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# ANNUAL REPORT

For

# 2024

In 2024, the Greene County Probation Department continued to provide mandated services to adults and juveniles in the community. Over the year, the department received 139 new adult probation sentences/interim probation placements from Greene County courts, and another 36 as transfers from other jurisdictions, including intra and inter-state. The 139 were an increase from the 118 received in 2023. Of the 139 new local cases received, 27 were interim probation terms. In most instances, the successful completion of an interim supervision term results in a lesser sentence ultimately imposed, and, possibly, a lesser ultimate conviction. In addition, 6 formal juvenile probationers were received, and another 8 in an informal capacity, after having been referred by the family court. At the end of the year, we were supervising 236 criminal court probationers, many of whom were serving more than one probation sentence. Of those 236 offenders, 111 were felons, an increase of 4 from the end of 2023. It should also be noted that, during the early part of 2020, this department fully transitioned persons in need of supervision (PINS) diversion efforts to the Greene County Department of Social Services, with that department now the designated “lead agency” for PINS diversion, under the NYS Family Court Act. Therefore, we are limited to supervising PINS activity that has reached the formal family court stage, i.e., has been petitioned into court.

While the caseloads are significantly reduced from the highs experienced in the early 2010’s, it must also be pointed out that the epidemic of opiate and other substance abuse continues to impact the workload. A large number of offenders continue to demonstrate significant drug abuse issues. Even after the abatement of the COVID crisis it can be difficult for many offenders to obtain assistance, given staff shortages that seem to have occurred in many treatment facilities. Probation officers of various levels have been involved in the transport of probationers to residential facilities, when necessary, as well as probation violation warrant execution.

Where appropriate, supervision included the requirements that offenders: maintain employment, pay restitution, engage in available educational, vocational, and/or treatment programs, provide urine or breath samples (supervised by probation officers); and submit DNA samples (collected by this department and forwarded to the state repository), in order to remain at liberty. 2024 saw the continuation of the ignition interlock device requirement for DWI probationers who own or operate a vehicle, even if they have lost their driver’s licenses. 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 affidavits to support their claims, and, as required by a law change late in 2013, state under oath in court that they had disposed of the vehicle. Reimbursements totaling \$3,341.62 were received in 2024 from the NYS “Leandra’s Law” grant for DWI probation cases received by this department, to help pay for ignition interlock device monitoring requirements. Per arrangement with the Greene County Sheriff’s Department/S.T.O.P.-DWI, this department also submits the state reports for their monitoring of DWI cases that resulted in offenders being sentenced to a conditional discharge (possibly in conjunction with a jail or prison term), which resulted in \$3,023.38 in

additional reimbursement to that office, for a grand total of \$6,365, which is an increase of \$967 from 2023. The reimbursement rate is based on orders from prior years.

In 2024 the department's main DWI (senior probation) officer, with the assistance of other officers/department members and the Greene County Sheriff's Department/S.T.O.P.-DWI program and the District Attorney, continued 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 fee of \$50, with a late fee of \$65. Thanks in no small part to the District Attorney's Office expansion of those required to attend the panel to include not only DWI offenders, but also drug offenders, income from the 1 victim impact panel held in 2024 totaled \$5,545, of which \$1,050 was from individual client donations on top of the panel fee. The first impact panel had been scheduled for April 4, 2024, but had to be canceled due to inclement weather, therefore, there was only 1 victim impact panel in 2024, which was held at the end of August.

In addition to the formal, i.e., court ordered, supervision cases, 2024 saw a total of 33 juvenile cases referred to the department. Because of the PINS diversion changes, all of the matters involved Juvenile Delinquency offenses (which now include matters involving youth from 12-17, inclusive, for what would be crimes if they were adults). A total of 18 cases were successfully diverted from the family court system through participation with the department's intake/diversion supervision program. For juvenile delinquency matters, a successfully diverted case is the legal equivalent of a court dismissal. The "Raise the Age" initiative implemented in the last quarter of 2018 continues to produce little impact for the department, given the relatively low number of arrests for offenders in that category. 5 cases were actively handled by the department after initial prosecution in the Youth Part of the Greene County Court and the matter then having been referred to the Family Court, and then to our office for intake/diversion services. Greene County has yet to see a Youth Part case that has resulted in an Adolescent Offender (ages 16 or 17) conviction.

