	31	30	31	20	45	32
Per the Teen Court Office	0	5	3	5	2	2	5	5
Per the State Attorney's Office	15	9	17	14	8	5	7	8
Victim dropped charge(s) against Defendant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Defendant incurred new charge(s)/delinquency	3	9	4	4	6	6	10	7
Defendant failed to complete sanctions	35	37	41	41	41	43	37	40
TOTAL REFERRALS DECLINED	126	120	215	204	210	137	203	158

CHARGES HEARD DURING TEEN COURT: (Defendants may be charged with more than one offense)

<i>Theft Related Offenses</i>	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Grand Theft (Felony)	12	12	33	9	5	8	3	9
Grand Theft Auto (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Identity Theft (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Theft (Retail and Petit)	107	98	136	161	125	173	174	169
Dealing in Stolen Property: Trafficking (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Robbery (Felony)	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	0
<i>Drug Related Offenses</i>	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Giving False Information to Obtain Alcohol	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Introduction of Contraband into Jail or Detention Facility (Felony)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Manufacturing or Cultivation of Cannabis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Possession of Alcohol by a Person Under the Age of 21	4	12	8	3	18	15	14	20
Possession of Cannabis / Marijuana Less Than 20 Grams	20	3	3	10	19	16	40	43
Possession of Cannabis / Marijuana More Than 20 Grams (Felony)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Possession of Cannabis / Marijuana With Intent to Sell (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Possession of Controlled Substance (Felony)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Possession of Imitation of Controlled Substance (Felony)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	3	3	3	2	8	11	14	15
Sale of Alcoholic Beverage to a Minor	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
Sale of Controlled Substance Within 1000 Feet of a School or Child Care Facility (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sale of Counterfeit Controlled Substance (Felony)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

CHARGES HEARD DURING TEEN COURT: (Defendants may be charged with more than one offense)

<i>Other Charges (Continued)</i>	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Affray	5	2	6	7	12	2	16	7
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon (Felony)	1	3	1	2	1	1	5	0
Aggravated Assault With Intent to Commit a Felony (Felony)	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Battery (Felony)	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Woman (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Assault	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	1
Assault on Specified Official or Employee	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1
Assault Upon Law Enforcement Officer	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Attempted Burglary of an Occupied Structure/Conveyance (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Attempt to Take Deer From a County Maintained Road	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Battery	28	28	45	34	37	22	29	30
Battery – Great Bodily Harm, Disability, Disfigurement (Felony)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer (Felony)	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Battery on Specified Official or Employee (Felony)	0	3	2	2	3	3	2	0
Breach of Confidentiality (Teen Court Offense)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary (Presumed Intent by Stealth) (Felony)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary of a Dwelling (Felony)	1	8	9	1	0	2	0	0
Burglary of a Structure/Conveyance (Felony)	3	7	10	7	5	4	10	0
Burglary with Battery (Felony)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Carrying a Concealed Weapon	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1
Conspiracy to Commit Burglary (Felony)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0

