

# District of Kansas Annual Report – FY 2013

## U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office



***THE HONORABLE KATHRYN H. VRATIL, CHIEF JUDGE***  
***RONALD G. SCHWEER, CHIEF U.S. PROBATION OFFICER***

Diane Schwartzman, Editor

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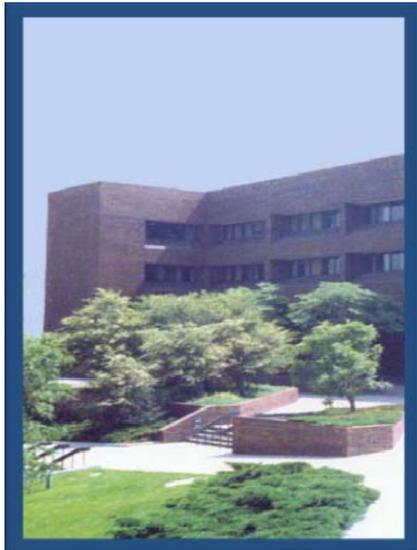
## ► DIVISIONAL OFFICES



### HEADQUARTER OFFICE

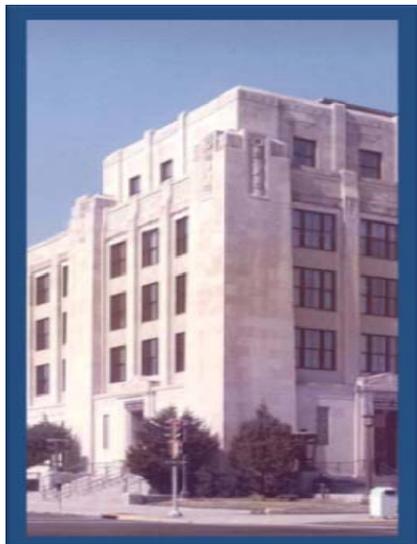
#### **Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse**

500 State Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas



#### **Frank Carlson Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse**

444 SE Quincy  
Topeka, Kansas



#### **U.S. Courthouse**

401 North Market  
Wichita, Kansas



## Organizational Profile

The federal probation and pretrial office for the District of Kansas encompasses the entire state of Kansas. The office is led by the Chief U.S. Probation Officer with assistance from the Deputy Chief, Assistant Deputy Chief, five Supervising U.S. probation Officers, an Operations Analyst and an Office Manager. The district includes three divisional and one satellite office.

► CUSPO Ronald Schweer is located in the Kansas City office.

► DCUSPO Phil Messer is located in the Wichita office.

► ADCUSPO Trey Burton is located in the Topeka office.

► We have one satellite office at Fort Riley.

## ► JUDICIARY FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

### U.S. District Court Judges



Honorable Kathryn H. Vratil, Chief  
Kansas City



Honorable J. Thomas Marten  
Wichita



Honorable Carlos Murguia  
Kansas City



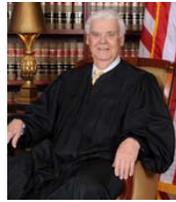
Honorable Julie A. Robinson  
Topeka



Honorable Eric F. Melgren  
Wichita



Honorable Richard D. Rogers  
Senior Judge, Topeka



Honorable Sam A. Crow  
Senior Judge, Topeka



Honorable John W. Lungstrum  
Senior Judge, Kansas City



Honorable Monti L. Belot  
Senior Judge, Wichita



Honorable Karen M. Humphreys, Chief  
Wichita



Honorable David J. Waxse  
Kansas City



Honorable James P. O'Hara  
Kansas City



Honorable K. Gary Sebelius  
Topeka



Honorable Kenneth G. Gale  
Wichita



Honorable Gerald L. Rushfelt  
Kansas City



Honorable Donald W. Bostwick  
Wichita

► **STAFF DIRECTORY**

**Management**



Ron Schweer, Chief  
U.S. Probation Officer  
Kansas City



Phil Messer, Deputy Chief  
U.S. Probation Officer  
Wichita



Trey Burton  
Assistant Deputy Chief  
U.S. Probation Officer  
Topeka



Jim Dier, Supervising  
U.S. Probation Officer  
Kansas City



Melissa Goldsmith, Supervising  
U.S. Probation Officer  
Kansas City



Scott Jones, Supervising  
U.S. Probation Officer  
Topeka



Steve Kohman, Supervising  
U.S. Probation Officer  
Wichita



Bill Martin, Supervising  
U.S. Probation Officer  
Wichita



Diane Schwartzman  
Office Manager  
Kansas City



Barbara Wade  
Operations Analyst  
Wichita

► **STAFF DIRECTORY**

**Senior U.S. Probation Officers**



**Bryce Beckett**  
Search Team Leader  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Shawn Brewer**  
Guideline Specialist  
Investigation Unit  
Wichita



**Michelle Caples**  
Contract Specialist  
Investigation Unit  
Kansas City



**John Deters**  
Guideline Specialist  
Investigation Unit  
Topeka



**Rod Freeman**  
Re-entry Specialist  
Supervision Unit  
Kansas City



**Chris McNeil**  
Sex Offender Specialist  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Michele Madden**  
Pretrial Specialist  
Investigation Unit  
Wichita



**Wade Reichmann**  
Contract Specialist  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Milton Ruble**  
Guidelines Specialist  
Investigation Unit  
Kansas City



