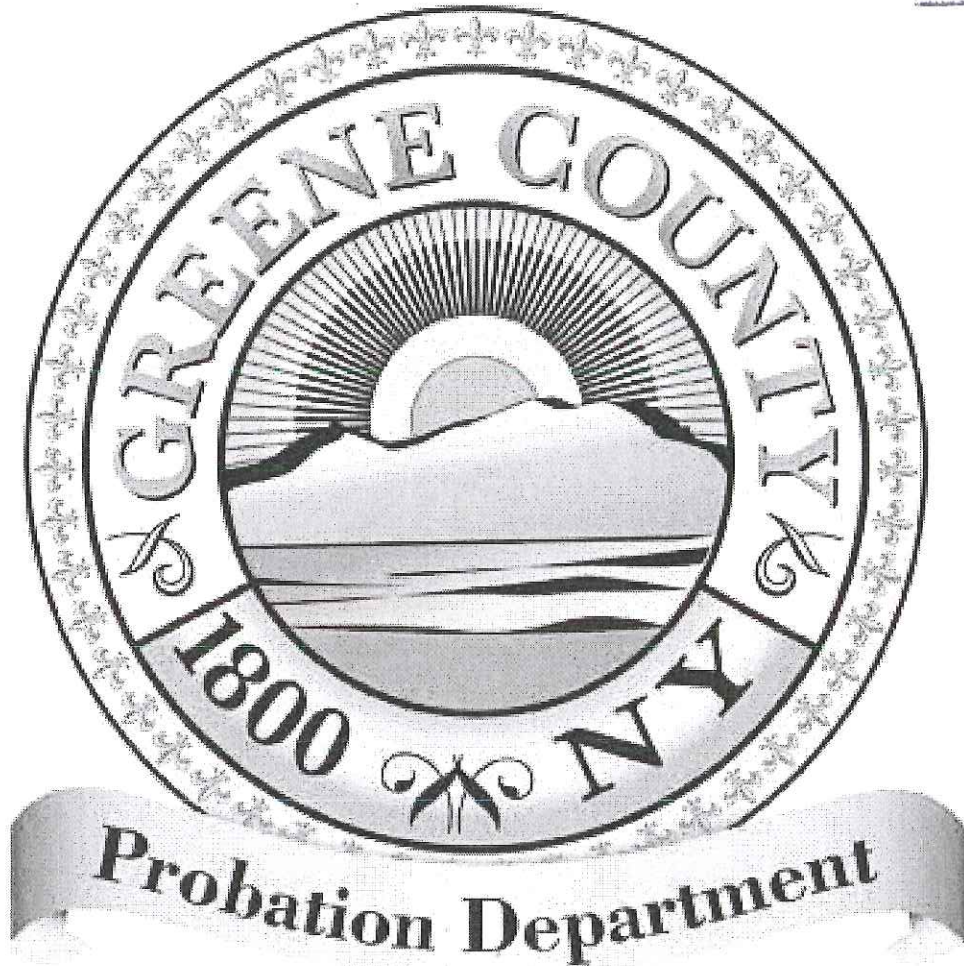


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In 2015 the Greene County Probation Department continued to provide mandated services to adults and juveniles in the community. Over the year, the department received 140 new adult probationers from Greene County courts and another 55 as transfers from other jurisdictions. Overall, the 195 received were 40 less than in 2014. In addition, 6 (1 less than 2014) formal juvenile probationers were received; and another 6 (4 less than 2014) in an informal capacity, after having been referred by the family court. At the end of the year, we were supervising 338 (55 less than 2014) criminal court probationers, many of whom were serving more than one probation sentence. Of those 338 offenders, 179 (up 4 from 2014) were felons. Despite reductions from 2014 to 2015, this department continues to have a significant workload for the county size/population. For comparative purposes, neighboring Delaware County, with approximately the same population, was supervising 236 criminal offenders at the end of 2015; while neighboring Columbia County, with a population some 20,000 more, had 336. (source: NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services).

It must also be pointed out that the epidemic of opiate abuse continues to impact the workload, as while the overall number of offenders has decreased, the problems demonstrated by the remaining offenders continues to increase, with a large number of offenders demonstrating significant drug abuse issues. Most offenders require referrals for treatment services, and on many occasions, this department transported offenders to an inpatient treatment facility.