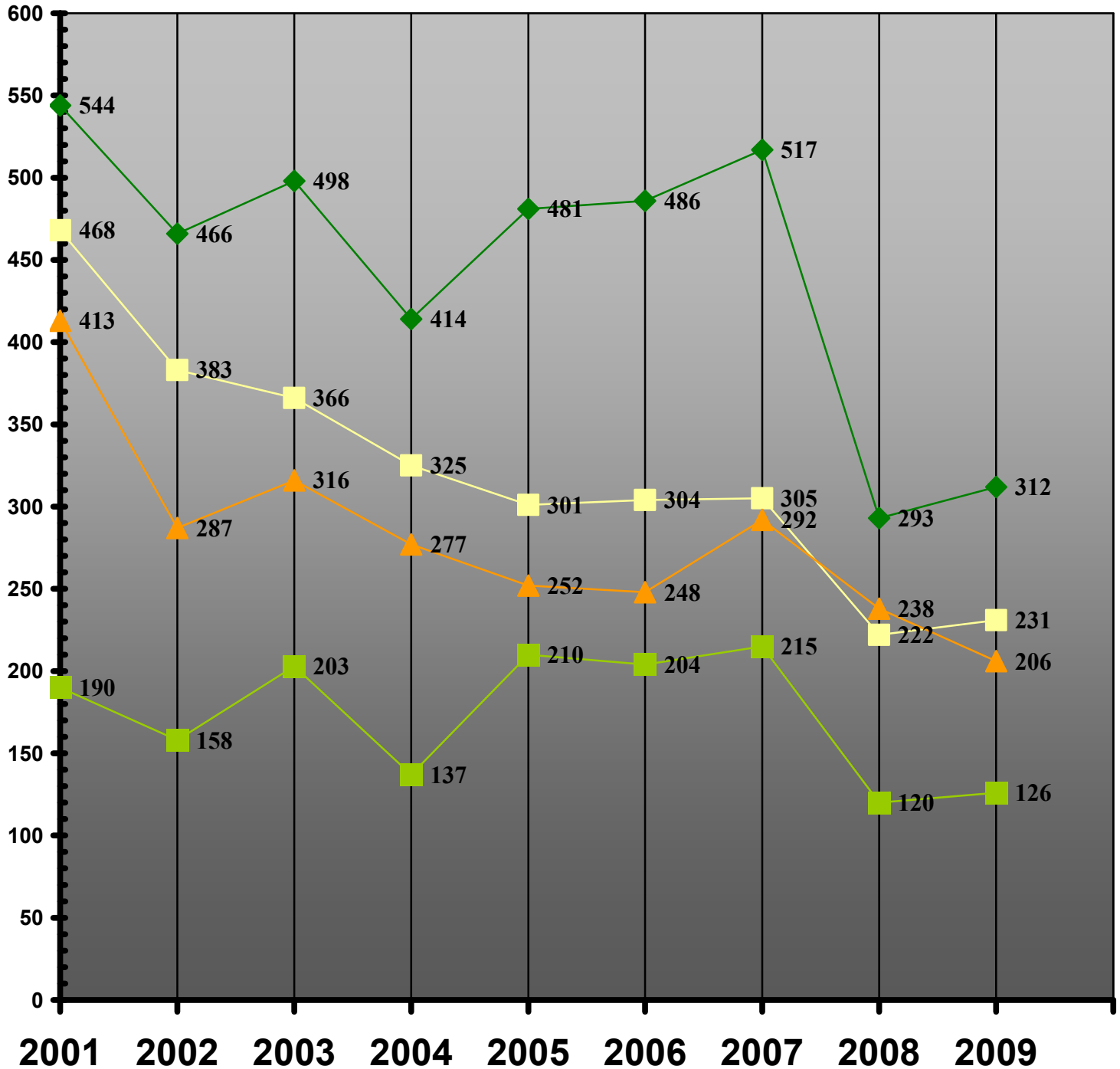
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Obscene or Harassing Telephone Call	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
Obstructing Extinguishment (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Obstruction by Disguise	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Obstructing Justice	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Possession of a Firearm by a Minor	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Possession of Tobacco by a Person Under 18 Years of Age	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Possession of a Weapon on School Property (Felony)	3	5	7	11	9	7	8	7
Possession of False/Altered I.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Possession of Forged, Stolen, or Fictitious License (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Prohibited Use of Certain Lights	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Resisting Arrest With Violence (Felony)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Resisting Arrest Without Violence	7	6	11	7	4	7	5	5
Resisting Detainment by a Merchant	2	3	2	3	1	1	0	1
Scheme to Defraud/Organized Fraud (Felony)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Selling Tobacco to a Minor	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Shooting Into Occupied Building/Motor Vehicle (Felony)	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
Taking of Protected Species	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampering With Evidence, Witness, Victim, or Informant (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Threat to Discharge a Destructive Device (Felony)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Threat to Place a Destructive Device (Felony)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Throwing a Deadly Missile Into an Occupied Dwelling (Felony)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Trespass After Warning	4	2	1	12	2	5	2	8