**Kristine Thomas**  
Defendant/Offender Specialist  
Supervision Unit  
Topeka

► **STAFF DIRECTORY**  
**U.S. Probation Officers**



**Stacey Beilman**  
Investigation Unit  
Topeka



**Jeffrey Blessant**  
Investigation Unit  
Wichita



**Paul Buhl**  
Supervision Unit  
Kansas City



**Marlin Carlson**  
Supervision Unit  
Kansas City



**Evelyn Chirinos**  
Investigation Unit  
Wichita



**Melissa Conn**  
Supervision Unit  
Kansas City



**Toni Corby**  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Joel Cromwell**  
Investigation Unit  
Topeka



**Roy Day**  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Stephanie Denton**  
FLETC Detailee  
Charleston, SC



**John Derby**  
Investigation Unit  
Kansas City



**Josefina Durham**  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Jill Farias**  
Investigation Unit  
Wichita



**John Gabrielson**  
Supervision Unit  
Kansas City



**Lynn Harris**  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Lori Hase**  
Investigation Unit  
Wichita

## ► STAFF DIRECTORY

### U.S. Probation Officers



**LaTonya Hayles-Davis**  
Investigation Unit  
Wichita



**Justin Hoffman**  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Amanda Hudson**  
Investigation Unit  
Kansas City



**Jason Jordan**  
Supervision Unit  
Topeka



**Diana Kerns**  
Supervision Unit  
Topeka



**Corey Kirk**  
Investigation Unit  
Topeka



**Wendy Landry**  
Supervision Unit  
Kansas City



**Chris Lewis**  
Supervision Unit  
Kansas City



**Cassidi Lundell**  
Investigation Unit  
Kansas City



**Jamie McGonigle**  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Brooke Paulson**  
Supervision Unit  
Topeka



**Scott Phillips**  
Supervision Unit  
Topeka



**Chris Towner**  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Sara Valdez Hoffer**  
Investigation Unit  
Kansas City



**Krisha Wilbers**  
Supervision Unit  
Kansas City



**Ruth Yorke**  
Supervision Unit  
Kansas City

► **STAFF DIRECTORY**

**Probation Technician/Job Specialist/Probation Officer Assistant**



**Cheryl Barrow**  
Probation Technician  
Supervision Unit  
Wichita



**Sandee Munson**  
Job Specialist  
Supervision Unit  
Kansas City/Topeka



**Annelies Snook**  
Probation Officer Assistant  
Wichita

**Support Staff**



**Joni Cassity**  
Senior Admin Assistant  
Wichita



**Mary Fischer**  
Administrative Assistant  
Kansas City



**Tennille Gibbs**  
Administrative Assistant  
Kansas City



**Linda Grissom**  
Data Quality Analyst  
Contract Services  
Kansas City



**Janice Johnson**  
Senior Admin Assistant  
Kansas City



**Sherri Lagoski**  
Senior Admin Assistant  
Kansas City



**Theresa Lundquist**  
Senior Admin Assistant  
Topeka



**Peggy Mathews**  
Data Quality Analyst  
Wichita



**Carla Ray**  
Senior Admin Assistant



**Linda Stancliffe**  
Senior Admin Assistant  
Topeka



**Cathy Stanton**  
Senior Admin Assistant



**Cindy Stiverson**  
Senior Admin Assistant  
Wichita



**Robyn Swanson**  
Admin Case Manager  
Wichita

## ► PRETRIAL SERVICES UNIT

by DCUSPO Trey Burton

The District of Kansas has focused on evidence based pretrial work during FY 2013. The Pretrial Risk Assessment (PTRA) tool was developed to evaluate FY 2001 to 2007 federal pretrial cases. The District of Kansas began using the instrument on October 1, 2010. PTRA has now been re-validated with data from FY 2009 to FY 2012. We have continued to deepen our use of the Pretrial Risk Assessment (PTRA) tool to help guide our work in completing bond investigations and pretrial supervision. After a record high workload year in FY 2012, this past year has seen a decline in pretrial workload as noted in the charts below.

We have continued to collaborate with the U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office - Western District of Missouri, and the Bureau of Prisons to facilitate quarterly Pretrial Orientation Program sessions to prepare pre-trial defendants and their family members for a custodial sentence and re-entry into the community.

### HISTORY OF CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS (DEFENDANTS)

BY FISCAL YEAR

FISCAL YEAR	DEFENDANTS	PERCENT +/- from Previous Fiscal Year
2007	829	-
2008	785	(5.3)
2009	610	(22.3)
2010	629	3.2
2011	771	22.5
2012	916/940*	21.9
2013	690/703*	(25.2)

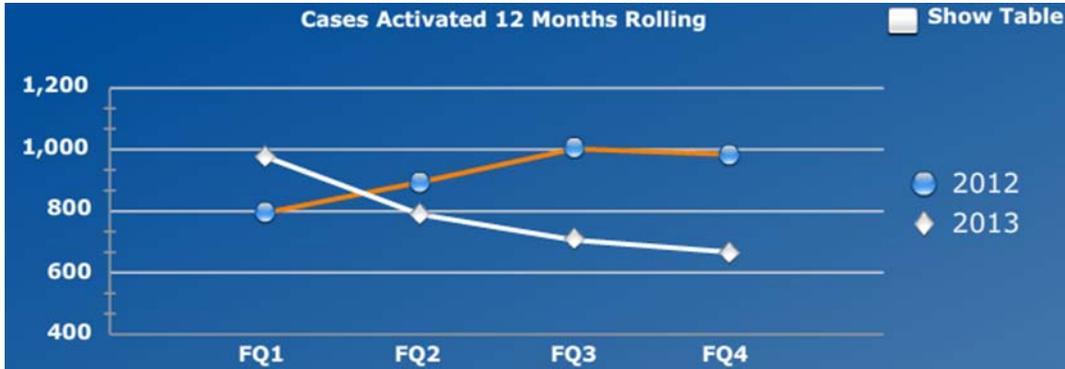
FY 2013 — ACTUAL MONTHLY TOTALS\*

October = 56	April = 54
November = 54	May = 103
December = 50	June = 74
January = 52	July = 61
February = 22	August = 33
March = 75	September = 53