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 2024, 134 investigation cases, including pre-plea cases, were opened, and the same number completed/closed (including some having been ordered in the prior year) for the criminal courts. One probation officer completed the bulk of the pre-sentence investigations, as their primary task. The primary juvenile officer remains highly involved in the family court process, from initial referral through formal adjudication, and, in most instances, as a result of the involvement, a possible pre-dispositional investigation is waived by the court.

Consequently, our number of the latter investigations remains quite low, with 2 completed in 2024, one which was an Adoption investigation.

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, as ordered by the various criminal courts. This year saw 29 individuals assigned to the work sites, with 11 (which included ones referred in 2023) having satisfactorily completing their obligations. A total of \$5,835 was received in 2024. A total of \$2,827.28 was received in 2023, with \$2,249.02 having been payments for prior year claims, due to state reimbursement delays. 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. A probation assistant oversees the program for the department.

In addition to that aspect of Alternatives to Incarceration, the department's utilization of various forms of electronic devices, including transdermal alcohol monitoring, resulted in a total of 44 offenders, 11 with transdermal alcohol monitoring (4 transdermal cases were carried over from 2023) and another 37 GPS monitoring (5 GPS cases were carried over from 2023, 1 GPS case was opened but never showed, and no juvenile cases were received). Therefore, 36 GPS cases were monitored. The 2020 "Bail Reform" changes remain the main reason for the device usage. The offenders had such devices for a total of 4,145 service days (1,066 – transdermal at County expense/pre-trial; 678- transdermal at offender pay; and 2,401– GPS-County pay) which, at a would-be jail rate of \$85/day, amounts to projected savings of \$294,695 (\$90,610 - transdermal, \$204,085 - GPS). Total County costs, excluding personnel expenses, were \$24,960 (only from Buddi/GPS), with some of that cost including \$210 involving lost and damaged Buddi GPS monitoring devices. Late in 2023 we began to utilize an insurance program through the vendor, to lessen potential costs. Senior probation officers, primarily, oversee these aspects of alternatives to incarceration, although many officers serve in an on-call capacity for "24-7" GPS monitoring.

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 2024, we opened 28 adult restitution cases, either as a condition of probation or simply as the designated restitution collection agency for Greene County, regardless of the sentence; and 2 juvenile cases. For the year, the department collected a total of \$23,621.81 in criminal restitution/surcharge to Greene County. Additionally, another \$4,140.31 was collected from juvenile offenders. By statute, juvenile restitution does not include a surcharge. For 2024, \$2,828.62 in collected restitution was payable to public or non-profit agencies. The \$797.21 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 2023, that amount was \$342.87.

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 probation supervisor has been assigned and for many years has been a valuable asset to the Drug Court team; the Single Point of Access (SPOA) for troubled youth, and participation in the local Child Abuse Review Team (CART) meetings. Contracted polygraph examinations for certain sex offenders were continued in 2024. At year's end we had 16 registered sex offenders under supervision, 6 of which were either Levels 2 or 3, and thus on the public registry. The probation supervisor assigned to the sex offender caseload is required to personally verify an offender's address on a quarterly basis, at least, depending upon the offender's risk level.

The attachments to this narrative should help to understand the level at which the department operated during the year 2024, with 2023 comparisons.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Frisbee  
Probation Director

April 1, 2025

**Department staff – as of 12/31/24**

Probation Director  
 Probation Supervisors (2)  
 Senior Probation Officers (3)  
 Probation Officers (4)  
 Probation Assistants (2)

Total- 12 employees, 10 of which are NYS Peace Officers, all of whom completed at least the minimum of 21 hours of annual required training.