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<i>Other Charges (Continued)</i>	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Trespass in Park After Hours	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Trespass in Structure/Conveyance	3	1	6	1	1	5	1	0
Trespass on Construction Site (Felony)	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Trespass on School Grounds or Facilities	4	0	6	17	7	7	1	2
Use of a Firearm During Archery Season	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsafe Housing For Captive Wildlife Resulting in Escape	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Violation of Protective Injunction Against Repeat Violence	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CHARGES HEARD IN TEEN COURT	253	241	353	361	335	369	387	380

TEEN COURT OBJECTIVE ITEMS:



Teen Court Staff Activities and Events:

- Conducted Teen Court sentencing hearings held at Newberry High School's Academy of Criminal Justice Program (x12).
- Conducted Theft Awareness Classes for Teen Court defendants who committed theft-related offenses (x19).
- Attended the National Association of Youth Courts, Inc. Conference in Orlando, Florida.
- Attended the 36th National Conference on Juvenile Justice in Orlando, Florida.
- Attended Gainesville Wilderness Institute's Open House which included a presentation by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dan Boyd as well as a tour of the facility and the Challenge Ropes Course.
- Attended the annual Civilian Driver Training Course located at the Institute of Public Safety.
- Attended a workshop on human trafficking and prostitution held at the Sheriff's Office.
- Attended In-Service training on the topics of domestic and sexual violence held at the Institute of Public Safety.
- Participated in an eight hour CPR Certification Class held at the Sheriff's Office.
- Attended the Juvenile Law Update hosted by the State Attorney's Office. Furthermore, Teen Court Staff conducted In-service training before GPD, UFPD, and ACSO School Resource Officers on the topics of Juvenile Civil Citations and the Teen Court Program.
- Attended an "Active Shooters" presentation hosted by Lt. David Clark.
- Attended a Restorative Justice Training seminar at Gainesville Police Department.
- Participated in the University of Florida's Homecoming Parade showcasing the Teen Court Program.
- Conducted attorney and jury volunteer recruitment drives at EHS, GHS, BHS, LMS, and HBMS.
- Conducted two days of juror and attorney training for approximately 90 students enrolled in the Academy of Criminal Justice Program at Newberry High School.
- Conducted new volunteer juror training on a weekly basis at the Family and Civil Justice Center.
- Conducted attorney training sessions (x3) for a total of 35 middle and high school age volunteers at the Family and Civil Justice Center.

Adult Volunteer Activities and Events:

- Greg Pelham and Lee Harden of CDS, Inc. conducted monthly Aggression Management Groups for defendants who committed battery-related offenses (x21).
- Gwen Love, Greg Pelham, and Lee Harden of CDS, Inc. conducted Substance Awareness Groups for defendants who committed alcohol/drug-related offenses (x12).
- Maggie Donnell, Programs Manager, along with other committed detention deputies conducted tours of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Department of the Jail for Teen Court and Project Turnaround participants (x11).

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 (NHS) Academy of Criminal Justice Advisory Board.
- Member of the By-Laws subcommittee of the Academy of Criminal Justice Advisory Board.
- Member of Project Turnaround's Advisory Board.
- Attended the "Stop the Violence" Rally held at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.
- Provided an update on Juvenile Civil Citations along with a short program update during the Juvenile Relations Bureau Meeting.
- Attended the Black on Black Crime Task Force/Juvenile Justice Council Town Hall Meeting held at A.Q. Jones.