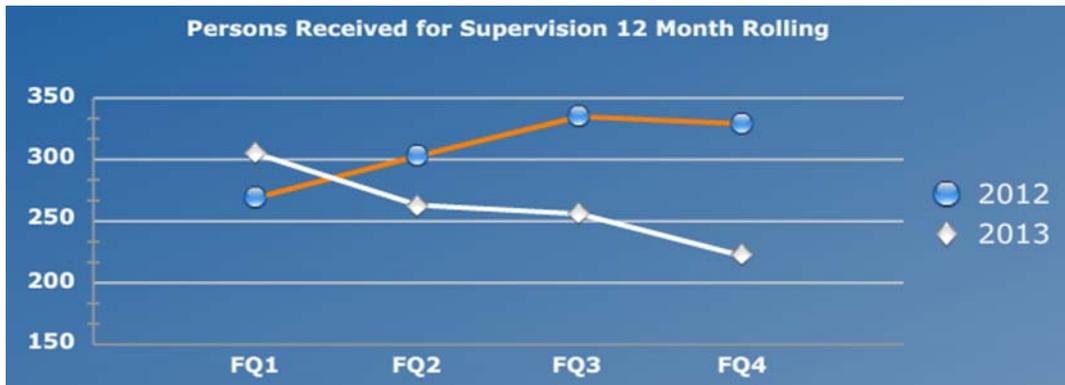
\*(Note: FY2012 and FY2013 totals were adjusted at year-end for 'extra' defendants charged, which is 940 and 703 respectively.)

► **PRETRIAL SERVICES UNIT (Continued)**

**Decrease in Defendants Charged (FY 2012 to FY 2013) = (25.2)%**



We have seen the corresponding decrease in the number of pretrial supervision cases over FY 2012.



**Release and Detention Rates for the 12 Month Period Ending 6-30-13**

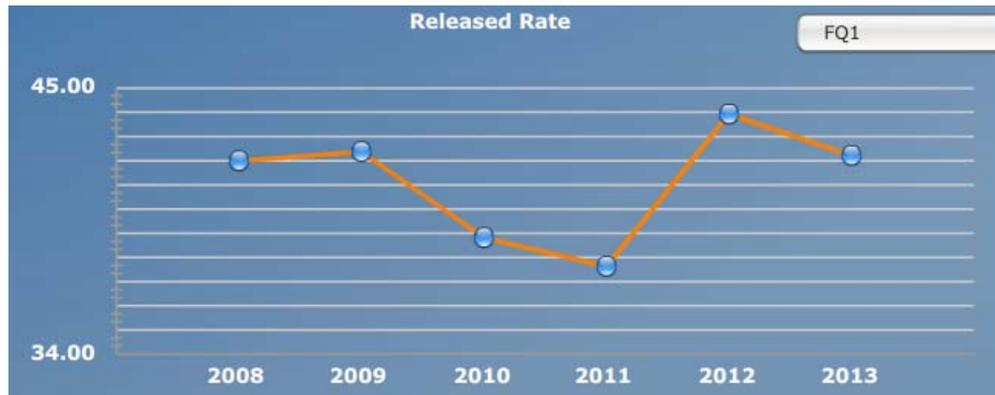
ALL CASES	RELEASE RATE	DETENTION RATE
National	28.1%	71.9%
10 <sup>th</sup> Circuit	24.22 %	75.78%
Kansas	42.4 %	57.6 %

## ► PRETRIAL SERVICES UNIT (Continued)

### Release and Detention Rates Excluding Immigration Cases

ALL CASES	RELEASE RATE	DETENTION RATE
National	43.7 %	56.3%
10 <sup>th</sup> Circuit	45.9 %	54.1%
Kansas	45.0%	55.0%

### District of Kansas Release Rates 2008 to 2013 (Percentage)



### Release Rates by PTRS Score

Category 1 = Lowest Risk Category 5 = Highest Risk

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
National Average	88%	68%	46%	28%	13%
District of Kansas	93%	71%	44%	24%	16%

### Types of Charges Filed by Division

Types of Cases	Kansas City	Topeka	Wichita
Drugs	55%	30%	33%
Guns	15%	35%	19%
Immigration	7%	5%	17%
Property	9%	19%	16%
Sex Offenses	6%	3%	4%
Violence	3%	3%	6%

## ► PRESENTENCE UNIT

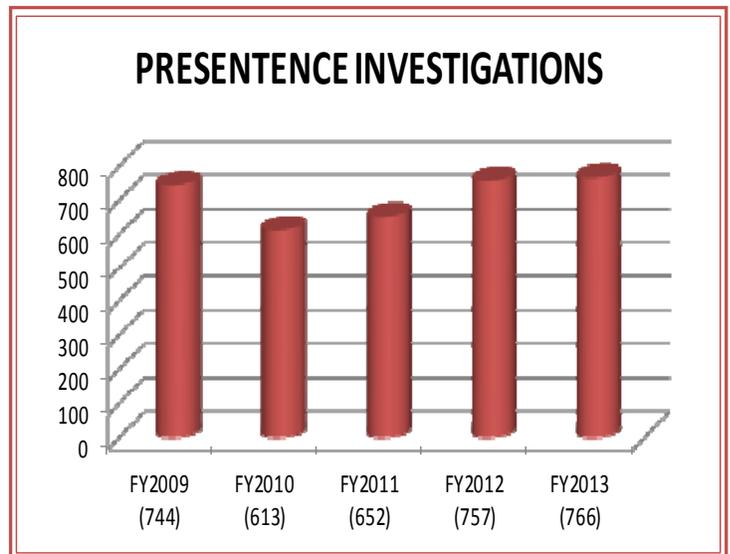
by SUSPO Steve Kohman

The United States Sentencing Commission did not hold their Annual Seminar during fiscal year 2013 due to budgetary issues. However, five officers attended regional guideline training in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in November 2013. Those officers received training on the new guideline amendments that become effective on November 1, 2013. Those amendments deal with the following topics:

- Trade Secrets
- Counterfeit and Adulterated Drugs; Counterfeit Military Parts
- Pre-Retail Medical Products
- Acceptance of Responsibility
- The Stetser Case
- Tax deductions

During the year, 766 presentence reports were assigned to officers in the District of Kansas. Most officers averaged approximately 55 presentence report assignments for the year. Officers utilize an automated program (PSX) to complete presentence reports. PSX is continually fine-tuned to become more efficient and to meet the needs of the district. Officers conduct video conference interviews with inmates housed in the detention facility located in Leavenworth to save time and travel costs. Officers also continue to share presentence work between divisions in order to equalize workload throughout the district. Modified presentence reports are completed in select cases in the interest of judicial economy.