**WORKLOAD****SUPERVISION****2023****2024**

Adult criminal received from Greene County courts-

118

139

\*Includes interim supervision

Adult criminal received via intra-state and inter-state transfers-

36

36

\*Includes interim supervision

Total adult criminal received

154

175

**TOTAL SUPERVISED AT END OF YEAR****2024**

Adult criminal as of 12/31/24

Felony-111 Misdemeanor- 125

Total 236

Juvenile- Juvenile Delinquent- 6 Person In Need of Supervision-1

Total 7

**Total formal probation supervision as of 12/31/24)****243**

Informal family court supervision

Juvenile intake supervision JD-4

Pre-adjudicatory supervision JD-4 PINS-1

Total 9

**Total persons supervised (formal and informal) as of 12/31/24 252**

(Person count, not case count, as some offenders may have more than one open case)

**2023**

Adult criminal- Felony- 107 Misdemeanor- 116 Total 223

Juvenile- Juvenile Delinquent-7 Person In Need of Supervision- 0 Total 7

**Total formal probation supervision as of 12/31/23 230**

(Person count, not case count, as some offenders may have more than one open case)

Informal family court supervision

Juvenile intake supervision JD-5,

Pre-adjudicatory supervision JD- 3 PINS-1

Total 9

**Total persons supervised (formal and informal) as of 12/31/23 239**

(Person count, not case count, as some offenders may have more than one open case)

**INVESTIGATIONS**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
Total Ordered	158 (all criminal)	136 (134 criminal, 2 family)
Total Completed/Closed*	160 (all criminal)	136 (134 criminal, 2 family)

Completed/closed includes cases opened the prior year.

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

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
Total referred to Probation	29 (All JD)	33 (All JD)

In 2020 PINS diversion “lead agency” status changed from Probation to DSS, therefore, we no longer receive referrals from other agencies for diversion services for those status offense matters.

Total diverted from family court	17 (All JD)	18 (All JD)
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**FAMILY OFFENSE PETITION PREPARATION**

**2023**

**2024**

11

11

This service is provided when the local domestic violence agency is unable to assist a person, due to unavailability or agency conflict.

**SEX OFFENDER SUPERVISION**

**As of 12/31/23**

**As of 12/31/24**

**Total**

12

16

**Cases on public registry**      5

6

(One Level 3, four Level 2)

(One Level 3, Five Level 2)

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**RESTITUTION (probation sentence or otherwise)**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
Total Collected	<b>\$13,385.91</b>	<b>\$27,762.12</b>
	(\$10,163.13 criminal/surcharge)	(\$23,621.81 criminal/surcharge)
	(\$3,222.78 -family court)	(\$4,140.31 family court )

**RESTITUTION COLLECTED FOR**

**DISBURSEMENT TO PUBLIC/NON-PROFIT AGENCIES-2024**

Catskill School District	\$ 128.33
Greene County District Attorney's Office	\$ 570.18
Second Baptist Church (Catskill)	\$ 270.00
Superintendent of New York State Police	\$ 960.11
Ulster County Department of Social Services	\$ 900.00
Total	\$ 2,828.62
Greene County Treasurer (surcharge)	\$ 797.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,625.83</b>

**RESTITUTION COLLECTED FOR**  
**DISBURSEMENT TO PUBLIC/NON-PROFIT AGENCIES-2023**

NYS Department of Labor	\$	100.00
NYS Police-Catskill	\$	546.11
Greene County District Attorney's Office	\$	827.97
Catskill School District	\$	1,276.67
Total	\$	2,750.75
Greene County Treasurer (surcharge)	\$	342.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,093.62</b>

**ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (COMMUNITY SERVICE)-2024**

29 adults were assigned to perform community service, 11 completed their assignments\*\*

\*\* The New York State Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives/Division of Criminal Justice Services provide different levels of reimbursement for each assigned adult and each completed adult. For 2024 the department received \$5,835 in reimbursement. Certain offenders who completed in 2024 may have entered the program in 2023.

**ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (COMMUNITY SERVICE)-2023**

9 adults were assigned to perform community service, 10 completed their assignments\*\*

\*\* The New York State Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives/Division of Criminal Justice Services provide different levels of reimbursement for each assigned adult and each completed adult. For 2023 the department received \$2,827.28 in reimbursement. Certain offenders who completed in 2023 may have entered the program in 2022.