Jason E. Holthus (Continued):

- Attended supervisory training pertaining to Executime's online payroll program held at the Sheriff's Office.
- Attended the "Schools to Prisons Pipeline" presentation at the Downtown Library which was hosted by the local chapter of the NAACP.
- Attended the Patrol Division's Veri Plate Team to discuss the implementation of a county ordinance pertaining to impounding vehicles for specific offenses.
- Attended a presentation of Marion County Sheriff's Office Work In Lieu of Arrest (WILA) Program held at Gainesville Police Department.
- Attended several Gang Intelligence meetings held at the Sheriff's Office.
- Assisted in the supervision of two University of Florida student interns.

Cara Evans:

- Member of the Florida Association of Teen Courts, Inc.
- Member of the Alachua County Juvenile Justice Council (JJC).
- Member of the Alachua County Children's Alliance.
- Member of the Black on Black Crime Task Force.
- Member and Co-Chair of the Minority Overrepresentation Sub-Committee.
- Member of Project Turnaround's Advisory Board.
- Participated in the Physical Fitness Incentive Program offered by the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, and received a "Gold" standing in the Cooper Fitness Test.
- Assisted in the arrival of students, faculty, and staff participating in the Washington, D.C. Safety Patrol Trip.
- Participated in the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative.
- Spoke to approximately 100 students at Lincoln Middle School as part of Black History Month.
- Attended the Black on Black Crime Task Force/Juvenile Justice Council Town Hall Meeting located at A.Q. Jones.
- Attended a presentation of Marion County Sheriff's Office Work In Lieu of Arrest (WILA) Program held at Gainesville Police Department.
- Spoke to approximately 20 girls during the Girls to Young Ladies meeting.
- Spoke to 12 female students at Howard Bishop Middle School on the topic of Anger Management.
- Attended new student orientation held at BHS and EHS.
- Participated in a separate Boys and Girls Youth Summit held at Eastside High School for both males and females on juvenile probation.
- Participated in the University of Florida, Levin College of Law Pro Bono Volunteer Fair.
- Spoke to 15 female students at Howard Bishop Middle School regarding how to resolve anger issues effectively.
- Spoke to approximately 80 students in the College Reach Out Program (CROP) regarding decisions and consequences as well as an overview of the Teen Court Program.
- Attended the "Stop the Violence" Rally held at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.
- Served as a Junior Achievers Counselor at Eastside High School in which she taught eight separate classes to approximately 30 students.
- Co-facilitated Peer Circle groups for Teen Court volunteers and defendants at the Family and Civil Justice Center.
- Conducted student volunteer attorney training at Gainesville Job Corps.
- Assisted in the supervision of two University of Florida student interns.

Kristen M. Benedini, Ed.S:

- Hired as the new Teen Court Counselor/Case Manager in November of 2009.
- Registered Mental Health Counseling Intern.
- Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC).
- Member of the American Counseling Association (ACA).
- Member of the Alachua County Children's Alliance.
- Member of the Minority Overrepresentation Sub-Committee.
- Conducted two Peer Circle Groups for teenage juror members prior to Teen Court sentencing hearings.
- Conducted a Healthy Relationships Group for defendants and student volunteers.
- Conducted student volunteer attorney training at Gainesville Job Corps.

Christy Darji, Ed.S:

- Member of the Florida Association of Teen Courts, Inc.
- Member of the Alachua County Juvenile Justice Council (JJC).
- Member of the Alachua County Children's Alliance.
- Member of Project Turnaround's Advisory Board.
- Attended a one day training seminar entitled "Effective Techniques for Dealing with Highly Resistant Clients" in Orlando, Florida.
- Supervised two graduate level counseling students from the University of Florida's Department of Counselor Education.
- Christy Darji and Teen Court counseling interns conducted approximately twenty-four Peer Circle groups for teenage juror members prior to Teen Court sentencing hearings.
- Christy Darji and Teen Court counseling interns conducting various psycho-educational groups to include Art Therapy (x5), Healthy Relationships (x1), Dating Relationships (x1), and Women's Issues (x1) for Teen Court and Project Turnaround participants.
- Attended a meeting of the Alachua County School Board.
- Resigned as the Teen Court Counselor/ Case Manager in August of 2009