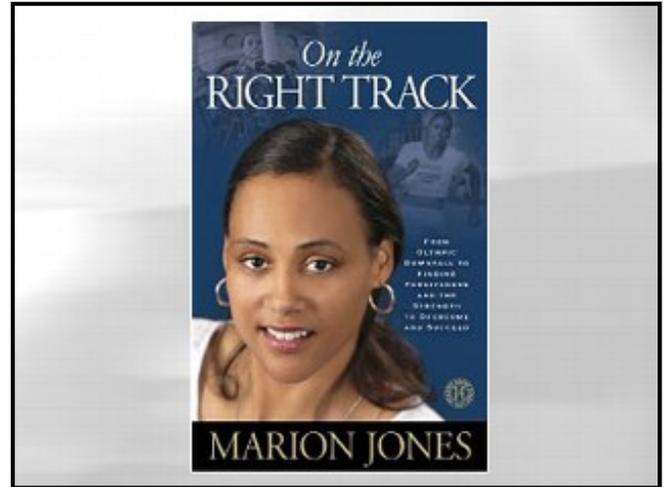
SENTENCING STATISTICS	
Sentenced within guideline range	48.9%
Received an average prison sentence of 65 months	81.7%
Received a probation sentence	15.7%
Received a sentence below the guideline range	47.8%
Received a variance sentence above the guideline range	3.3%
Convictions by plea	94.7%
Gender of defendants	86% male 14% female
Average age of defendants	35
Top three offenses	1-Drug Trafficking 2-Firearms 3-Immigration



## ▶ POST-CONVICTION SUPERVISION

### KAN-TRAC

One of the highlights of the Kansas Treatment Re-Entry Assistance Court's (KAN-TRAC) program during the fiscal year 2013, came in October 2012, when former world champion track and field athlete and professional basketball player, **Marion Jones-Thompson** visited KAN-TRAC and shared her personal story including success in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, conviction of a federal crime, time served in prison, surrender of Olympic medals and her re-entry into the community after her prison sentence.



Since serving her prison term, Ms. Jones has written a book titled *On the Right Track: From Olympic Downfall to Finding Forgiveness and the Strength to Overcome and Succeed*. The book chronicles her downfall from the world of sports, the time she spent in prison, the joys of her family life and shows the reader the positive, inspirational person she is today.

**KAN-TRAC** is presided over by Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Humphreys along with U.S. Magistrate Judge Kenneth Gale. The team consists of attorneys, treatment providers and probation officers and continued to be actively engaged in bi-weekly court sessions. The number of federal client participants involved in the program is limited to an optimal number of ten and we are proud to have had five participants graduate from the program during 2013.

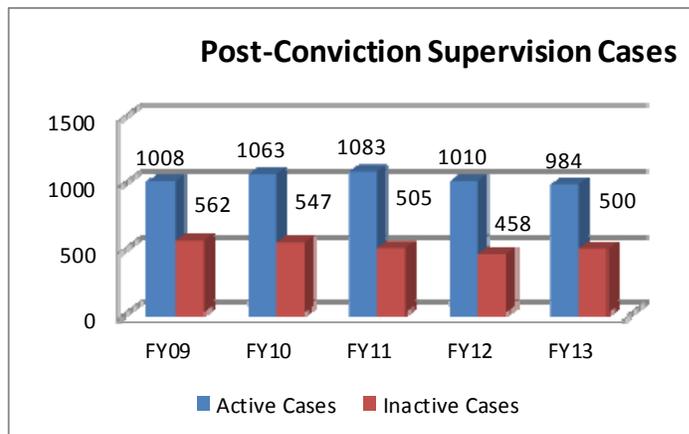


*The Honorable Karen M. Humphreys, Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Kansas, is shown with Marion Jones-Thompson as they address the audience at a U.S. Probation sponsored event in Wichita, KS in October, 2012.*



## ▶ POST-CONVICTION SUPERVISION

**EMPLOYMENT:** Our District JOB-TRAC program has completed its third year in all three divisional offices. JOB-TRAC is a twelve week program that provides accountability, education, and community resources to unemployed clients. Clients are referred to the program by their officer and can begin at any time during the twelve week session. A different job search related topic is discussed each week. Clients are expected to provide weekly job search logs/records of their efforts and complete any homework that may be assigned. The program models a good work ethic and expects punctuality and professional attire. Several graduates of JOB-TRAC have come back to speak to current classes, which is extremely beneficial to clients who are presently looking for employment. Staff members involved in JOB-TRAC include Job Specialist Sandee Munson and Sr. USPO Rod Freeman in Kansas City, Sr. USPO Kris Thomas in Topeka, and Probation Officer Assistant Annelies Snook and Sr. USPO Chris McNeil in the Wichita division.

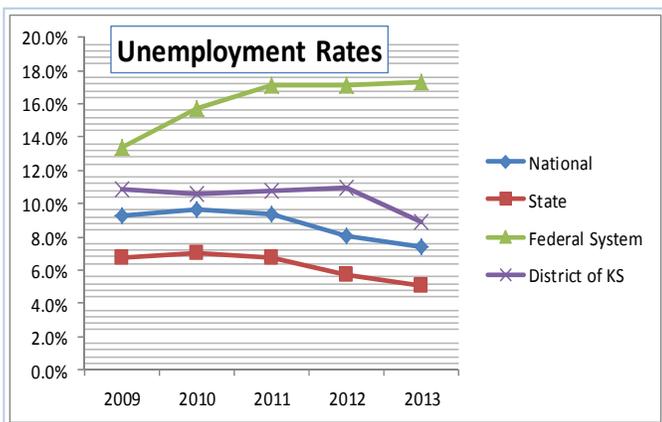


**SEARCH TEAM** by Bryce Beckett: On June 1, 2010, the U.S. Probation Office in the District of Kansas established a formal search and seizure program. Sr. USPO Bryce Beckett serves as the coordinator of the program. ADCUSPO Trey Burton, SUSPO Scott Jones and USPO John Derby continue to serve as team leaders.