Where appropriate, supervision included the requirements that offenders pay restitution, engage in available educational, vocational, and/or treatment programs; and submit DNA samples (collected by this department), in order to remain at liberty. 2015 saw the continuation of the required ignition interlock device for DWI probationers who own or operate a vehicle. While, similarly to the statewide occurrence, most Greene County probationers sentenced under "Leandra's Law" have avoided the interlock requirement by having disposed of their vehicles, this department's officers remain responsible for reviewing those cases to ensure that offenders have disposed of the vehicles as claimed, with the offenders required to submit notarized affidavits to support their claims, and as required by a law change late in 2013, to state under oath in court that they had disposed of the vehicle. Reimbursements totaling \$4,590 were received from the NYS 'Leandra's Law' grant for DWI probation cases received by this department in 2015, to help pay for ignition interlock device monitoring requirements, at a rate of \$135 per case. Per arrangement with the Greene County Sheriff's Department/STOP-DWI, this department also submits the state reports for their monitoring of DWI cases that resulted in offenders being sentenced to a conditional discharge, which resulted in \$3,105 in additional reimbursement to that office. Overall, the reimbursement for both departments combined exceeded that of 2014 by some \$250.

In 2015 the department's main DWI officer, with the assistance of other officers and the Greene County Sheriff's Department/STOP-DWI program, was able to continue the DWI victim impact panel, to further educate those offenders as to the effect their conduct has on others. Offenders who attended the panel were required to pay a \$25 fee each, which went toward STOP-DWI operations. Thanks in no small part to the District Attorney's Office expansion of those required to attend the panel include not only DWI offenders, but also drug offenders, income from the 3 victim impact panels held in 2015 totaled \$6,075, an increase of more than \$5,000 from 2014.

In addition to the formal, i.e., court ordered, supervision cases, 2015 saw a total of 58 (a decrease of 6 from 2014) juvenile cases referred to the department. Unlike the prior year, differences between the types of cases, Juvenile Delinquents, youth from ages 7-15, inclusive; who have committed what would be crimes if they were adults and were referred to the department by police; and a Person In Need of Supervision, or PINS, one who has committed a "status offense," i.e., the conduct which they have displayed is age specific and not otherwise necessarily illegal; low level marijuana possession being the sole exception; were not that far apart, as we had 32 Juvenile Delinquency referrals and 26 PINS. A total of 29 (8 more than in 2014) cases were successfully diverted from the family court system through participation with the department's intake/diversion supervision program. 19 of the successfully diverted cases were juvenile delinquents, with their cases "terminated in their favor," the legal equivalent of a court dismissal; and sealed. Most of the family court cases are handled by a senior probation officer.

Another significant part of this department's tasks include the preparation of pre-plea/pre-sentence/certificate of relief from disabilities (criminal court) and pre-dispositional (family court) investigations/reports. These reports, which require a probation officer to make assessments of an offender based on legal history/delinquent behavior and social circumstances, are utilized by the courts as an aid in determining which offenders should remain in the community and which should have certain privileges, which were lost as a result of their convictions, restored. In 2015, 220 (a reduction from 260 in 2014) investigation cases were opened, and 213 (including some cases that were opened in 2014) completed/closed for the criminal courts. 2 probation officers completed the bulk of the pre-sentence investigations, as their primary tasks. There were two family court investigations requested, both late in the year, therefore, none were completed. The juvenile officer remains highly involved in the family court process, from initial referral through formal adjudication, and in most instances, a possible pre-dispositional investigation is waived by the court.

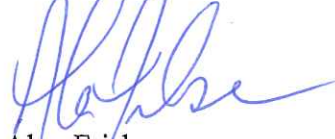
In 2015 the department also continued to oversee an Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) program, which placed a variety of offenders at community service work sites throughout the county. This year saw 48 (up 8 from 2014) individuals assigned to the work sites, with 42 (up 12 from 2014) satisfactorily completing their obligations. Thus, we were able to obtain reimbursement of \$5,993.84 out of the \$5,998 allotted by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the program. In addition to reducing the cost of confining such offenders, their presence at the work sites helped to show the community that offenders are being held accountable for their actions. In 2015, the obligation for overseeing the community service program was transferred from a probation officer to a probation assistant, thus enabling the probation officer to focus greater attention on more standard probation duties.