### **ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (ELECTRONIC MONITORING)-2024**

44 offenders (11 transdermal alcohol monitoring, 37 (36 monitored, as one case was a no show for GPS), 4,145 service days (1,066 transdermal-County pay; 678-offender pay; 2,401 GPS-County pay), which, at a would-be jail rate of \$85/day, amounts to projected savings of \$294,695 (\$90,610- transdermal, \$204,085- GPS)

Alternatives to Incarceration without electronic monitoring that were opened included 9 pre-trial cases.

### **ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (ELECTRONIC MONITORING)-2023**

34 offenders (8 transdermal alcohol monitoring, 26 GPS), 4,048 service days (207 transdermal-County pay; 1,211-transdermal-offender pay; 2,630 GPS-County pay), which, at a would-be jail rate of \$85/day, amounts to projected savings of \$344,080 (\$120,530-transdermal, , \$223,550- GPS)

Alternatives to Incarceration without electronic monitoring that were opened included 7 pre-trial cases.

### **IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE MONITORING- 2024**

\$3,341.62 was received, via the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Grant, for probation cases, and another \$3,023.38 by the Sheriff/STOP-DWI for conditional discharge cases, for a total of \$6,365.

### **IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE MONITORING- 2023**

\$ 3,076.86 was received, via the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Grant, for probation cases, and another \$2,321.14 by the Sheriff/STOP-DWI for conditional discharge cases, for a total of \$ 5,398.

### **S.T.O.P.-DWI      VICTIM IMPACT PANEL RECEIPTS**

#### **2023**

\$6,840

#### **2024**

\$5,545

These amounts include additional donations made by offenders beyond the standard fees.

**Department Revenues 2024**

Restitution surcharge	\$ 797.21
Probation Officer- DWI (partial salary)	\$ 13,500.00
STOP-DWI- ATI/Community Service (partial salary)	\$ 16,500.00
State Block Grant	\$ 122,328.00
DOCCS pre-sentence investigation reimbursement	\$ 1,606.18*
Ignition Interlock supervision reimbursement	\$ 3,341.62
Bail poundage	\$ 130.45
NYS Community Service reimbursement	\$ 8,521.02**

\*Based on # of cases

\*\*(includes fees from prior year)

**Department Revenues 2023**

Restitution surcharge	\$ 342.87
Probation Officer- DWI (partial salary)	\$ 20,250.00
STOP-DWI- ATI/Community Service (partial salary)	\$ 12,750.00
State Block Grant	\$ 122,328.00
DOCCS pre-sentence investigation reimbursement	\$ 2,040.59*
Ignition Interlock supervision reimbursement	\$ 3,076.86
Bail poundage	\$ 407.65
NYS Community Service reimbursement	\$ 2,827.28**

\*Based on # of cases

\*\*(includes fees from prior year)

**DRUG TESTS CONDUCTED-2024**

Test Type	Pos	Neg	SA
Alcohol	39	1073	28
Amphetamine	36	530	18
Barbiturate	0	230	0
Benzodiazepine	22	552	5
Cocaine	81	738	31
Morphine	2	345	0
Opiate	7	747	2
Other	75	379	7
Psychedelic	1	322	1
THC	134	580	93
<b>Site Total All Tests:</b>	397	5496	185

SA= offender admitted to results

\*Figures do not include tests performed on 27 adults, per Greene County Family Court order, who were engaged in court actions not involving this department.

**DRUG TESTS CONDUCTED -2023\* \*\***

Test Type	Pos	Neg	SA
Alcohol	56	1010	40
Amphetamine	42	592	31
Barbiturate	0	236	1
Benzodiazepine	17	605	6
Cocaine	64	860	39
Morphine	4	368	0
Opiate	9	841	2
Other	70	468	11
Psychedelic	3	442	0
THC	103	727	72
<b>Site Total All Tests:</b>	368	6149	202

SA= offender admitted to results

\*Figures do not include tests performed on 31 adults, per Greene County Family Court order, who were engaged in court actions not involving this department.