During calendar year 2013, there were a total of twelve (12) searches conducted. These searches ranged from consent searches completed by officers while in the field, to full scale search operations conducted by the district’s Search & Enforcement Team (SET). These twelve searches included searches conducted pursuant to a Court ordered special condition for search; consent searches, plain view seizures and one compliance search (Mirror Community Corrections RRC, Wichita, KS).

These searches resulted in the recovery of a significant amount of contraband, including, but not limited to: weapons, pornography, computers (other computer/electronic/media related items), drugs, drug paraphernalia, and other items associated with the violations of conditions of supervision.

The District of Kansas continues to develop the search and seizure program to serve as a supervision tool to address noncompliance and community risk.



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
National	9.3%	9.6%	9.4%	8.1%	7.4%
State of Kansas	6.7%	7.0%	6.7%	5.7%	5.1%
Federal System	13.4%	15.7%	17.1%	17.1%	17.3%
District of KS	10.9%	10.6%	10.8%	11.0%	8.9%

## ► SUCCESS STORY

*Submitted by USPO Scott Phillips*

On January 20, 2006, Carl Joseph (CJ) Hughes appeared before the Honorable Richard D. Rogers, Senior U.S. District Judge, and entered a plea of guilty to Attempted Bank Extortion. On February 9, 2007, he was sentenced to twenty-six (26) months custody of the Bureau of Prisons. Thirteen months of this sentence were ordered to be served consecutive to a Coffey County, Kansas, District Court case. In addition to the standard conditions of supervision, the Court ordered CJ to participate in an approved program of substance abuse and abstain from the use of alcohol during the term of supervision.



*CJ Hughes with his wife, Erin.*



*From left to right: USPO Scott Phillips with CJ Hughes and Phyllis Hughes.*

On July 6, 2010, CJ began his term of supervised release. Upon his release, he resided with his mother, Phyllis Hughes, in Topeka, Kansas. He had obtained part-time employment as a cook. We talked about what goals he wanted to accomplish in life. CJ expressed a desire of wanting to make amends for his prior wrong-doings. Additionally, he reported wanting to improve his education and employment. We discussed how he could accomplish his goals. With the encouragement of his mother and extended family, he enrolled at Washburn University then later transferred to K-State University. While attending K-State, CJ worked part-time making pizzas at a restaurant.

On July 5, 2012, CJ successfully completed his term of supervised release. On April 17, 2013, his mother contacted the U.S. Probation Office to report that CJ would be graduating from K-State University and was on the honor roll. She was very proud of the accomplishments he had made. She reported the support he received while working with U.S. Probation Officer Brooke Paulson when on Pretrial supervision, the subsequent support received from U.S. Probation Officer Jason Jordan and myself was extremely helpful as we assisted CJ in living more responsibly. CJ contacted me to thank me for providing him guidance in accomplishing his educational goals and sent the U.S. Probation Office an invitation to attend his graduation reception. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Business. On May 18, 2013, Chief U.S. Probation Officer Ronald Schweer and I attended Mr. Hughes' graduation reception in Manhattan, KS. He graduated with honors.



**CONGRATULATIONS, CJ!**



## ▶ POST-CONVICTION (Continued)

### HELPING OTHERS HELP THEMSELVES

The staff of the District of Kansas U.S. Probation Office is a very caring and generous group of people. This page highlights some of the ways we've assisted others.

During the year, several staff members donated furniture and household goods to offenders establishing their residences upon release from prison. The photo at right shows Sr. USPO Rod Freeman assisting with delivering a donated sofa to one of our clients.



Each of our divisional offices have both a food pantry and a clothing closet in order to assist offenders with those needs. Wichita's well-stocked food pantry is shown below.



And speaking of generous, several people from other agencies in the Topeka courthouse contributed two carts full of food to the Topeka office food pantry. When added to what was already on the shelves, the food filled Topeka's food pantry shelves to the ceiling!