The collection of restitution also remained a significant activity for the department. This obligation not only includes the collection of restitution from people who are under our direct supervision, but also from those who have been incarcerated/released on parole or have been otherwise conditionally discharged and still obligated to pay despite no other tie to this department. In 2015 we opened 69 (up 13 from 2014) adult restitution cases, either as a condition of probation or simply as the designated restitution collection agency for Greene County, regardless of the sentence. For the year, the department collected a total of \$148,504.72 in criminal restitution/surcharge to Greene County, which was an increase of over \$27,000 from 2014. Additionally, another \$1,731.69 was collected from juvenile offenders, down some \$200 from 2014. By statute, juvenile restitution does not include a surcharge. For 2015, over \$45,000 in collected restitution was payable to public or non-profit agencies, including nearly \$15,000 in welfare fraud reimbursement. The surcharge, which, in this county, is collected after a victim has been made whole, is paid by this department to the Greene County Treasurer. For 2015, that amount was \$6,773.80, an increase of over \$2,300 from 2014.

In 2015, the department continued to participate in a variety of collaborative efforts designed to enhance services to those in need. Those efforts, both in the juvenile and adult spheres, included the Greene County (criminal) Drug Treatment Court program, to which a senior probation officer has been assigned and for many years has been a valuable asset to the Drug Court team; the Single Point of Access for troubled youth, and jointly (mental health clinician and senior probation officer) monitored sex offender treatment groups. Due to the increased number of sex offenders, it became necessary to schedule an additional weekly treatment group session. By having a local program, offenders are able to engage in services not only at a convenient time, but also in the area, which also serves to aid in the supervision process. Polygraph examinations for certain sex offenders were continued in 2015. At year's end we had 24 registered sex offenders under supervision, compared to 16 at the end of 2014.

The attachments to this narrative should help to understand the level at which the department operated during the year 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alan Frisbee  
Probation Director

Date of Report: 4/1/16

WORKLOADSUPERVISION

Adult criminal-	Felony- 179	Misdemeanor- 209	Total	388
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Juvenile-	Juvenile Delinquent- 0	Person In Need of Supervision- 7	Total	7
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<b><u>Total formal probation supervision as of 12/31/15 (person count, not case count)</u></b>				<b>395</b>
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Juvenile intake supervision 13	JD- 1, PINS- 18			19
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Pre-adjudicatory supervision	JD- 2, PINS- 2			4
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<b><u>Total persons supervised (formal and informal) as of 12/31/15</u></b>				<b>418</b>
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INVESTIGATIONS

Total Completed/Closed				213
			(213 criminal, 0 family)	

JUVENILE DELINQUENT (JD) & PERSONS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION (PINS)

Total referred to Probation	58	
	(32 JD, 26 PINS)	

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Total diverted from family court	29	
	(19 JD, 10 PINS)	

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2015**

**RESTITUTION (probation sentence or otherwise)**

Total Collected	<b>\$150,236.41</b>
	(\$148,504.72 criminal/surcharge)
	(\$1,731.69 family)

**RESTITUTION COLLECTED FOR**

**DISBURSEMENT TO PUBLIC/NON-PROFIT AGENCIES**

Greene County Department of Social Services	\$	14,813.23
NYS Department of Labor	\$	16,918.13
NYS Department of Taxation and Finance	\$	550.00
NYS Office of Victim Services	\$	44.84
Village of Catskill	\$	40.00
Village of Catskill Department of Public Works	\$	83.47
Columbia County Department of Social Services	\$	830.28
Windham Chamber of Commerce	\$	3,535.00
Windham-Ashland Jewett Central School	\$	629.95
Greene County District Attorney's Office	\$	160.00
Hunter-Tannersville Central School	\$	80.65
Hunter Area Ambulance	\$	470.00
Town of Cairo	\$	50.00
Ulster County Department of Social Services	\$	130.00
Total	\$	38,335.55
Greene County Treasurer (surcharge)	\$	6,773.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>45,109.35</b>

**ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (COMMUNITY SERVICE)**

48 adults assigned, 42 completed\*\*

\*\* The New York State Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives/Division of Criminal Justice Services provides different levels of reimbursement for each assigned adult and each completed adult. For 2015, the department received \$5,993.84 in reimbursement.

**IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE MONITORING**

\$4,590 was received via the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Grant for probation cases, and another \$3,105 by the Sheriff/STOP-DWI for conditional discharge cases.

**VICTIM IMPACT PANEL**

Including additional donations made by offenders, a total of \$6,075 was collected and disbursed to the STOP-DWI program.

**OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS**

For 2015, New York State continued with a block grant for probation aid, a total of \$122,328. In addition, the Greene County STOP-DWI program funded 50% of the salary for the department's DWI officer, and another \$19,000 to assist in departmental functions, for a total of \$47,600. The department also receives 1% of posted bail, to offset alternatives to incarceration costs.