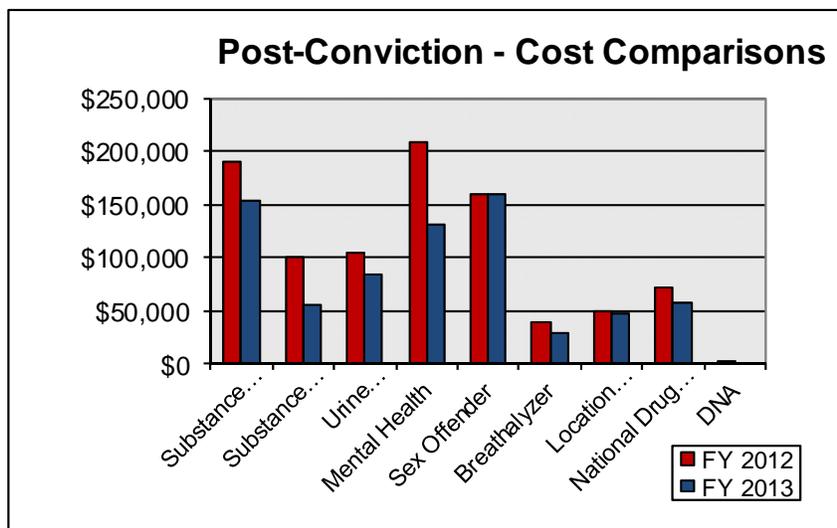
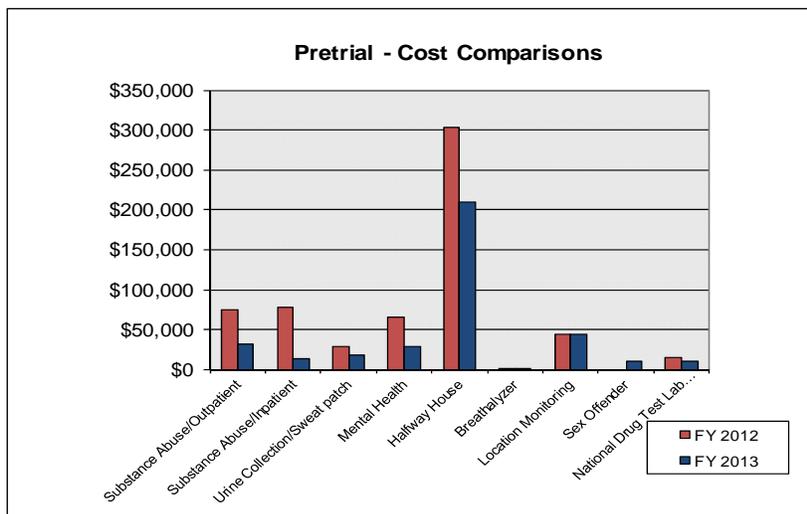
## ▶ CLINICAL SERVICES

by Sr. USPOs Michelle Caples and Wade Reichmann and by Clinical Services DQA Linda Grissom

The Probation and Pretrial Services Office maintains contracts with nineteen agencies in thirty-eight locations across the district to provide clinical services to federal defendants and offenders. During FY2013, the District of Kansas spent a total of \$866,074 on drug detection, substance abuse treatment, electronic monitoring, mental health counseling, sex offender treatment, and halfway house placement. In FY2013, the District of Kansas realized a 40% decrease in these service expenses over FY2012. The average spent per client in FY2013 was 30% less than in FY 2012 (\$988 per client as compared to \$1,406 per client).

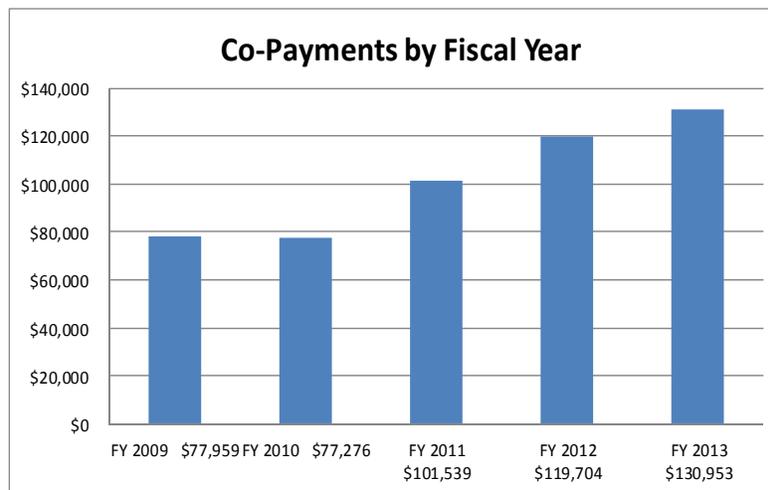
The national average government cost per client (all services combined) was \$1,053.56 in FY2013 and \$1,217.43 in FY2012.

The charts below reflect clinical services cost comparisons from FY2012 to FY2013.



## ► CLINICAL SERVICES (Continued)

**We are very proud to have exceeded our copay collection goal of \$125,000 during FY2013 by collecting \$130,953.39, which represents a 9.4% increase from FY2012. Compared to total expenditures, we collected 15% of total costs in FY2013 versus 8% of total costs in FY2012.**



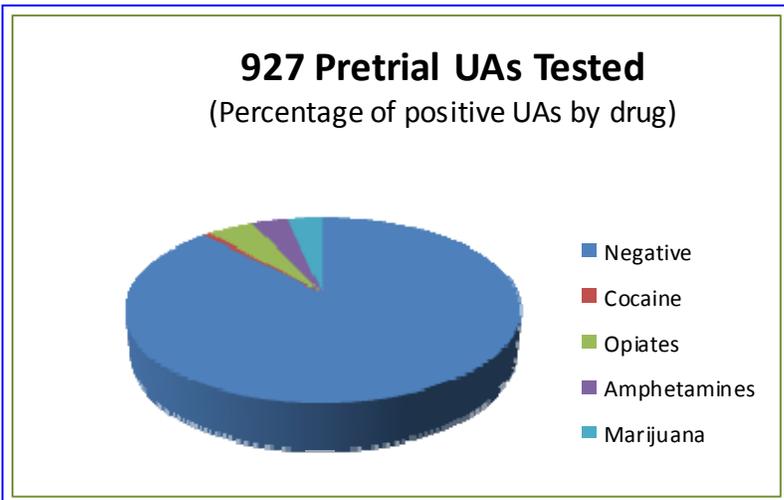
In order to assist in assessing the efficacy of the clinical services for which the U.S. Probation Office contracts, defendants and offenders are provided with post-treatment surveys following their successful completion of treatment. The surveys allow them the opportunity to offer feedback as to how the program helped them, as well as offer comments regarding any changes or improvements. The participants are asked to rate the services they received at the treatment provider on a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being excellent and 1 being unsatisfactory). In FY2013, a total of 66 surveys were returned. Of those, 25 were for drug testing only. Of the 44 surveys regarding treatment services, 50% rated their treatment experience as a 10 and 70% as an 8 or higher. A majority of the feedback was positive with a common theme being the value of having someone with whom to talk and work through problems. Many commented that they gained a better understanding of themselves and their addiction and developed ways to maintain their sobriety.

## ▶ CLINICAL SERVICES (Continued)

### Drug Detection

The District of Kansas continues to use the Albuquerque Regional Laboratory, non-instrumented drug tests (NIDTs), and Alere Toxicology for drug testing, depending on the testing location and need. Most officers utilize NIDTs for on-site screening. All vendors send specimens to the Albuquerque Regional Laboratory for initial testing and officers do the same if not using NIDTs. Specimens that screen positive are forwarded to Alere Toxicology for confirmation testing. Drug test statistics for the Albuquerque Regional Laboratory are shown here:

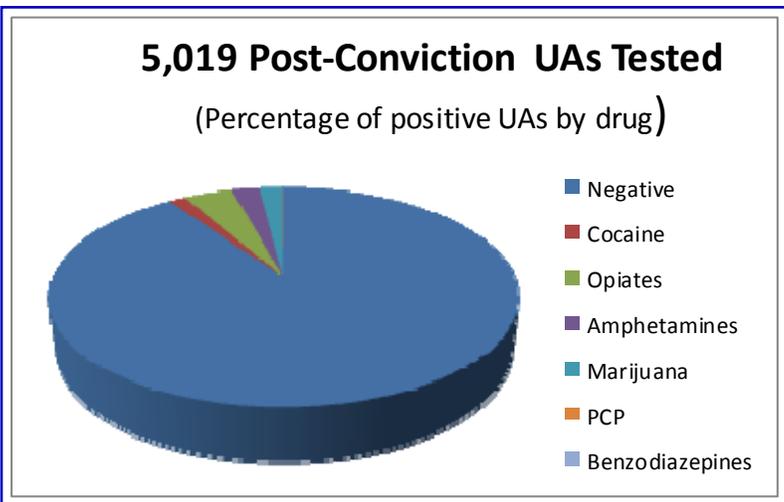
For the pretrial population, 86.2% of the specimens that screened positive were confirmed positive by Alere Toxicology.



**Total Pretrial UAs Tested = 927**  
(Percentage of Positive UAs by Drug)

Negative	88%	821
Cocaine	1%	6
Opiates	4%	42
Amphetamines	4%	33
Marijuana	3%	32

Of the specimens that screened positive for post-conviction cases, 84.7% were confirmed positive by Alere Toxicology.



**Total Post-Conviction UAs Tested = 5,019**  
(Percentage of Positive UAs by Drug)

Negative	90%	4,567
Cocaine	2%	69
Opiates	4%	203
Amphetamines	2%	115
Marijuana	2%	97
PCP, Benzodiazepines and Alcohol	< 1%	

## ► CLINICAL SERVICES (Continued)

### LOCATION MONITORING by USPO Scott Phillips

The District of Kansas, Location Monitoring Program (LMP) primarily utilizes three (3) types of monitoring equipment to monitor curfew, home detention and home incarceration conditions.

Type of Location Monitoring	Cost per Day
Radio Frequency (RF: Ankle bracelet)	\$3.18
Passive GPS (Ankle bracelet with receiver and tracker)	\$5.75
Active Global Position Monitoring (Ankle bracelet using global positioning and cellular technology)	\$ 6.75

Alcohol Restriction Monitoring	Cost per Day
Sobriotor (Breath sample)	\$2.98
Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring Device (Ankle bracelet testing for alcohol)	\$6.96

Additionally, the District of Kansas Location Monitoring program utilizes the following equipment to monitor participants who have alcohol restrictions.

In FY 2013, the average monthly costs of incarcerating a defendant was \$2,412.33. During this fiscal period, the District of Kansas provided location monitoring services to eighty-two different pretrial defendants in lieu of detention for an average of ninety-one days. The monitoring costs associated with these defendants were \$43,343.67. However, because 70% of the defendants' copay covered costs associated with the monitoring equipment, the actual monitoring expenses were \$13,197.98. If these same defendants were detained during this time, the costs would have been \$593,433.18. This represents \$580,235.20 in savings (98% savings).

In addition to the cost savings benefits associated with location monitoring, there are substantial social benefits in lieu of incarceration. In the pretrial context, location monitoring provides the participant an opportunity to utilize his/her social network to deal with stressors associated with the pending criminal case, to maintain employment, and continue with educational activities.

In post conviction populations, location monitoring provides a structured setting that promotes accountability for the participant who has committed technical violations of supervision. It also strengthens family ties for the participant.

During FY 2013, the District of Kansas provided location monitoring services to 105 post conviction participants for an average of 88 days. We spent \$37,468.64 for these services. However, due to the collection of offender copays, net expenses were \$17,196.60.

## ► STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRADUATES

U.S. Probation is very pleased to announce the addition of four more officers to the list of FJC Leadership Development Program graduates this past year. **Supervising USPO Scott Jones, Senior USPOs Milt Ruble and John Deters, and USPO Scott Phillips** completed the program requirements and attended the final seminar last June in Washington, DC. The names of these gentlemen will be added to the list of the 21 officers from the District of Kansas who have completed the program since 1994.



*Left to Right: Scott Jones, Scott Phillips, Milt Ruble, and John Deters*

It is also worthy to mention that Supervising USPO Melissa Goldsmith, Senior USPO Chris McNiel, and USPO Stephanie Denton (FLETC Detailee) were admitted to the program this year and will join this outstanding group of graduates in 2015.



### LEADERSHIP GREATER TOPEKA PROGRAM

It is with great pleasure and pride, we announce our first graduate of the Leadership Greater Topeka Program - Class of 2013 - **Assistant Deputy Chief Trey W. Burton**. Trey applied for admission into the program and was selected to join 36 other individuals to form the 30th Class of Leadership Greater Topeka, as sponsored by the Topeka Chamber of Commerce and a host of other public and private agencies. Trey was selected by his fellow classmates to deliver the Class Summary comments during the graduation luncheon on May 8th. Congratulations, Trey!



### OFFENDER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST (OWDS), USPO CHRIS LEWIS



Congratulations to **U.S. Probation Officer Christopher Lewis (KC)**, for completing the OWDS program in July of 2013. As his OWDS project, Chris has compiled a very extensive resource booklet to assist our clients in the greater Kansas City area.

We are fortunate to have ten other OWDS staff members including Sandee Munson, Annelies Snook, Amanda Hudson, Melissa Goldsmith, Kris Thomas, Josie Durham, Chris McNiel, Rod Freeman, Chris Towner, and Jamie McGonigle. The work of these staff members contributes, in part, to the outstanding employment rates our district has attained over the last several years.

## ► IT UPDATE by IT Manager Michael Keyes

The year 2013 proved to be an interesting one for the Information Technology group. The unpredictability of government fiscal spending added an extra challenge to the procurement of IT resources. In the end, it was a successful venture and many new systems were purchased.

From a behind the scenes perspective, many of the large storage and processing systems that maintain the District of Kansas infrastructure were upgraded or enhanced. New controller systems for our storage area networks were purchased and installed. New Dell servers were purchased to enhance and supplement our virtual server and workstation environment. These upgrades will continue to enhance the capabilities provided to the Probation staff.

In a nationwide effort to provide enhanced value for IT resources, the Administrative Office made several changes during the year. The largest change involved the organization and structuring of the main datacenters that support the national infrastructure for the US Courts. Previously, the national systems were spread out at several vendor sites throughout the country, with some systems being located at the AO facilities. The re-structuring allowed all the national systems to be consolidated into two large AT&T datacenter facilities. The primary datacenter for Kansas is now located in San Diego, CA while our backup datacenter is located in Ashburn, IL. The Kansas Lotus Notes email server was also upgraded and moved to San Diego during this process.

Mobile technology was again a focus for IT staff and officers during 2013. The AO released iPACTS software during 2013 that allowed for PACTS data to be accessed and updated from an Apple mobile device. Several versions were released throughout the year and by late summer both the iPhone and iPad had full versions of iPACTS that were capable of storing and updating information in PACTS. New iPhone 5S devices were purchased late in 2013 and iPads were purchased for several officers.

The IT group was also busy developing software for the Probation department. With the upgrade of the latest version of PACTS in 2013, the IT group released a windows program that facilitated the entry of PACTS chrono data for multiple clients. The program was designed with the help of Probation support staff and proved to be a valuable time saver.

Future plans include enhancements to our virtual workstation environment as well as a planned update for the Probation Internet and Intranet websites.

## ► CAREER FAIRS

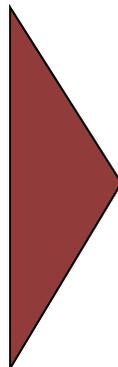
Each of our divisional offices participate in career fairs each year. In February, USPOs Diana Kerns, Joel Cromwell, Jason Jordan and Brooke Paulson from our Topeka division represented our office at the Washburn University Job Fair. In Wichita, USPOs Toni Corby and Jamie McGonigle, along with Annelies Snook, set up a display and visited with interested students at the Wichita State university Criminal Justice job fair on April 2nd.

USPO John Derby is shown in the photo below representing US Probation at the University of Missouri-Kansas City career fair.



## ► INTERNS

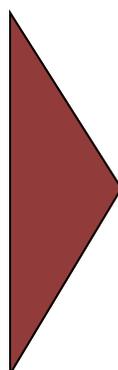
**Logan Reich** has served as an intern in our Wichita office since Summer 2013. Logan is a Marriage and Family graduate student at Friends University. He is currently gaining clinical hours while working with federal clients in the Wichita office. By doing this, he assists clients in reducing risk issues related to Peer/Companion/Family domains. He will intern with us through June 2014.



**Amy Barmann** served as a 2013 summer intern in the KC office after completing her junior year at the University of Missouri - Kansas City, where she is majoring in Criminal Justice and Criminology. Amy is active in her school's Criminal Justice Club, and has served as a past president of that club. She anticipates graduating in May 2014, and has considered pursuing a career in the law.



**Roger Beane** worked as an Intern for the Probation Office in Topeka from August - December 2013. Roger is a Washburn University Student who attained a Bachelor of Criminal Justice Degree upon completion of his internship. Roger used his many skills to develop a Community Resource Manual for the Topeka Division. Roger reported he learned a lot while at the Probation Office, and he advised it gave him a better picture of the probation and criminal justice systems as a whole. Roger hopes to pursue work in the probation field and also plans to pursue his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration.



▶ **LINDA STANCLIFFE RETIRES**



After thirteen years of dedicated service as a Senior Administrative Assistant to US Probation Officers, Linda Stancliffe retired on September 30, 2013. Linda worked in our Topeka divisional office where her talents and skills were greatly appreciated and will certainly be missed.

*Enjoy retirement, Linda!*

**THANK YOU for your service!**

▶ **YEARS OF SERVICE—FY2013**

**25 YEARS**  
**ROBYN SWANSON**

**20 YEARS**  
**Linda Grissom**

**15 YEARS**  
**Diane Schwartzman Barbara Wade**  
**Michelle Caples Chris McNeil**  
**Brooke Paulson Sherri Lagoski**  
**Bryce Beckett Shawn Brewer**

**5 YEARS**  
**Jason Jordan Sandee Munson**



**WALK KANSAS 2013** — Sr. USPO Rod Freeman again challenged staff to participate in the Walk Kansas Challenge. We had five teams of participants who walked a total of 3,919 miles and consumed 2,416 servings of fruits and veggies during the eight week challenge. WOW!!



**DISTRICT OF KANSAS vs. WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI GOLF CHALLENGE 2013**

The District of Kansas Golf Squad defeated the Western District of Missouri squad in a close battle last Fall. The score was tied after 36 holes when Kansas USPO John Derby won the battle with an Eagle chip in on the 1st playoff hole. The trophy has been returned to Kansas after a nine year hiatus. Good job!

